



## Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

### Joint Board Meeting

January 20, 2022  
10:00 AM

77 South High Street, 19th Floor Room 1948, Columbus, OH 43215  
Alternate call-in number: 1-614-721-2972; 712 625 061#

#### Members

Mario Baker, PT  
Beth Ann Ball, OT  
Trevor Bates, AT  
Benjamin Burkam, MD  
Joanne Estes, OT  
Anthony Ganim, PT  
Erin Hofmeyer, PT  
Timothy Keck, public member  
Gary Lake, AT  
Jeffrey Sczpanski, AT  
Anissa Siefert, OT  
Melissa VanAllen, OT  
Cheryl VanHoose, PT  
Jennifer Wissinger, PT

#### Members Absent

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

Timothy McIntire, PT Section  
Karen McIntyre, PT Section

#### 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 Anissa Siefert at 10:05 AM.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Action:** Melissa Van Allen made a motion that the minutes from the September 26, 2021 meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Tony Ganim. Motion passed.

#### Executive Director Report

- The OTPTAT Board budget remains on track for revenues and expenses but is tighter than usual due to unexpected expenses such as COVID-19 bonuses and higher than estimated eLicense Ohio costs.
- CE Audits continue on COVID-impacted license renewals.

- Senate Bill 255 review was conducted by the House of Representatives. Change to OPP licensure have been suggested. The Board will continue to monitor.
- Monitoring legislation related to telehealth and reciprocity.
- Director Anthony gave an overview of the workplan for Board projects for 2022, including website update and application review.

**Discussion of Law and Rule Changes**

Mario Baker moved that draft rule 4755-64-01 on ethical and professional conduct be final filed with JCARR. Second by Erin Hofmeyer. Motion passed.

Mario Baker moved that the Executive Director submit draft rule 4755-65-02 on continuing education requirements for early stakeholder release. Second by Erin Hofmeyer. Motion passed.

Mario Baker moved that the Executive Director submit draft rules 4755-62-01 (Definition of Terms), 4755-63-01 (Applications for initial licensure by examination, 4755-63-06 (Temporary license application procedure) for early stakeholder release. Second by Erin Hofmeyer. Motion passed.

**Licensure Applications**

Marion Baker 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 17, 2021, through January 20, 2022, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Second by Melissa Van Allen. Motion passed.

Licensed Pedorthist Examination-1

John Joseph Watroba III

Licensed Prosthetist-Orthotist Endorsment-2

Renee Horn

Licensed Prosthetist Endorsement-2

Robert S Hinks

Alan John Kercher

John G. Tsoras

Licensed Prosthetist-Orthotist Temporary-2

Megan Elaine Mills

Licensed Prosthetist Examination- 1

Mason Alexander Tinger

Alexander James Olsen

Mario Baker recommended that the Board grant the application withdrawal requests for OPP examination/endorsement/reinstatement applications on file with the Board on January 20, 2022, based on the documentation provided. Tony Ganim moved. Joanne Estes seconded. Motion passed.

Sherie Ford APP-000436630 LP

Alyssa Brunswick APP-000518124 LP

Mario Baker moved to approve licensure candidate APP-000533720 for licensure under unique and exceptional qualifications. Melissa Van Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Mario Baker moved to approve licensure candidate APP-000546193 for licensure under unique and exceptional qualifications. Melissa Van Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Melissa Van Allen moved to approve licensure candidate APP-000523303 for licensure under unique and exceptional qualifications. Erin Hofmeyer seconded. Motion passed.

Mario Baker moved to approve APP-000538854 for licensure based on WES evaluation and finding of educational equivalency. Tony Ganim seconded. Motion passed.

**Enforcement Division**

- New” cases opened since the last meeting: 4
- Cases “closed” since last meeting: 2
- Cases “currently open”: 3
- Active consent agreements: 0

- Adjudication orders being monitored: 0

Assistant Attorney General Report  
*No report*

**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*

Questions reviewed by the Joint Board.

*Ohio Physicians Health Program*

The Joint Board heard a presentation from the Ohio Physicians Health Program on a potential partnership to create a safe haven program for impaired practitioners. The Board discussed the presentation and the potential pitfalls and opportunities. Direction was provided to the executive director to continue gathering more information and begin preliminary work on draft rules.

**Next Meeting Preparation**

Follow up on the Ohio Physicians Health Program

**Adjournment**

There being no further business and there is no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

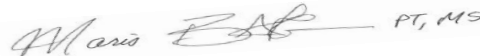
Respectfully submitted,

*Missy Anthony*



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Anissa Siefert, OT, President  
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Mario Baker, PT, Secretary  
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