



STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MINUTES PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2022

Members Present: Elizabeth Straughan, Sol Magpantay, Allison Stone, Mel Minarik
Members Absent: Phil Seitz
Staff Present: Loretta L. Ponton, Executive Director
Stacey Whittaker, Licensing Coordinator
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Public Present: Joyce Mosely OT, Rachel Martin OT, Robyn Otty OT, Paula Cook OT, Ki Ana Tseu Student, Lea Case

Public Hearing

Allison Stone, Chair opened the Public Hearing at 2:38 p.m. and requested Loretta Ponton facilitate the hearing.

Loretta Ponton stated the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to LCB File No. R076-21, Chapter 640A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Ms. Ponton explained the proposed revisions: Section 1 allows the Board to accept an application for renewal of any type of license up to 30 days after the expiration date; current regulation allows late renewal of only a standard license. Section 2 eliminates the 640 hours of supervised practice for receipt of a provisional license if the applicant has not worked for 5 years; this requirement is obsolete as no applicants have met this criteria. Section 3 and 4 eliminates the requirement to submit a form to comply with continuing education requirements at renewal; the renewal process is now electronic.

Ms. Ponton stated no written comments have been received and opened the workshop for public comments. There were no comments.

Ms. Ponton closed the Public Hearing at 2:40 p.m.

Board Meeting

Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Stone, called the Board meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comments – Chair Stone opened public comments. There were no comments.

Appointment of Vice Chair and Financial Reviewer – Chair Stone called for nominations for Vice Chair and Financial Reviewer. After discussion of the positions and responsibilities, Mel Minarik stated she would be open to the Vice Chair position only.

Elizabeth Straughan made the motion, seconded by Sol Magpantay to appoint Mel Minarik as Vice Chair. The motion passed.

Chair Stone tabled the Financial Reviewer appointment until the next meeting as Phil Seitz was not present, and Sol Magpantay is serving in a carry-over position until a new member is appointed. Ms. Stone will continue as the financial reviewer until a member is appointed.

Disciplinary Matters – Consent Decree, Complaint Case C22-04 – Ashley Shaul, OTA license 13-1181

Chair Stone confirmed Board members had received and reviewed the proposed consent decree with Ashley Shaul. Ms. Ponton summarized the terms of the Consent Decree.

Chair Stone called for a motion.

Elizabeth Straughan made the motion, seconded by Mel Minarik to approve the Consent Decree with Ashley Shaul, OTA in complaint case C22-04 as presented. The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes – Chair Stone asked if there were any corrections to the January 29, 2022 meeting minutes.

Mel Minarik recused herself from voting on the January 29, 2022, minutes as she was not present. Hearing no other comments, Chair Stone called for a motion.

Elizabeth Straughan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Sol Magpantay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LCB File No. R076-21 – Consideration of Public Comments – there were no public comments to consider.

LCB File No. R076-21 – Adoption of Regulation – Chair Stone called for a motion.

Elizabeth Straughan made the motion, seconded by Mel Minarik to approve LCB File No. R076-21 as presented with no revisions. The motion passed.

Legislative Interim Report – Lea Case of Belz and Case Government Affairs provided a report on interim legislative committee meetings and the upcoming political elections. Ms. Case noted the Governor’s State of the State address mentioned reducing red tape to occupational licensing. Ms. Case reviewed recommendations made by Veteran’s Affairs in their report.

Executive Director’s Report – Loretta Ponton reported on licensing statistics, and Board operations including the closing of the records storage account and destruction of obsolete hard copy records. All Board records are now maintained electronically.

Ms. Ponton reported she will be in attendance at the Interim Committee on Health and Human Services which will be considering the Board regulation on March 24, 2022.

Ms. Ponton reported the Department of Education held a regulation workshop with proposed revision to requirements for occupational therapy endorsements. Ms. Ponton stated she submitted written public comment on the regulation addressing obsolete requirements with requested amendment language.

Governor Sisolak has received a request from NOTA to proclaim April as Occupational Therapy Month in Nevada. Ms. Ponton reviewed and provided input into the language for the proclamation for the Governor's signature and thanked NOTA for submitting the request to the Governor's office.

Ms. Ponton reviewed information on Board training opportunities to include the NCSL Meeting in Las Vegas in June and FARB Conferences; the information has been provided to the members and members were requested to contact Ms. Ponton if they were interested in attending.

A survey on the Occupational Therapy Compact was sent to all licensees to begin analysis of potential legislation on becoming a member state of the OT Compact.

Report from Deputy Attorney General – Henna Rasul, Sr. DAG had nothing to report.

Board Activities and Reports – Chair Stone stated she would like to attend the June 19-21 NCSL conference and encouraged Board members to consider the FARB conference in July in Washington DC.

A proposed revised meeting schedule was discussed with the addition of meetings in July, October and December if needed. Mel Minarik asked if the date for the Board Strategic Planning Retreat could be changed as she was not available on August 19-20. After discussion, the retreat was rescheduled to Friday August 12 and Saturday 13 with a regular Board meeting late Friday and the full day strategic planning session on Saturday. Ms. Ponton will confirm the change in dates with Phil Seitz as acceptable.

Public Comment – Chair Stone asked for public comments.

Paula Cook on behalf of NOTA thanked the Board for reviewing the proclamation language. Ms. Cook stated NOTA had also submitted language to the Department of Education and stated the regulation will come back for further review. Ms. Cook asked when the results of the OT Compact Survey would be available. Ms. Ponton stated it should be available at the April meeting.

Robyn Otty commented she is the new Nevada appointed ambassador for NBCOT and would like to present information on NBCOT programs and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment – Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.