

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 21, 2017

Members Present: Linda Frasier, Elizabeth Straughan, Allison Stone

Members Absent: Sol Magpantay, Stacey Henderson

Staff Present: Loretta L. Ponton, Executive Director,
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General

Public Present: Cynthia Lau, Chrissy Vogeley, Paula Berkley

Linda Frasier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comments – No public comments.

New Board Member Orientation - Loretta Ponton provided an overview of the structure of the Board. The overview including staffing and general operations; administrative requirements to include the State Administrative Manual, open meeting law, budget process and audits; Board policies; licensing and regulatory data collection system; roles and responsibilities of Board members referencing the Nevada Board and Commission Manual, Open Meeting Law Manual, administrative rule making process; explaining the difference between the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code; and the History of the Board of Occupational Therapy.

Loretta Ponton stated the Attorney General's Office provides a Board and Commission training annually and that all members are encouraged to attend.

Approval of Minutes - Linda Frasier asked if there were any comments or revisions to the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2016; noting that she was the only member in attendance whom was present at that meeting. Ms. Frasier stated for the record that the minutes accurately reflect the meeting actions.

Allison Stone made the motion, seconded by Elizabeth Straughan to approve the minutes of November 19, 2016. The motion passed.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair - Loretta Ponton provided a summary of the role and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Elizabeth Straughan made a motion to re-appoint Linda Frasier as Chair, seconded by Allison Stone. The motion passed with Linda Frasier abstaining.

Linda Frazier made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Straughan as Vice Chair, seconded by Alison Stone. The motion passed with Elizabeth Straughan abstaining.

Telehealth - Chrissy Vogeley, Manager, State Affairs, AOTA provided an informational presented on the subject of Telehealth in Occupational Therapy Practice.

Proposed New and Revised Regulations - Linda Frasier tabled this agenda item until the next meeting.

Legislative Report - Paula Berkley reported on pending bill draft requests and pre-filed bills that are under consideration at the 2017 Legislative Session. Ms. Berkley highlighted two bill proposals of interest; the Massage Therapy Board would add two new professions, structural integration and reflexology, under their regulatory authority; and a bill being sponsored by the Legislative Health Committee to combine the four boards that deal with mental health, Social Workers, Psychology, Marriage and Family Counselors and Alcohol, Gambling and Drug Abuse.

Executive Director's Report - Loretta Ponton directed the members to the written report, summarizing licensure statistics, financial reports as of November 30, 2017, statistics on number of individuals who have completed the on-line jurisprudence exam, status of CE and Supervisory audits and pending investigations.

Ms. Ponton asked for direction on topics for 2017 Board seminars with consensus that a Survey of licensee interests would again be appropriate.

Ms. Ponton reported that an enhancement to the licensing software, GL Suite, is included in our subscription. Ms. Ponton asked if the Board would be interested in pursuing the ability to provide On-Line Applications. This feature would be an enhancement that would further the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board and provide streamlined processing of applications for applicants. The members agreed and directed Ms. Ponton to research the matter further.

Report from Board Chair - Linda Frasier directed the Board to the proposed meeting calendar for the balance of 2017. After discussion, the following meeting schedule was established:

Legislative Session Tour - Friday, April 7, 2017 - Carson City
Board Meeting - Saturday, April 8, 2017 - Reno
Board Meeting - July 22, 2017 - Las Vegas

Dependent upon possible NBCOT Conference Schedule and Board Seminar Schedule
Wednesday October 18, 2017 - teleconference or
Saturday, October 21, 2017 - Reno

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Future Agenda items will include proposed regulations, GL Suite licensing system enhancement, sponsored seminars and legislative report.

Legal Report - Henna Rasul stated there was nothing to report.

Public Comments – There was no public comments.

Adjournment – Linda Frasier adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.