



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

*Occupational Therapy Section  
March 14, 2023  
9AM*

**Vern Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215**

**Members Present**

Nichole Dearth, MOT, OTR/L  
Sarah Heldmann, BS, COTA/L, Secretary  
Timothy Keck, Public Member  
Marnie Renda, OTD, OTR/L  
Anissa Siefert, MOT, OTR/L, Chair  
Melissa Van Allen, OTR/L

**Members Absent**

None

**Legal Counsel**

Lindsay Miller, AAG

**Staff**

Missy Anthony, Executive Director  
David Day, Paralegal  
Aariann Felix, Executive Assistant  
Jaklyn Shucofsky, Investigator

**Guests**

None

**Call to Order**

Anissa Siefert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 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**

Sarah Heldmann moved that the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting be approved as amended. Melissa Van Allen seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director updated the OT section on eLicense, board outreach, AT continuing education audits, and House Bill 509.

**Discussion of Law and Rule Changes**

Anissa Siefert moved that rules 4755-3-01, 4755-3-12, and 4755-9-01 be filed with JCARR pending receipt of a recommendation from the Common Sense Initiative. Sarah Heldmann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapist Assistant Examination Applications**

Marnie Renda moved that the Occupational Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant licenses issued by examination, endorsement, reinstatement, and restoration by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from January 26, 2023, to March 13, 2023 taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Sarah Heldmann seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Occupational Therapist by Examination-29**

Abigail Hamad	Ericka Turner	Makayla Marie Molle
Adam Kantor	Fiona Marie Roddy	Mark Alan Smith
Alannah Faye Miller	Jacob Gerald Dobrowolski	Nicole Kaitlin Jones
Alexis Marie Sibbio	JaLeigh Brooke Gumbert	Olivia Noel Borovich
Audra Eugenia Nieves	Julia Grace Daanen	Rachel Alyson Nordmoe
Brooke Albers	Kara Rose Langenkamp	Sarah Masih
Cecelia Schul	Kristen Marie Coyle	Sierra Nicole Miller
Connor Patrick Barth	Lea Friend	Tanner Thomas Shepherd
Danielle Eilerman	Mackenzie MacWebb	Voniessa Marie Smith
Elizabeth Catherine Winterod	Macy Lynn Michel	

**Occupational Therapy Assistant by Examination-6**

Breana Marie Van Dyke	Marissa Eileen Heavilin	Melanie Tagliarini
Kortnee Pelfrey	McKenna Ann Eversole	Shaelin Carol Laurenz

**Occupational Therapist by Endorsement-12**

Claire Scott Rickly	]Kristen Yost	Sharon Sason
Dana Lynn Pleakis	Kristen Nicole Pappas	William Lee Byers
Jennifer O'Hanlon	Meghan Lynn McCurdy	Yinao Wang
Kendra Marie Convery	Sara S Brito	

**Occupational Therapy Assistant by Endorsement-5**

Melissa Langguth	Shirley Pierre-Louis	Vanessa Elizabeth Edwards
Nicole Morrison	Stanley Widjaja	

**Withdrawals**

Marnie Renda recommended that the Section grant the application withdrawal request for OT/OTA examination/endorsement/reinstatement applications on file with the Board on March 14, 2023, based on the documentation provided. Melissa Van Allen made the motion, and Anissa Siefert seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Brooke Albers APP-000661004  
Shirley Pierre-Louis APP-000683435

**CE Request**

Nichole Dearth moved that the section approve 33 applications for contact hour approval, send back two more for more information. Seconded by Anissa Siefert. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Enforcement Division**

**Statistics**

“New” cases opened since the last meeting: 04  
Cases “closed” since the last meeting: 05  
Cases “currently open”: 23  
Active consent agreements: 02  
Adjudication orders being monitored: 00.

**CE Waiver Requests**

Melissa Van Allen moved that the Section grant a waiver for the completion of continuing education requirements for the OT CE Waiver request on file with the Board on March 14, 2023. Anissa Siefert seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

The OT Section discussed questions regarding when it is right to use credentials and supervision rules. The Section also discussed billing and school-based occupational therapy.

The OT Section paused the meeting at 10:23 AM and came back at 10:41 AM.

**AAG Report**

N/A

**OTA Report**

OTA conference updates and there was a call for academic papers.

**Open Forum**

There was a Medicaid proposed rule open for comment.

**Old Business**

The OT Section discussed the Section’s ethics presentation to be recorded and offered on Ohio Learn.

**New Business**

The OT Section discussed participating with other sections on the MDS data set, self-advocacy tools, sunshine law, and re-entry into the OT practice.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aariann Felix*

*Anissa Siefert, M.C.T., OTR/L*

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