



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Joint Board Meeting

January 11, 2007

10:05 a.m.

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Members

Donna Baker, PT
Jody Benda, AT
Lois Borin, OT
Raymond Bilecky, PT
Thomas Caldwell, PT
Robert Frampton, PT
Barbara Kraynik, PT
Rebecca LeBron, OT, President
Kurt McClurg, AT
Paul G. Miller, AT
Vincent O'Brien, AT
Nanette Shoemaker, OTA
Mary Stover, OT
Gary Weiss, Public Member

Members Absent

Thomas Best, M.D.
Hector Merced, OT

Guests

Laura Baughman
Amy Blake
Erin Caudill
Cari Dean
Naomi Diaz
Samantha Dunbar
Kathleen Fitzgerald
Stephanie Friday
Margaret Michaud
Stacey Moenter
Jennifer Portik
Stacy Sadlo-Lampert
Carole Weiss

Staff

Christine Bass, Investigator
Lisa Foor, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Joseph Kirk, Administrative Assistant
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director
Andrew Snouffer, Investigator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joint Board President, Rebecca LeBron at 10:05 a.m.

Jeffrey Rosa introduced the Board's new Investigator, Christine Bass. Ms. Bass started on January 8, 2007.

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Kraynik moved that the September 21, 2006 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Robert Frampton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Orders

Joint Board President

Donna Baker nominated Rebecca LeBron as Joint Board President. Kurt McClurg seconded the nomination.

Action: Robert Frampton moved to close nominations. Kurt McClurg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: Donna Baker moved to elect Rebecca LeBron as Joint Board President. Robert Frampton seconded the motion. Rebecca LeBron was elected by acclamation as Joint Board President for the period beginning January 12, 2007 and ending immediately after the January 2008 Joint Board meeting.

Joint Board Secretary

Kurt McClurg nominated Jody Benda as Joint Board Secretary.

Barbara Kraynik nominated Thomas Caldwell as Joint Board Secretary.

Action: Robert Frampton moved to conduct a paper ballot. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board completed paper ballots.

The Executive Director read the votes. Thomas Caldwell received eight votes. Jody Benda received six votes.

Acton: Rebecca LeBron announced that by vote of the fourteen members present, Thomas Caldwell was elected as Joint Board Secretary for the period beginning January 12, 2007 and ending immediately after the January 2008 Joint Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented the following information to the Board:

- The Executive Director completed the business cards for the Board members, and they are available upon request.
- The Executive Director stated that he met with the Joint Board President in October 2006 for his performance evaluation and thanked the Board for their input on both the positives aspects of his performance and the areas that he needs to develop. The Executive Director stated that he feels it is very beneficial to receive feedback from the Board regarding his performance.
- House Bill 403 passed through the legislature and was signed by Governor Taft on January 4, 2007. The bill will go into effect on April 6, 2007. Each Section will need to review how to levy fines as a form of discipline.
- The fiscal year 2008/2009 budget is being finalized and awaits the Governor's approval. However, the Executive Director believes that the new Governor's recommendations will be in line with the amount approved by the previous administration.
- The formal Executive Director's report is attached to the minutes.

New Business

Occupational Therapy Section Report

Lois Borin presented the Occupational Therapy Section report. Ms. Borin reported that the Occupational Therapy Section welcomed two new members. Mary Stover, an occupational therapist from central Ohio, and Nanette Shoemaker, the first occupational therapy assistant to serve on the Board. The Section again presented at the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association annual conference. The Section held their first strategic planning retreat on October 24, 2006. At the retreat the Section decided to take a proactive approach to regulation rather than reactive approach, and out of that formulated a vision statement, will be read at the beginning of each Section meeting. The issues the Section is currently dealing with include the use of unlicensed aides, consumer education, licensee competencies, and school-based practice issues.

Physical Therapy Section Report

Barbara Kraynik presented the Physical Therapy Section report. Ms. Kraynik reported that the Physical Therapy Section continues to move forward with continuing competency to replace continuing education. The Section had an exhibit booth and participated in the Ohio Physical Therapy Association annual conference on November 11, 2006. The Section plans to schedule their second ever retreat in 2007 to continue to focus on issues related to practice and regulation.

Athletic Trainers Section Report

Kurt McClurg presented the Athletic Trainers Section report. Mr. McClurg reported that the Section has made some comprehensive revisions to administrative rules for 2007. The Section will be focusing on the use of the fining ability contained in House Bill 403 for disciplinary violations.

Joint Board Structure

The Executive Director submitted a draft of three options to change the structure of the Joint Board.

- Jeffrey Rosa stated that Joint Board days are problematic for both Board members and particularly staff.
- Changing the structure of Joint Board would allow for it to function more as it is intended; as the oversight entity for administrative and budgetary matters pertaining to the state agency.
- Under the proposal, each Section would have two members on the Joint Board plus a public member for a total of seven instead of the current sixteen.
- One version of the change would reduce the Physical Therapy Section by two members and add two public members so that all three Sections would have a public member with full voting rights. Mr. Rosa feels that the reduction of two members from the Physical Therapy Section would not affect that Section's ability to complete work since a significant amount of the workload has been shifted to the staff in the previous two years.

- Barbara Kraynik agreed that the history of the Physical Therapy Section that necessitated the four extra non-Joint Board members no longer existed and that the Section could still function effectively with the loss of two members, especially with the addition of a public member with full voting rights to each Section.
- Kurt McClurg stated that the Athletic Trainers Section originally had a public member and that public member was very competent and was able to bring a different perspective to regulation.
- Mr. McClurg stated that each Section should discuss in their Section meeting and come to a resolution at the May 3, 2007 Joint Board meeting.

Old Business

Joint Board Legislation

- Jeffrey Rosa stated that some changes that were not included in the House Bill 403 will still need to be made. For example, Mr. Rosa would like to add language establishing a permanent revocation. In addition, there is some technical clean up language that needs to be made to the provisions contained in H.B. 403.
- Jeffrey Rosa informed the Board that each Section will need to review House Bill 403 and begin working on rule revisions as a result of the changes in the bill.

Items for the Next Meeting

- Budget Update
- Discussion of Joint Board Restructuring
- Section Reports

Next Meeting

The next Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Action: Kurt McClurg moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph A. Kirk

Rebecca LeBron, President
Joint Board

Kurt McClurg, Secretary
Joint Board

Jeffrey M. Rosa
Executive Director

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