



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Joint Board Meeting

January 26, 2023
10:30 AM

77 South High Street, 19th Floor Room 1948, Columbus, OH 43215

Members

Mario Baker, PT
Benjamin Burkam, MD
Michele Courtney, PT
Betsy Donahoe-Fillmore, PT
Nichole Dearth, OT
Anthony Ganim, PT
Timothy Keck, public member
Gary Lake, AT
Marnie Renda, OT
Jeffrey Sczpanski, AT
Anissa Siefert, OT
Melissa VanAllen, OT
Cheryl VanHoose, PT

Members Absent

Trevor Bates, AT
Erin Hofmeyer, PT
Hollie Kozak, AT

Legal Counsel

Lindsay Miller, AAG

Staff

Melissa Anthony, Executive Director
David Day, Paralegal
Jeffery Duvall, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Aariann Felix, Executive Assistant
Debbie Fulk, Licensure
Jaklyn Shucofsky, Investigator

Guests

Sarah Heldmann, COTA-Teams

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board is to actively promote and protect the health of Ohioans through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics. Goals to achieve this mission include:

- Ensuring that individuals practicing occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics meet sufficient standards of education, training, competence, and ethics, as defined in the laws and rules governing the profession.
- Investigate and discipline licensees whose practice falls below the minimal standards of care.
- Define and advocate for standards of safe OT, PT, AT, and OPP practice, and ensure that the laws and rules governing the practice accurately reflect current standards.
- Provide information about the licensees of the OTPTAT Board, the Board's functions and operations, and the laws governing the practice of OT, PT, AT, and OPP.
- Achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of organizational efficiency.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joint Board President Jeff Sczpanski at 10:32 AM.

The Joint Board quickly made introductions to the new board members that were present.

Approval of Minute

Melissa VanAllen made a motion that the minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting be approved as amended. Second by Mario Baker. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report

The Executive director reported on licensure statistics, and current eLicense updates and pending tickets. She also updated on the new website, and the budget.

Discussion of Law and Rule Changes

Ben Burkam moved that the following rules up for five year rule review be released for early stakeholder review. Gary Lake seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Cheryl VanHoose moved that rules related to licensure by endorsement and removing the supervisory requirements as impacted by House Bill 509 be filed for early stakeholder review. Nichole Dearth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Ben Burkam moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters related to compensation. Gary Lake seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Roll call:

- Mario Baker-Yes
- Benjamin Burkam- yes
- Michele Courtney- yes
- Nichole Dearth-yes
- Anthony Ganim yes
- Timothy Keck- yes
- Gary Lake-yes
- Marnie Renda- yes
- Jeffrey Sczpanski-yes
- Anissa Siefert-yes
- Melissa VanAllen-yes
- Cheryl VanHoose-yes

The Joint Board went into executive session at 11:10 AM and came back at 11:22 AM.

Ben Burkam moved to grant Executive Director Missy Anthony a 3% performance-based raise retroactive to January 1, 2023. Mario Baker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Joint Board President, Jeff Sczpanski also wanted to thank the OTPTAT Board staff for their hard work and recognized their dedication.

Licensure Applications

Nichole Dearth moved that the OTPTAT Board ratify, as submitted, the orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics full and temporary licenses issued by examination, reciprocity, and reinstatement from September 15, 2022, through January 26, 2023 taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Mario Baker seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

*Orthotist license by Endorsement-1
LO.00391 Nitin Bhanti*

*Prosthetist license by Examination-1
LP.00385 Christian Alan Arnold*

Nichole Dearth recommended that the Board grant the application withdrawal requests for OPP examination/endorsement/reinstatement applications on file with the Board on January 26, 2023, based on the documentation provided. Mario Baker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Licensed Prosthetist APP-000678079 Karen Roth

AAG Report

None

Open Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Occupational Therapy Section Report-Report given.

Physical Therapy Section Report-Report given.

Athletic Trainers Section Report-Report given.

Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics Advisory Council Report-Report given.

Joint Correspondence

None

Next Meeting Preparation

Adjournment

There being no further business and there is no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aariann Felix



Jeff Sczpanski AT, President
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Nichole Dearth, OT, Secretary
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Missy Anthony, MPA, Executive Director
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