

# BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

## MINUTES

The Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation met on Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

The following members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Laurence Benenson  
Enid Candelaria-Vega  
H. Scott Johnson, Jr.  
Ryan O'Toole

Board members Suzanne Conrad, Kim Cummings, Nil Eguz, Marty Mooradian, and Joseph Montano were not present for the meeting.

The following agency staff was present for all or part of the meeting:

Demetrios Melis, Director  
Tom Payne, Deputy Director  
Kathleen (Kate) R. Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Trisha Lindsey, Executive Director  
Amy Goobic, Executive Assistant

There was no representative present from the office of the Attorney General.

Mr. O' Toole called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### Call to Order

Mr. O'Toole reviewed COVID protocols and emergency evacuation procedures.

### COVID Protocol and Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Mr. O'Toole welcomed new agency director, Demetrios Melis. Mr. Melis provided a brief background of his regulatory career.

### Welcome New Agency Director

Ms. Nosbisch explained that as there was not a quorum present, the Board would be unable to vote to approve the agenda or draft minutes.

### Approval of Agenda and Minutes

There was no public comment.

### Public Comment

Ms. Nosbisch introduced Trisha Lindsey, Executive Director and Acting Regulatory Coordinator. Ms. Lindsey provided an update on the 2022 General Assembly.

### General Assembly Update

Ms. Lindsey stated that the agency was following 18 bills pertaining to DPOR through the General Assembly, and gave a brief synopsis of each. Ms. Lindsey stated that HB 207 would affect the Board in that:

*when any bill that would require the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to increase or begin regulation of an occupation is filed, the chairman of the committee having jurisdiction over the bill shall forward it to the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation for evaluation. The Board shall complete such evaluation by November 1 of the same year for requests received during a regular session or as soon as practicable for requests received during a special session. Currently, the Division of Legislative Services identifies and forwards such bills to the Board for evaluation.*

Mr. Melis provided a report on the focus of the new administration regarding regulatory reduction and the impact on the Board. He stated that the Board will be more active in its role as advisory board for the agency, especially when an occupation may be presented for licensure or certification. Mr. Melis referred to the 2018 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) study recommendations regarding deregulation, increased staffing for the agency, and IT infrastructure improvements. He stated that the Board recommendations will be presented to the General Assembly.

**Director's Update**

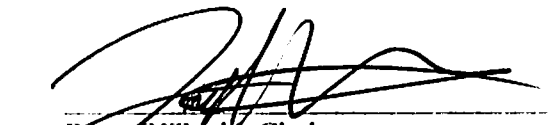
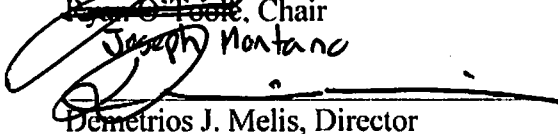
Ms. Nosbsich thanked the Board members for attending, and reiterated the importance of having a quorum in order to conduct board business. She added that with the anticipated increase in Board responsibilities, attendance and a quorum will be essential to conduct the business of the Board.

**Conflict of Interest Forms  
& Travel Vouchers**

Board members signed Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**Adjourn**

  
Joseph Montana, Chair  
  
Demetrios J. Melis, Director

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: H. Scott Johnson, Jr.  
2. Title: Board Member  
3. Agency: Board for Professional & Occupational Regulation  
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting March 7, 2022

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

N/A

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

N/A

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

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I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6.  I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

H. Scott Johnson, Jr.  
Signature

3/7/22  
Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Enid Canelaria-Vega  
2. Title: Board Member  
3. Agency: Board for Professional & Occupational Regulation  
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting March 7, 2022

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

no

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no

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Signature



Date

3/7/2022

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Laurence Benenson  
2. Title: Board Member  
3. Agency: Board for Professional & Occupational Regulation  
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting March 7, 2022

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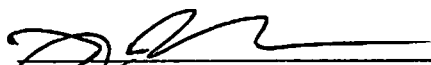
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Signature

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Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Ryan O'Toole
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional & Occupational Regulation
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting March 7, 2022

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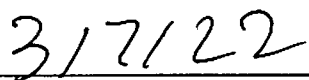
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