



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2023
9:00 AM

This meeting was available by webinar only.

On January 20, 2023 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

WALTER GRUENWALD, OT, CHAIR
MARY SPORES, OT, VICE CHAIR
SHARI ROBERTS, PUBLIC MEMBER
JOAQUIN OLIVAS, OTA

STAFF PRESENT

JAMES CHANEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CASSANDRA GERARD, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 3
SIERRA MCWILLIAMS, AAG
SHANI HUE, BUDGET ANALYST 2

OTHERS PRESENT

WENDELL NAKAMURA
BRANDON IMAMSHAH
HEATHER FRITZ
MALCOLM CUTCHIN

Friday, January 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Walter Gruenwald, OT, at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

The board, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

1.2 Reasonably safety determination for meetings

Board members discussed Open Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30.230. A motion was made that it is reasonably safe to meet in person if a safe space can be identified for members of the public to attend. The motion was seconded, and the board voted for the July 14th, 2023 meeting to be held as a hybrid and the other 2023 planned meetings remain virtual for board members.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Spores suggested the ability to add prior business from the last meeting as an agenda item. A motion was made to add 5.1 to address an outstanding budget item from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded, and the board voted to approve. A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda with the changes made. The motion was seconded, and the board voted to approve the agenda.

1.4 Approval of October 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the October 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Olivas requested his designation be corrected from CODA to OTA. A motion was made, seconded and the board voted in favor of approving the meeting minutes with the changes made.

1.5 Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Roberts nominated Ms. Spores for the Chair position. Ms. Spores nominated Ms. Roberts for the Vice Chair position. A motion to approve both positions was made, seconded and the board voted in favor of Ms. Spores as Chair and Ms. Roberts as Vice Chair.

1.6 Public Comment

No public comments made.

2. **RULES WORKSHOP ON HEALTH EQUITY CE REQUIREMENTS** The board discussed the number of health equity continuing education hours for compliance with ESSB 5229, Health Equity Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals. Information presented to the board by James Chaney, Executive Director.

A motion was made to incorporate the two hours of Health Equity CE requirements into the current continuing education hour requirements. The motion was seconded, and the board voted to approve.

3. **REVIEW OF LISTS AND LABELS REQUESTS** – The board reviewed lists and labels requests to determine if the request should be approved or denied.

3.1 CenterWell Home Health – the board reviewed, discussed, and voted unanimously to deny this lists and labels request.

- 3.2 Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences – the board reviewed, discussed and voted unanimously to approve this lists and labels request.
- 3.3 Consonus Healthcare (Rehab Specialist) – the board reviewed, discussed and voted unanimously to deny this lists and labels request.
- 3.4 Therapy Network – the board reviewed, discussed and voted unanimously to approve this lists and labels request.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Information presented to the board by James Chaney, Executive Director.

Mr. Chaney discussed this year’s AOTA Conference Meeting. He stated there is no regulatory component to this meeting and the board should consider no participation this year. Ms. Spores mentioned that she plans on attending the meeting and would be able to share a report with the board on her return.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** – The board discussed adding the following items to future agendas for discussion:

- Location for July 14th, 2023 meeting
- New board member

5.1 Prior Business

Ms. Spores asked for a breakdown of the budget report showing the amount the board is contributing to compact cost and expenditures with status updates during future meetings.

6. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** - No public comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is April 14, 2023. Updated meeting information will be posted on the Occupational Therapy website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Walter Gruenwald, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board