



**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board**

*Occupational Therapy Section  
May 13, 2021  
9:30 AM*

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Members Present**

Beth Ann Ball, OTR/L  
Joanne Estes, PhD, OTR/L  
Mary Beth Lavey, COTA/L, Chair  
Anissa Siefert, MOT, OTR/L

**Member Absent**

Melissa Van Allen, OTR/L, Secretary

**Legal Counsel**

Lindsay Miller, AAG

**Staff**

Missy Anthony, Executive Director  
Rosa Avery, Licensure  
David Day, Paralegal  
Jeffery Duvall, Enforcement Division Supervisor  
Jan Hills, Executive Assistant  
Jaklyn Shucofsky, Investigator  
Mai Vo, Licensure

**Guests**

Becky Finni, OOTA  
Shaun Conway  
Danny Hurley, OOTA Lobbyist

**Call to Order**

Mary Beth Lavey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

The Section began by reading the vision statement:

The Occupational Therapy Section is committed to proactively:

- Provide Education to the Consumers of Occupational Therapy Services;
- Enforce Practice Standards for the Protection of the Consumer of Occupational Therapy Services;
- Regulate the Profession of Occupational Therapy in an Ever-Changing Environment;
- Regulate Ethical and Multicultural Competency in the Practice of Occupational Therapy;
- Regulate the Practice of Occupational Therapy in all Current and Emerging Areas of Service Delivery.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mary Beth Lavey moved that the minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting be approved as amended. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Danny Hurley on behalf of OOTA - Department of Education Conflict of Practice Act**

Regarding the ODE rule definitions – will work with the Board and OPTA to resolve conflicts with the practice act.

**Open Forum**

NBCOT presentation by Shaun Conway

**OOTA**

Report presented.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Licensure statistics currently are skewed due to COVID extension of deadlines with 7 of the 9 license types being due on or before July 1. There is a concern of the help desk call center being able to handle the number of calls due to the volume. OTPTAT has been actively encouraging our licensees to renew early and avoid the rush.
- Revenue is nothing remarkable, a little low overall. Expenses are down partially due to the lack of board travel expenses.
- The OTPTAT Board is going through the biennial audit by the Auditor of State.
- There is a mandatory yearly ethics training for each board member. If you complete your Ethics training please let Jan Hills know. The office keeps tracking records of all training. The financial disclosure filing is due by May 17, 2021.
- Waiting for public member appointment to Joint Board.
- Staff still working remotely. The plans to "return to work" will be in phases with OTPTAT in phase four which currently is September 6.
- eLicense tickets for May's expenses will include
  - CE update
  - Anticipated expense will be the cost of integration with the OT and PT Compacts and eLicense Ohio.
- The latest CE audit run was the PT audit, which is the largest profession on our OTPTAT board. The law requires 5% of the licensees be audited, we are currently auditing 20%.
- PT Compact has been signed and will become effective on June 30.
- A reciprocity bill (SB 131 and HB 203) is being considered which could create confusion with the boards who are participants in Compacts. The boards are discussing the possibility of a type of exclusion from the reciprocity act due to their participation in a Compact agreement.
- HB122 regarding telehealth.

**OTA audit** - The OT board has decided to reduce the percentage of licenses to be audited with the OTA audit to 10%. This should help with the number of licensees' confusion of extended renewal periods, CE deadlines and staff time dealing with increased questions from licensees. The board will revisit the audit percentage numbers in the fall.

### **Discussion of Law and Rule Changes**

- Concussion Rules. There were no additional comments with the JCARR process.
- Mary Beth Lavey moved that the Executive Director file rule 4755-9-01 Continuing Education for early stakeholder comments and with the Common Sense Initiative. Joanne Estes seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Budget Language HB 110 (FY 22-23)
  - Moving forward in the House with current language maintained.
- Telehealth
  - Language currently excludes the OTA and PTA as telehealth health providers. Working to get those professions included in the language.
- Ohio Dept. of Education
  - Dept. of Ed is defining OTAs and PTAs as paraprofessionals which conflicts with the Practice Act. Discussions have been held with the state board.

## **Licensure Applications**

### **Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant Examination Applications**

Joanne Estes made a motion that the Occupational Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant licenses issued by examination, endorsement, reinstatement, and restoration by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board from March 12, 2021 to May 13, 2021, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Anissa Siefert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*\*Indicates Joanne Estes abstained from the vote for those applicants*

### **Occupational Therapist by Examination- 39**

Megan Marie Badgley*	Taylor Gallagher	Jennifer Pung
Rachel Lynn Barth	Heather Lee Haight	Erin Margaret Reilly*
Ashley Beamer	Hannah Grace Heisler*	Sarah Elizabeth Shelton*
Devyn Lynn Brossard	Kaitlyn Hudock	Ashtyn Marie Stadler*
Casey Elizabeth Brown	Amber N Keefer	Hannah Stanger
Elena Clarice Bruck	Benjamin Arthur Keith	Darian Rae Steele
Laurie Anne Bunger	Kaylee Lopez	Gina Marie Stephenson
Heather Elizabeth Corcoran	Jessica Leigh Lowe	Leslie Renee Stringer
Rebecca Marie Cornelius*	Evan Randal Lundquist	Erin Michelle Strobl*
Corryn Jordan Davis	Melissa Marie Marjak*	Haley Sundh
Justine Emig	Haylee Marie McClurg	Kiara Tasayco
Carly Marie Falcone	Katherine Arlene Menssen	Kaylee Brookes Truesdell
Kelly Marie Farrell	Jacob Thomas Myers	Rachel Lynn Wilson

### **Occupational Therapist by Endorsement- 13**

Robert Joseph Awrey	Alexandrea Faith Jakubowski	Elise Christine Starkey
Alexandrea Michele Ballard	Rachel Lehman	Calli Jo Studebaker
Elizabeth Amber Dale	Deanna Marie Lensing	Sarah Zaas
Cailen Jane Easdale	Kristen Elizabeth Ratliff	
Sarah Abbey Fricker	Karin Seley	

### **Occupational Therapy Assistant- by Examination- 39**

Kara Elisabeth Cradler	LeAsha Lackey	Hannah Faith Runnion
Libbie Marie Earnsberger	Megan Ann Learn	Gabrielle Nicole Sanchez
Leslie Ann Engel	Sydney Marie Leary	Anna Sibeto
Tyna Rachel Fincher	Kristen Lutes	Tiffany Marie Snyder
Grace Ann Fulton	Hali Nicole Lynch	Sarah Stegall
Rachel Noell Hinton	Kaylee Nicole Manning	Morgan Christina Steinbrook
Maggie McKay Hosner	Kari L McCormick	Hannah Elizabeth Stone
Susanna L Howard	Nicole Millward	Camille Testani
Elizabeth L Japuncha	Emily Rose Myers	Tessa Kay Wagoner
Bethany Lynn Kholos	Katherine Marie Nichols-Singer	Jessica M Watts
Makenna Lee King	Nathan Price	Samantha S Yankulov
Kortney Nicole Kohler	Alexis Brook Putnam	Jerica Leigh Young
Madelynne Kurucz	Jill Elizabeth Rooksberry	Taylor Young

**Occupational Therapy Assistant by Endorsement- 6**

Peter Allcorn  
Allyson Nicole Bowman  
Whitney Graham  
Hannah Kriechbaum  
Samantha Mae Ruhe  
Mary Thompson

**Withdrawals**

Joanne Estes recommended that the section grant the application withdrawal requests for OT/OTA examination, endorsement, and reinstatement applications on file with the Board on May 13, 2021 based on the documentation provided. Motion made by Beth Ann Ball, second by Mary Beth Lavey. Motion carried.

Kristen Ratliff	APP-000443814
Whitney Graham	APP-000426607
Nicole Millward	APP-000448468
Karin Seley	APP-000447995
Anna Mitchell	APP-000176102
Maggie Hosner	APP-000447545
Haylie McCaskey	APP-000459333
Chasity Traxler	APP-000464165

**CE Requests**

Beth Ann Ball moved that the section approve 37 applications for contact hour approval, deny 3, and send 4 back for further information. Mary Beth Lavey seconded. Motion passed.

The board will approve up to 80 hours for conference attendance. The approved amount of hours will be based upon the participant's number of sessions attended at a conference. This topic will be discussed in greater detail at the OT retreat in August.

**Enforcement Division**

**Statistics**

“New” cases opened since the last meeting: 30  
Cases “closed” since the last meeting: 20  
Cases “currently open”: 36  
Active consent agreements: 7  
Adjudication orders being monitored: 1

**Releases from Consent Agreement**

Anissa Siefert informed the Board that **Erin Grimes, OT**, has complied with all terms and conditions and will be released from her consent agreement.

Anissa Siefert informed the Board that **Stephanie Applegate, OT**, has complied with all terms and conditions and will be released from her consent agreement.

**Proposed Consent Agreements**

Anissa Siefert recommended that a motion be made accepting the consent agreement for **case # OT-21-042** in lieu of going to hearing. Mary Beth Lavey made the motion, second by Beth Ann Ball. Anissa Siefert abstained. Motion passed. The Board has accepted the consent agreement for **Tina Logan, OT**.

Anissa Siefert recommended that a motion be made accepting the consent agreement for **case # OT-20-115** in lieu of going to hearing. Joanne Estes made the motion, second by Mary Beth Lavey. Anissa Siefert abstained. Motion passed. The Board has accepted the consent agreement for **Karyn Pack, OT**.

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH)**

Anissa Siefert recommended that a motion be made to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for **case# OT-21-083** for failure to respond to a continuing education audit. Mary Beth Lavey made a motion, second by Beth Ann Ball. Anissa Siefert abstained. Motion passed.

Anissa Siefert recommended that a motion be made to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for **case# OT-21-059** for failure to complete continuing education requirements. Joanne Estes made a motion, second by Beth Ann Ball. Anissa Siefert abstained. Motion passed.

Anissa Siefert recommended that a motion be made to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for **case# OT-21-087** for failure to complete continuing education requirements. Beth Ann Ball made a motion, second by Mary Beth Lavey. Anissa Siefert abstained. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was reviewed by board.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Virtual Meetings- the state has granted an extension for virtual meetings until December 1. Executive Director Anthony will be meeting with other medical boards to seek guidance from governor’s office as to when meetings can return to in-person meetings.

Website- ongoing project with OTPTAT staff with input from all sections.

The next meeting will be held as a TEAMS meeting on July 15, 2021.

August 19, 2021 is the date for the section retreat. Agenda items include website content and the percentage of licensees pulled for continuing education audits.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jan Hills*



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Mary Beth Lavey, COTA, Chair  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
And Athletic Trainers Board, OT Section

ABSENT  
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Melissa Van Allen, OTR/L, Secretary  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
And Athletic Trainers Board, OT Section



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Missy Anthony, Executive Director  
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