

Friday, February 18, 2022

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**In Attendance**

**Members of the Board**

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks  
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin  
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn  
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith  
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk  
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

**Staff**

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray  
Board Counsel.....Joshua Frazer  
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

**Guests**

Legislative Liaison.....Lillian Reese  
AOTA Representative.....Kristen Neville  
Guest.....Rachel Pigott

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the February General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked to add HB 1130, HB 1000, and HB 1169 to Legislation-Regulation Committee. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve with amendments. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the January General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the Emergency Session Minutes. Ms. Pierre made a motion to approve. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
5. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the ratification of 46 OTs and 11 OTAs from January's Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

**REPORTS**

1. Administrative Reports – FY’21

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Medicaid Provider Services Request for Data

- i. The Board was contacted by Medicaid Provider Services (MPS), asking the staff to draw up a data use agreement so that they could have access to licensee data.
- ii. Ms. Murray said that she was concerned about this, due to the recent security incident and that it should be the licensee’s responsibility to update MPS.
- iii. Mr. Frazer said that it depends on the data that they are requesting.
- iv. Mr. Quinn suggested that they send the Board a proposal for what they are requesting.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

b. Legislative Update

- i. SB 899
    1. The Letter of Opposition has been submitted.
  - ii. SB 77
    1. Edits were made to SB 77, clarifying when counsel can intercede.
    2. Mr. Frazer said there are still areas that are vague.
    3. Ms. Reese said that there has not been a vote by a committee yet.
  - iii. HB 292
    1. During an Emergency Session, the Board voted to watch this bill.
  - iv. SB 711
    1. Ms. Murray presented SB 711 to the Board and asked for opinions.
    2. The PT Board, Chiropractic Board and Acupuncture Board sent a letter of opposition. The Physicians Board may also submit a letter.
    3. Mr. Martin believes that the joint letter from the other Boards will be enough.
  - v. HB 1130
    1. Ms. Murray presented HB 1130 to the Board and said that some Executive Directors are concerned, and one Board is writing a letter of concern.
    2. Ms. Smith agreed that it will be confusing and suggested joining the Audiology Board in their letter of concern.
    3. Ms. Smith made a motion to join the Audiology Board. Ms. Pierre seconded. All were in favor.
  - vi. HB 1000
    1. Ms. Murray presented HB 1000 to the Board and asked for opinions.
    2. Ms. Reese said that this does not affect the health occupations Boards. Mr. Frazer agreed.
- c. AOTA Dry Needling Update
- i. Ms. Murray presented the dry needling update from AOTA Representative Assembly, which will create a policy including dry needling later this year.

- d. AOTA/NBCOT Compact
  - i. The 10<sup>th</sup> state needed to enact the compact passed its legislation.
  - ii. The Compact Committee will begin meeting and will hopefully work on starting the compact in 2023.
  - iii. Ms. Neville said that Dan Logsdon will be reaching out soon.
- 3. Continuing Education Committee –  
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L  
Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R  
Staff: Denise Goetz

Ms. Goetz is trying to retrieve the continuing education items and will get items to Ms. Quirk and Ms. Smith as soon as possible.

- 4. Secretary's Report  
E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

- 5. Executive Committee--  
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L  
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.  
Staff: Lauren Murray  
Correspondence
  - 1. Telehealth Question: Now that the State of Emergency is over, is telehealth back to intrastate?
    - a. Ms. Murray asked Mr. Frazer if the telehealth regulations are in effect. He says it does not appear so, but he will look into this response.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. New Board Member
  - a. The new Board Member has been vetted and is awaiting approval from the Governor.
- B. Office Space
  - a. Ms. Murray found out that the lease for Spring Grove automatically renews at the end of each fiscal year.
  - b. Ms. Murray is still waiting for pricing for the space at Patterson Avenue.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Financial Disclosure Forms are due by April 30, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.