

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Board of Medicine

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.  
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dwayne Pitre, OT, Chair  
Kathryn Skibek, OT, Vice-Chair  
Breshae Bedward, OT  
Karen Lebo, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Raziuddin Ali, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sobowale, Deputy Director for Licensing  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director for Administration  
Erin Barrett, JD, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Heidi Hull, OT, NBCOT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dwayne Pitre called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Michael Sobowale announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2021**

Ms. Skibek moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bedward. The question was called, and the minutes were approved as presented.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Bedward moved to approve the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lebo. The agenda was adopted as presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (15 minutes)**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 2022 Legislative Update and 2023 Proposals**

Erin Barrett discussed SB317 from the 2022 Session. It provides a 90-day authorization for a licensed OT or OTA licensed in another state to practice in Virginia without a license under certain conditions. Should the individual apply for a permanent Virginia license, he/she could be granted another 60 days to work on the authorization prior to licensure.

### **2. Update on Compact Implementation**

Mr. Sobowale suggested the members address the issue of a delegate to represent Virginia for the Compact. After discussion, Ms. Bedward nominated Michael Sobowale. The motion was seconded by Ms. Skibek and passed.

### **3. Discuss Amendment to Guidance Document 85-17**

Ms. Barrett presented Guidance Document 85-17 – Guidance o Supervisory Responsibilities of an Occupational Therapist - to the Advisory. Ms. Bedward moved to amend Answer 7 to include occupational therapist assistants. The motion was seconded by Ms. Skibek and approved.

### **4. Consider Amendment to Bylaws for the Advisory Board**

Ms. Barrett recommended to the Advisory that OT be part of a uniform set of bylaws for all 11 Advisory Boards. Ms. Skibek moved this recommendation; it was seconded by Ms. Bedward and approved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Clanton said there are 3,806 current active OT's in Virginia with 51 current inactive. The total number of OTA's in Virginia is 1,587 with 22 inactive.

Next Meeting date: September 20, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. by Dwayne Pitre.

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Dwayne Pitre, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist