

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Joint Board Meeting
September 22, 2005
10:05 a.m.
South A

Members

Donna Baker, PT
Jody Benda, AT
Raymond Bilecky, PT
Lois Borin, OT
Thomas Caldwell, PT
Martha Cameron, OT
Robert Frampton, PT
Paul Hoffer, OT
Barbara Kraynik, PT
Rebecca LeBron, OT, President
John Lombardo, MD
Kurt McClurg, AT, Secretary
Hector Merced, OT (*Absent*)
Paul G. Miller, AT
Vincent O'Brien, AT
Gary Weiss, Public Member

Staff

Lisa Foor, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Joseph Kirk, Administrative Assistant
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director
Stephanie Youst, Executive Secretary

Legal Consultants

Thomas Madden, AAG

Guests

Jacqueline Chamberlin
Amy Heilmann-Rocco
Cindy Kief
Carole Weiss

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joint Board President, Rebecca LeBron at 10:05 a.m.

Introduction of New Board Members

The Board welcomed Raymond Bilecky and Thomas Caldwell, who are both members of the Physical Therapy Section. The Board also welcomed Gary Weiss, who is the new public member.

Approval of Minutes

Martha Cameron moved that the May 5, 2005 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Barb Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Orders

- Rebecca LeBron presented former Joint Board President Amy Heilmann-Rocco with a gift to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the Board during her tenure. Ms. LeBron also read a proclamation from the Governor and presented the proclamation to Ms. Heilmann-Rocco.

Administrative Matters

Action: Marty Cameron moved that the Joint Board authorize the use of signature stamps or electronic signatures by the Executive Director for the period beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Donna Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: Barb Kraynik moved that the Joint Board authorize the Executive Director to make editorial changes to motions for the period beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Paul Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: Robert Frampton moved that the Joint Board authorize the use of hearing examiners for Board hearings for the period beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Paul Hoffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented the following information to the Board:

- The Executive Director informed the Board that things had been busy, but were running very smoothly.

- The Executive Director informed the Board that he, and the other members of the transition team dealing with Board consolidation, are meeting regularly to discuss strategies and issues surrounding the proposed consolidation effort.
- The Executive Director informed the Board that, due to Hurricane Katrina, he proposed the following:
 - Waive all application/licensure fees for the evacuees; and
 - Accept copies of all documents required for an official licensure file and/or verbal verifications from other state licensing agencies.
- The Executive Director asked each Section to discuss the proposal in their individual meetings and decide how to proceed with applications from evacuees.
- The Executive Director discussed the changes that would be taking place in the English equivalency examinations for foreign educated applicants.
- The Executive Director informed the Board that, even though gas prices have continued to rise, the State has not increased the mileage reimbursement rate from \$.30 per mile.
- The Executive Director gave Representative Fessler the proposed changes for the Joint Board legislation, but has not received a revised draft.
 - When the draft is completed, the Executive Director will email the information to the Board for their review.
 - All final comments for the Joint Board legislation must be made by the November Board meetings.
- The formal Executive Director's report is attached to the minutes.

New Business

2006 Meeting Dates

The Section reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2006.

Action: Raymond Bilecky moved to approve the 2006 meeting dates as submitted. Donna Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Occupational Therapy Section Report

Marty Cameron informed the Joint Board that the Occupational Therapy Section had been busy since the May 5, 2005 meeting. The Section completed a position statement on dysphagia and posted it on the Board website as a reference. The Section completed and posted their fall newsletter. The Section also has been working with the Ohio Department of Education on several issues dealing with occupational therapy practitioners in school based settings. The Section is currently conducting their 2006 rule review. On a separate note, an occupational therapy assistant was added to the Section in the budget legislation. The occupational therapy assistant will replace a current occupational therapist on the Section in August of 2006.

Physical Therapy Section Report

Barb Kraynik presented the Physical Therapy Section report. The Physical Therapy Section is currently reviewing their rules that are up for review in 2006. The Section had also been working with the Executive Director to make language changes to the Joint Board legislation. Three members of the Section and the Executive Director had just returned from Austin, Texas where they attended the annual Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy meeting.

Athletic Trainers Section Report

Kurt McClurg informed the Joint Board that the Section had completed their fall 2005 newsletter. The Section is currently working on the 2006 rule review. The Section is also waiting to see how the change to computer-based examination by the Board of Certification will impact the athletic trainer application process.

Action: Donna Baker moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Paul Hoffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board invited Amy Heilmann-Rocco to stay for executive session. All staff and other guests were asked to leave.

Roll Call Vote:

Donna Baker	Yes
Jody Benda	Yes
Raymond Bilecky	Yes
Lois Borin	Yes
Thomas Caldwell	Yes
Martha Cameron	Yes
Robert Frampton	Yes
Paul Hoffer	Yes
Barbara Kraynik	Yes
Rebecca LeBron	Yes
John Lombardo	Yes
Kurt McClurg	Yes
Hector Merced	Absent
Paul G. Miller	Yes
Vincent O'Brien	Yes
Gary Weiss	Yes

The Board went into executive session at 10:50 a.m. and came out of executive session at 11:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Items for the Next Meeting

- Budget Update
- Joint Board Legislation Update
- Election of Officers
- Board Consolidation Update
- Section Reports

Next Meeting

The next Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

Action: Paul Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barb Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Youst

Rebecca LeBron, President
Joint Board

Kurt McClurg, Secretary
Joint Board

Jeffrey M. Rosa
Executive Director

KDM:jmr:sky