

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**Minutes**  
**June 6, 2006**

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Patricia Cooper, OT, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia D. Cooper, O.T., Chair  
Jeffrey Loveland, OT, Vice-Chair  
Jean A. Hearst, O.T.  
Jacob A. Neufeld, M.D.  
Patricia D. Scales, JD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Alexander MacCauley, Esquire, VOTA  
Gerry Milsky, Esquire, VOTA  
Rebecca Argabrite Grove, IT, VOTA  
Two Guests from AOTA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Patricia Cooper called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

Dr. Neufeld moved to approve the minutes dated February 7, 2006. The motion was seconded, and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Hearst moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Final Report from the 2006 General Assembly (including legislation carried over to 2007)**

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy.

### **#2. Report of Notice of Intended Regulatory Action on Fee Increase**

Ms. Yeatts reported that a fee increase would not be necessary until possibly 2010.

### **#3. Review of HB1487 – Restricted Volunteer license**

Ms. Yeatts explained the purpose of the restricted volunteer license and asked if it would apply to occupational therapists. The board agreed that the restricted volunteer license could apply to occupational therapists and suggested the requirement of 10 hours of continued learning activity to include 5 hours of type 1.

### **#4. Recommendation or request for the VOTA on practice and supervision of COTAS's and OT aides**

A request for rule making was presented by VOTA and a draft of the proposed amendments was reviewed. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Neufeld moved to consult with board counsel regarding the authority to adopt regulations on supervision and role of the occupational therapy assistant and aide. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **#5. Periodic Review of Regulations**

Dr. Neufeld moved to initiate a NOIRA for periodic review of regulations to include supervision. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **#6. Announcement of NBCOT 2006 Conference**

Dr. Neufeld moved to nominate Jeff Loveland, OT to attend the 2006 NBCOT conference in Alexandria, Virginia on September 30, 2006.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

October 3, 2006.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Neufeld moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

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Patricia Cooper, O.T.,  
Chair

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Executive Director

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Deputy Executive Director, Licensing