

September 11, 2026
Department of Health Professions
9960 Mayland Dr.
2nd Floor, Board Room 2
2:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Leila Saadeh, LPC, ATR-BC, Vice-Chair

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Approval of the Agenda*

Approval of Minutes*

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Public Comment

The Advisory Board will not receive comment on any pending regulation process for which a public comment period has closed or any pending or closed complaint or disciplinary matter.

Legislative and Regulatory Report - Erin Barrett, JD, DHP Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

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Executive Director Report – Maria Stransky, LPC, CSOTP, CSAC

- Staff Changes
- Next Steps/Meetings

New Business

- Elections* – Maria Stransky

Meeting Adjournment

**Requires a Committee Vote*

This information is in **DRAFT** form and is subject to change. The official agenda and packet will be approved by the public body at the meeting and will be available to the public pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3707(F).

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public.

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Virginia Department of

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Board of Counseling

DRAFT**Virginia Board of Counseling****Art Therapy Advisory Meeting Minutes****Friday, March 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.****9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233****Board Room 4****PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Danica Henrich, LPC, LMFT, ATR-BC, Advisory Board Chair

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**PRESENT:**

Barbara Baer, Citizen Member

Elizabeth Anne Mills, LPC, ATR-BC

Leila Saadeh, LPC, ATR-BC, Advisory Board Vice-Chair

Ashley Wiley, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Manager

Krystal Blanton, Discipline & Compliance Case Specialist

Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director – Discipline

Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director – Licensing

Dalyce Logan, Senior Licensing Specialist

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health Professions

Matthew Novak, Policy Analyst, Department of Health Professions *(joined meeting at 2:38pm)*

Arne Owens, Agency Director, Department of Health Professions

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

none

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Henrich called the Art Therapy Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT
OF A QUORUM:**

An introduction was done of all Advisory Board members and staff. Five members of the Advisory Board were present at roll call; therefore, a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Ms. Henrich read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Advisory Board. Ms. Henrich also read the emergency egress instructions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Advisory Board reviewed the agenda provided.

Motion: Ms. Mills made a motion, which Ms. Saadah properly seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Advisory Board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on October 18, 2024. Corrections were made to Ms. Henrich's credentials and grammar corrections were made to the public comment section of the minutes.

Motion: Ms. Mills made a motion, which Ms. Saadah properly seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2024 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment was provided.

**LEGISLATIVE AND
REGULATORY REPORT:**

- **Chart of Regulatory Actions**

Ms. Barrett reviewed with the Advisory Board the current regulatory actions as of March 10, 2025 that were included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Barrett informed the Advisory Board that public comment period on the proposed new chapter for licensure of Art Therapist ended on February 14, 2025. The Board of Counseling will vote on the final regulations at its next meeting on April 25, 2025.

- **Adoption of Final Regulatory Changes for the Licensure of Art Therapist**

Ms. Barrett presented the draft final regulations, including the necessary changes for the licensure of art therapists, to the Advisory Board. She also reviewed the public comments received regarding the proposed regulations, which were included in the agenda packet. A total of 96 public comments were submitted.

Ms. Barret reviewed with the Advisory Board the changes that have been made since its official draft from October 2023. Following review, the Advisory Board suggested that 18VAC115-90-80(F) remain and not be stricken from the document.

Motion: Ms. Saadah made a motion, which Ms. Wiley properly seconded, to recommend the Board of Counseling adopt the final regulatory changes to license art therapists. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
REPORT:**

- **Next Steps/Meetings**

Ms. Hoyle covered next steps in the regulatory process with the Advisory Board. She indicated that the Board of Counseling would vote on the final regulations at its next meeting on April 25, 2025. Ms. Hoyle informed the Advisory Board that the Board of Counseling has no control over the regulatory process. Once the regulations have passed through the final stages, staff will be informed of the publication date and will notify the Advisory Board, allowing staff to schedule an additional meeting if necessary.

Ms. Hoyle informed the Advisory Board that elections would be held at the next meeting. She informed the Advisory Board Members that once their terms have ended that they remain members of the Advisory Board until they are either reappointed, replaced, or they resign. Ms. Hoyle informed the Advisory Board that the Board nor staff makes recommendation on who is appointed to the Advisory Board. Ms. Hoyle informed Advisory Board members that if they know of someone who is interested in a gubernatorial appointment, they should point them to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth where they can apply online.

- **Upcoming Training**

Ms. Hoyle informed the Advisory Board that the Department of Health Professions Annual Board Member Training is scheduled for October 3, 2025, and asked members to mark their calendars. Ms. Hoyle informed the Advisory Board that everyone is welcome to attend the training, and she will notify everyone once more information is available.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Henrich adjourned the March 28, 2025, Art Therapy Advisory Board meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Danica Henrich, LPC, LMFT, ATR-BC, Advisory Board Chair

Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

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Advisory Board on Art Therapy
Current Regulatory Actions
As of September 1, 2026

In the Governor's Office

VAC	Stage	Subject Matter	Submitted from agency	Time in current location	Notes
18VAC115-90	Final	New chapter for licensure	5/14/2025	141 days	Implementation pursuant to 2020 General Assembly.

In the Secretary's Office

None.

At the Department of Planning and Budget

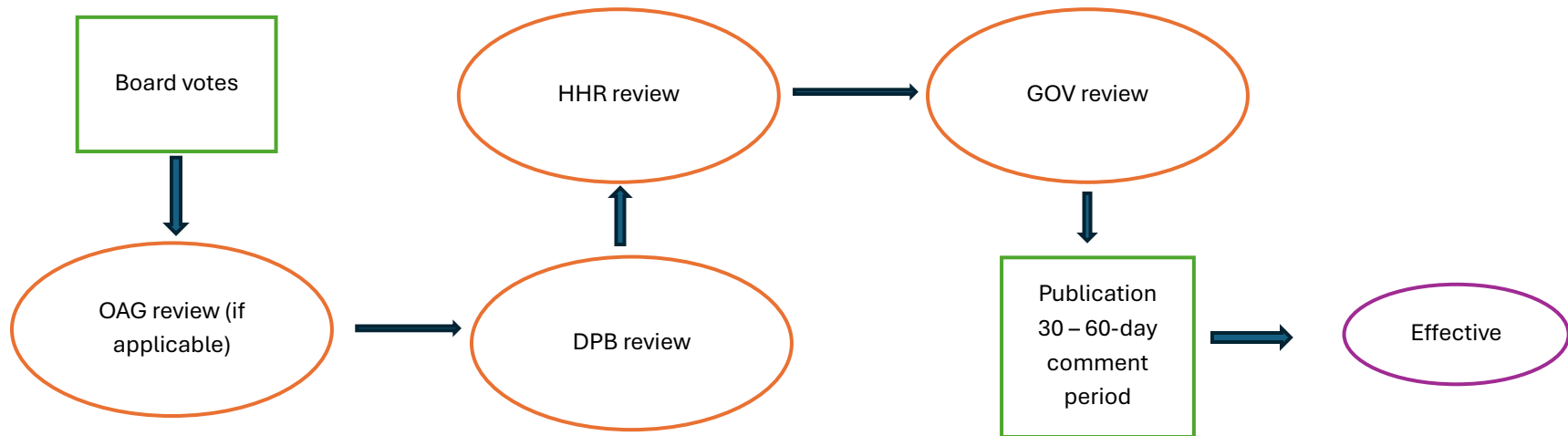
None.

At the Office of the Attorney General

None.

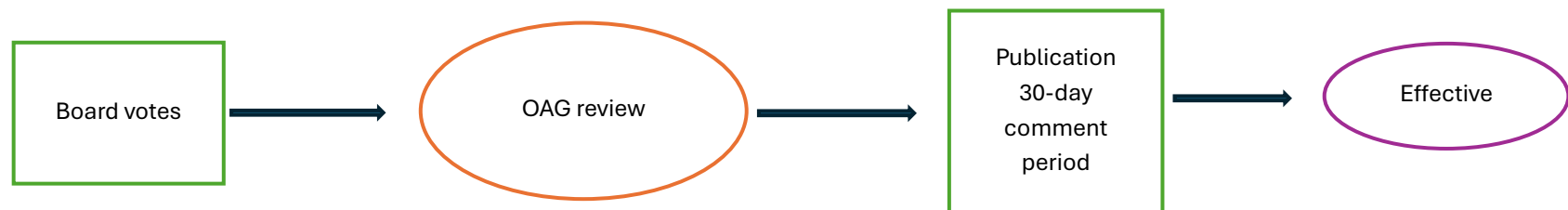
Regulatory Process

Standard rulemaking and fast-track



*Standard rulemaking includes three steps: notice of intended regulatory action (“NOIRA”), proposed stage, and final stage. Fast-track rulemaking includes one step.

Exempt regulations





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Chapter

Regulations Governing the Practice of Art Therapy [[18 VAC 115 - 90](#)]
(Under Development)[Action:](#) New chapter for licensure**Notice of Intended Regulatory Action
(NOIRA)**

Action 5656 / Stage 9145

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Preliminary Draft Text	None submitted	Sync Text with RIS
Agency Background Document	11/13/2020	Upload / Replace
Governor's Review Memo	2/5/2021	
Registrar Transmittal	2/5/2021	

Status

Public Hearing	Will be held at the proposed stage
DPB Review	Submitted on 11/13/2020 Policy Analyst: Jeannine Rose Review Completed: 11/24/2020
Secretary Review	Secretary of Health and Human Resources Review Completed: 1/5/2021
Governor's Review	Governor Review Completed: 2/5/2021 Result: Approved
Virginia Registrar	Submitted on 2/5/2021 The Virginia Register of Regulations Publication Date: 3/1/2021 Volume: 37 Issue: 14
Comment Period	Ended 3/31/2021 62 comments

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Regulations Governing the Practice of Art Therapy [\[18 VAC 115 - 90\]](#)
(Under Development)**Action:** New chapter for licensure**Proposed Stage**

Action 5656 / Stage 9495

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Documents

Proposed Text	11/25/2024 11:42 am	Sync Text with RIS
Agency Background Document	12/2/2021 (modified 11/18/2024)	Upload / Replace
ORM Economic Review Form	11/22/2022	
Attorney General Certification	2/9/2022	
DPB Economic Impact Analysis	3/21/2022	
Agency Response to EIA	3/28/2022	Upload / Replace
Governor's Review Memo	11/15/2024	
Registrar Transmittal	11/17/2024	

Status

Incorporation by Reference	No
Attorney General Review	Submitted to OAG: 12/2/2021 Returned to Agency: 12/17/2021 Resubmitted to OAG: 12/21/2021 Review Completed: 2/9/2022 Result: Certified
DPB Review	Submitted on 2/9/2022 Economist: Oscar Ozfidan Policy Analyst: Jeannine Rose Review Completed: 3/24/2022
Secretary Review	Secretary of Health and Human Resources Review Completed: 10/28/2024
Governor's Review	ORM Review: ORM Approved 11/15/2024 Governor Review Completed: 11/15/2024 Result: Approved
Virginia Registrar	Submitted on 11/17/2024 The Virginia Register of Regulations

	Publication Date: 12/16/2024  Volume: 41 Issue: 9
Public Hearings	01/24/2025 10:05 AM
Comment Period	<u>Ended 2/14/2025</u> <u>96 comments</u>

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Final Stage

Action 5656 / Stage 10706

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Documents

Final Text	5/30/2025 9:49 am	Sync Text with RIS
Agency Background Document	5/2/2025	Upload / Replace
ORM Economic Review Form	5/14/2025	

Status

Changes to Text	Changes have been made to the text since the proposed stage was last published in the Register.
DPB Review	Submitted on 5/14/2025 Economist: Oscar Ozfidan Policy Analyst: Jeannine Rose Review Completed: 6/3/2025
Secretary Review	Secretary of Health and Human Resources Review Completed: 4/13/2026
Governor's Review	Governor's office review in progress. [Day 141]
Virginia Registrar	Not yet submitted
Comment Period	You may comment on this stage in a Town Hall comment forum as soon as it is published in <i>The Virginia Register of Regulations</i> . If you sign up for the Town Hall email notification service , you will be notified when the comment forum opens. The regulatory information regarding this stage is subject to change until 5 days before it is published in the Register.
Effective Date	Not yet determined

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