

Friday, January 17, 2020

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Teleconference

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**Members of the Board Present**

Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin  
OT Member.....Rae Ann Smith  
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan  
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk  
Consumer Member.....E.J. Quinn  
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

**Staff Present**

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray  
Interim Board Counsel.....Stacey Darin

**Guests Present**

Sonia Lawson.....Sonia Lawson

**Members of the Board Absent**

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks

**9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING**

1. Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Ms. Murray lead the session as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were away from their computers.
2. Ms. Murray asked for approval of the January General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked to add NBCOT presentation to Announcements. Mr. Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Murray asked for approval of the November General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Murray asked for approval of ratification of 21 occupational therapists and 16 occupational therapy assistants from November's Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the ratification. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.

**REPORTS**

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Potential Hiring of Assistant Director
  - a. Ms. Murray asked if the Board would approve in the hiring of an Assistant Director for the Board staff.
  - b. Mr. Martin said he was in favor of any way to help the Board staff. He asked about the qualifications which Ms. Murray provided. He may know of someone to recommend.
  - c. Mr. Martin made a motion to begin the hiring proceedings. Ms. Pierre seconded. All were in favor.
- b. Fingerprint Reminder
  - a. Ms. Murray reminded that all renewing OTs and OTAs need to be fingerprinted.
  - b. Mr. Martin asked if fingerprinting could be done before the 30-day window, and Ms. Murray said yes.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, Ph.D.
  - i. Nothing to report.
- b. SB 103
  - i. Ms. Murray gave a summary of SB 103 and said that the Legislation/Regulation Committee decided to oppose the bill. Ms. Murray wrote a letter of opposition which Lillian Reese will modify. A hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
  - ii. Ms. Darin said that the Physicians Board is also concerned and is hoping for amendments.
  - iii. Mr. Martin believes that this bill does not work.
  - iv. Ms. Lawson said that MOTA is having their first bill review call, and she will try to get some feedback on this bill.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

- a. Ms. Murray asked for the assignment of new committee members.
- b. Ms. Smith has been placed on the Continuing Education Committee.
- c. Ms. Brogan has been placed on the Legislation/Regulation Committee.

5. Executive Committee--  
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L  
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.  
Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Correspondence

- i. Email from January 9, 2020: An OT in a school said that a student advocate is threatening to file a complaint against her if she does not add shoe-tying to the student's IEP.
  - a. Ms. Quirk said that as long as the student is receiving FAPE, she should be considered to be providing services as a school-based therapist, but typically shoe-tying is an outpatient service.
  - b. Ms. Darin said that this is outside of the Board's jurisdiction and that the OT should contact her principal or school board. Ms. Pierre agreed.
- ii. Email from December 12, 2019: An email asked if an occupational therapist can fill a homecare patient's pill box.
  - a. Ms. Quirk said that it might be allowed if the OT is educating the patient on medication management.
  - b. Ms. Darin thought that the question was vague. She suggested referring the OT to the definition of an OT and then saying that medication management may be a part of the practice of OT.
  - c. Ms. Murray will show a draft of the reply email to Ms. Darin before sending it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The AOTA Conference is at the end of March in Boston. Ms. Murray will be attending. Mr. Martin may be attending, but if not, then Ms. Brogan and Ms. Smith will be offered to attend the conference next.
2. The NBCOT Conference is in May in Atlanta. Ms. Murray will be attending, and Mr. Martin will be attending if Ms. Banks cannot.
3. Mr. Martin's term will end at the end of June. The vacancy has been posted on the Board's website, and Mr. Martin plans to reapply.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mr. Martin will be attending the Continuing Competency Development Committee with NBCOT.
2. The February Meeting will be held at the Board Office.
3. Financial Disclosure Forms must be completed by April 30, 2020.
4. Ms. Smith will not be at the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41.