

Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2011

10:00 am

333 Guadalupe St, #2-150

Austin, TX

Members Present: Judith Chambers, Public Member
Dely De Guia Cruz, Public Member
Kathleen Hill, COTA
DeLana Honaker, OTR, PhD
Stephanie Johnston, OTR
Todd Novosad, OTR
Angela Sieffert, OTA
Pamela Nelon, Public Member

Absent: Catherine Benavidez, OT

Staff: John Maline, Executive Director
Kevin Heyburn, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
Augusta Gelfand, OT Coordinator
Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager
Lenase Hughley, Staff

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by the Board Chair.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2010

Motion: To adopt the minutes as written

Motion by: Judith Chambers

Second Dely Cruz

Motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action on Executive Director's Report concerning fiscal and budgetary matters, legislative session, budget reductions, quarterly performance measures, the Executive Council actions, upcoming Sunset review; ongoing projects, agency personnel matters and other agency business

Mr. Maline presented the Board the current financial standing of the Executive Council. He briefed the Board on the recent income shortages and problems, even though the number of licensees has increased and the total amount raised has increased. He discussed the possibility of decrease in performance measures should the board have to decrease the number of board meetings further. He told of his recent House Appropriations budget hearing meeting in which he presenting the information to the subcommittee along with Roger Matson, ECPTOTE Presiding Chair. Mr. Maline mentioned that he has a letter of support from TPTA and is waiting to hear from TOTA.

5. Investigation Committee Report

A Discussion and possible action on Investigation Committee meeting of February 4, 2011. That day was a “snow day” for Austin and state offices were closed. The agreed orders will be presented at the next board meeting.

B. Discussion and possible action on investigative activities to date
The committee received 42 complaints, resolved 62 investigations, issued 14 Agreed Orders and held one Informal conference.

The board took a recess for lunch at 11:45AM and resumed at 12:25PM.

6. Rule Committee Report

Kathleen Hill, Chair of the Rules Committee reported on the discussion of §372.1, Provision of Services. The board sent the rule back to the committee.

Motion: For the Rules Committee to discuss §372.1 and §362.1, Definitions

Made by: DeLana Honaker

Second Kathleen Hill

Motion passed.

7. Rule Adoption

A. Discussion and possible adoption of proposed amendments to chapter 376.5, Exemptions to Registration, to exempt ECI from facility registration.

Motion: To adopt the proposed §376.5 as published.

Motion by: DeLana Honaker

Second: Todd Novosad

Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action on the OT Coordinator’s Report. The Coordinator’s Report may concern any items listed on the agenda and events that have occurred between this meeting and the Board’s last meeting

Ms. Gelfand pointed out her written report in the board’s materials and the reading file.

9. Discussion and possible action on the Presiding Officer’s Report. The Presiding Officer’s report may concern any item listed on the agenda and on events that have occurred between this meeting and the Board’s last meeting

Ms. Johnston mentioned the upcoming April AOTA conference in Philadelphia, which she and DeLana will be attending.

10. Discussion and possible action on scheduling future board meeting dates and agenda items for future consideration

The dates for future board meeting for 2011 are: June 9-10, 2011 and October 13-14, 2011. Todd Novosad asked whether the board was asking for the names and license numbers for employees at facilities. Augusta said she believed it was but would check.

11. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 1:00 PM

The Board adopted the minutes on: September 2, 2011