



ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Regular Session Minutes

March 8, 2019

Board Members Present: Quenton McCallister, Chair, OT Member
 Dr. Donald Hosenfeld, Vice Chair, OT Member
 Barbara Paulson, Public Member
 Charlene Marbs, Public Member
 Dana Hutchings, OT Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Whiteford, Executive Director

Legal Staff Present: Sabrina Khan, Assistant Attorney General

Location: 1740 West Adams Street, Board Room B
 Phoenix, AZ 85007

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McCallister called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2) **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Quenton McCallister, Donald Hosenfeld, Barbara Paulson, Dana Hutchings, and Charlene Marbs

3) **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Dr. Hosenfeld recused himself from his own renewal application from Agenda item 7)b)2) and from Agenda item 8)ii).

4) **REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES.**

- a) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2019 – Tabled to April 12 Board meeting
- b) Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2019, 1:40 p.m. – Tabled to April 12 Board meeting

5) **REVIEW AND CONSIDER FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a) April 12, 2019 – No conflicts
- b) May 10, 2019 – No conflicts
- c) June 14, 2019 – Mr. McCallister stated that he will not be available on June 14 and asked the other Board members if they are available June 7. The Board will revisit the issue at the April Board meeting.

6) CONSENT AGENDA: REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

a) Initial Applications (33):

Mr. McCallister moved the Board approve the 33 initial applications. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

Applicant First Name	Applicant: Last Name	License Type	Intake Method
Hadas	Ben-Mayer	OT	Portal
Lorena	Buswell	OT	Portal
Colette	Capriglione	OTA	Portal
Jacqueline	Cohen	OT	Paper
Madison	Dunn	OT	Portal
Lauren	Gobble	OT	Portal
Allison	Holland	OTA	Portal
Robin	Holman	OTA	Portal
Morgan	Lloyd	OT	Portal
Mayra	Martinez	OTA	Portal
Taylor	McCauley	OTA	Portal
Brett	Millea	OTA	Portal
Kerri	Nash	OT	Portal
Janet	Ngan	OT	Portal
Rachel	Pramhus	OT	Portal
Kayla	Preiss	OTA	Portal
Courtney	Ramos	OT	Portal
Megan	Reabe	OT	Portal
Meghan	Rose	OT	Portal
Gianna	Sanchez	OTA	Portal
Michael	Sanders	OT	Portal
Jennifer	Snyder	OT	Paper
Kristi	Sobeck	OT	Portal
Karlee	Steward	OT	Portal
Garrin	Stock	OTA	Portal
Maria	Taffoya	OTA	Portal
Petra	Vanderweijden	OT	Portal
Alexandra	Walcott	OT	Paper
Maura	Whetstone	OT	Portal
Kelly	Wilcox	OT	Portal
LUANN	WITTROCK	OTA	Portal
Katelyn	Yeaman	OT	Portal
Allyson	Zimmer	OT	Portal

b) Renewal Applications – Active (123):

Ms. Paulson moved the Board approve the 123 initial applications. Dr. Hosenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

Applicant First Name	Applicant: Last Name	License Number	License Type	License Expiration Date	License Status	Intake Method
Osei	Akoto	OTH-006909	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Phaedra	Antioco	OTH-002668	OT	2/15/2019	Expired	Portal
Maury	Apfel	OTA-003432	OTA	2/13/2019	Expired	Paper
Lindsay	Arambula	OTH-006120	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Tiara	Arnow	OTA-006947	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Carolyn	Barnes	OTH-002678	OT	5/13/2019	Active	Paper
Vivian	Barrett	OTH-003067	OT	3/16/2019	Active	Portal
Cherise	Basques	OTH-003892	OT	3/25/2019	Active	Portal
Melanie	Benson	OTA-006875	OTA	2/9/2019	Active	Portal
Melissa	Berutto	OTA-006110	OTA	2/25/2019	Active	Portal
James	Beth	OTA-004765	OTA	3/1/2019	Expired	Portal
Jamie	Bigley	OTH-004803	OT	4/10/2019	Active	Portal
Sharon	Borrego	OTA-006114	OTA	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Tony	Botelho	OTH-004771	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Michelle	Bradshaw	OTH-005398	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Paper
Molly	Bresser	OTA-006116	OTA	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Jeffrey	Butler	OTH-004324	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Denise	Casson	OTA-000759	OTA	2/12/2019	Expired	Paper
Lydia	Christesen	OTH-006118	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Jacquelyn	Clark	OTH-005383	OT	3/12/2019	Active	Portal
Jenny	Clark	OTH-006913	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Kendra	Cooper	OTH-006955	OT	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Lynda	Correa	OTH-003870	OT	6/1/2019	Active	Paper
Cornelius	Cox	OTH-006956	OT	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Sandra	Curtis	OTH-006944	OT	4/13/2019	Active	Portal
Christopher	Daly	OTH-005402	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Kelly	Davies	OTH-005404	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Kimberly	Dehn	OTH-005355	OT	2/14/2019	Expired	Paper
Tracey	Eremia	OTA-005380	OTA	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Michelle	Escalante	OTA-006942	OTA	4/3/2019	Active	Portal
Philip	Fisher	OTH-003438	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Paper
Andrea	Fleischman	OTH-005409	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Aaron	Fuller	OTA-005360	OTA	2/14/2019	Active	Portal
Lisa	Fuller	OTH-002983	OT	3/14/2019	Active	Portal
Tracy	Gadomski	OTA-007017	OTA	5/11/2019	Active	Portal
Michael	Gallo	OTH-003456	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal

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Lisa	Galow	OTH-005319	OT	4/19/2019	Active	Portal
Melissa	Gardner	OTH-005018	OT	4/19/2019	Active	Portal
Jasmine	Gibson	OTA-006905	OTA	2/22/2019	Active	Portal
Emily	Green	OTH-004779	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Bailey	Harrison	OTH-006123	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Dale	Heinz	OTH-003488	OT	5/15/2019	Active	Paper
Allison	Heitzinger	OTH-006111	OT	2/19/2019	Active	Portal
Brandon	Hepworth	OTH-005415	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Cynthia	Huggins	OTA-001214	OTA	2/9/2019	Expired	Portal
Nickie	Jacobs	OTA-006968	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Kristine	Kath	OTH-004295	OT	2/12/2019	Active	Portal
Nicole	Kell	OTH-004332	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Michael	Kennedy	OTH-003434	OT	3/24/2019	Active	Paper
Diane	Khalsa	OTA-006141	OTA	3/15/2019	Active	Paper
Amber	Klumpp	OTA-005418	OTA	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Sarah	Koppenhoefer-Little	OTH-006125	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Joseph	Kovach	OTA-005419	OTA	3/17/2019	Active	Portal
Justine	Krivoniak	OTH-006092	OT	2/12/2019	Active	Portal
Wang	Liao	OTA-006972	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Dearl	Lilley	OTH-003882	OT	3/11/2019	Active	Portal
Beth	Littmann McGinnis	OTH-004345	OT	4/8/2019	Active	Portal
Melissa	Lowdermilk	OTH-005390	OT	3/12/2019	Active	Portal
Angelita	Lujan	OTA-006974	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Jane	Marete	OTH-006128	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Michelle	Martinez	OTA-005354	OTA	2/10/2019	Active	Portal
Heather	McCabe	OTH-006096	OT	2/12/2019	Active	Portal
Yolanda	McEvers	OTA-005395	OTA	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Elizabeth	McQueary	OTH-004336	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Paper
Vivienne	Meanger	OTH-002363	OT	4/11/2019	Active	Portal
Melissa	Medeiros	OTA-005387	OTA	3/12/2019	Active	Portal
Thaddeus	Meyer	OTA-006130	OTA	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Anne	Moore	OTH-006175	OT	4/19/2019	Active	Portal
Amanda	Mora	OTH-006924	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Casey	Nelson	OTH-004801	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Gregory	Norman	OTH-006134	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Dale	Olson	OTA-006135	OTA	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Mary	Osborne	OTH-006098	OT	2/12/2019	Active	Portal
Donna	Partenio	OTH-006940	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Benjamin	Peay	OTH-004323	OT	3/11/2019	Active	Portal

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Deidre	Pender	OTH-004322	OT	3/8/2019	Active	Portal
Ann	Perry	OTH-004772	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Paper
Melissa	Peru	OTH-006927	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Paper
Rebecca	Peterson	OTA-006082	OTA	2/12/2019	Active	Portal
Kathleen	Powell	OTH-004333	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Giovanni	Priano	OTH-004334	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Brenda	Reed	OTA-006985	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Amanda	Reichert	OTH-005368	OT	2/14/2019	Active	Portal
Desirae	Reyes	OTA-004791	OTA	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Kara	Rice	OTH-003410	OT	2/14/2019	Active	Portal
Gisela	Ridder	OTH-004827	OT	5/15/2019	Active	Paper
Cristina	Rios Cotton	OTH-004304	OT	2/15/2019	Active	Portal
Ryan	Rogers	OTA-007009	OTA	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Claire	Roveto	OTH-001005	OT	4/15/2019	Active	Portal
Annemarie	Ruggiero	OTA-007011	OTA	4/24/2019	Active	Paper
Ashley	Sanches	OTH-006988	OT	4/16/2019	Active	Paper
Christine	Sanchez	OTA-006890	OTA	2/9/2019	Active	Portal
Jennifer	Sanchez	OTH-003026	OT	3/19/2019	Active	Paper
Samantha	Saunders	OTH-006929	OT	3/5/2019	Active	Portal
Matthew	Schetter	OTH-003856	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Audrey	Sigurdson	OTH-004355	OT	4/12/2019	Active	Portal
Matthew	Simon	OTA-001683	OTA	4/13/2019	Active	Portal
Lori	Sletten	OTH-003460	OT	4/10/2019	Active	Portal
Victoria	Smith	OTH-004762	OT	2/10/2019	Active	Portal
Kristin	Springborn	OTH-001209	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Susan	Staton	OTA-006895	OTA	2/9/2019	Active	Portal
Christine	Stokan	OTA-005353	OTA	2/7/2019	Expired	Paper
Sarah	Stoll	OTH-003868	OT	3/26/2019	Active	Portal
Maria	Stratton	OTA-005382	OTA	3/12/2019	Active	Paper
Anjelica	Swallow	OTH-006907	OT	3/12/2019	Active	Portal
Dioscoro	Tagle Jr.	OTA-004310	OTA	2/15/2019	Active	Portal
Diana	Thies	OTH-004317	OT	2/17/2019	Active	Portal
Veda	Thomas	OTA-006943	OTA	4/4/2019	Active	Portal
Carrie	Tomlinson	OTA-005471	OTA	4/21/2019	Active	Portal
Ruth	Tremaine	OTA-003888	OTA	2/11/2019	Active	Portal
Kristiana	Ulmer	OTH-007000	OT	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Jennifer	Urich	OTH-005430	OT	3/17/2019	Active	Paper
Christine	Wallack	OTH-006115	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Renee	Warthman	OTH-004799	OT	3/13/2019	Active	Portal

Applicant First Name	Applicant: Last Name	License Number	License Type	License Expiration Date	License Status	Intake Method
Emily	Wegley	OTA-004800	OTA	3/13/2019	Active	Portal
Rodica	Wesley	OTA-003450	OTA	3/13/2019	Active	Paper
Shannon	Wiant	OTH-004340	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Jennifer	Wifler	OTH-006150	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Shelley	Wilson	OTH-006151	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Arra-Mela	Wilson	OTA-006184	OTA	4/19/2019	Active	Paper
Sara	Woodwyk	OTH-006152	OT	3/15/2019	Active	Portal
Crystal	Work	OTH-007003	OT	4/16/2019	Active	Portal
Judith	Wrege	OTH-000445	OT	3/10/2020	Active	Paper

c) Renewal Applications – Inactive (4):

Mr. McCallister moved the Board approve the inactive renewal applications. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

Applicant First Name	Applicant: Last Name	License Number	License Type	License Expiration Date	License Status	Intake Method
Bonnie	Dalton	OTA-003452	OTA	3/13/2019	Inactive	Portal
Mary Jennifer	Garcia	OTH-005361	OT	2/14/2019	Inactive	Portal
Kimberlee	Hanson	OTH-002235	OT	2/13/2019	Inactive	Portal
Kelly	Pohlman	OTH-005411	OT	3/17/2019	Inactive	Portal

d) Renewal Applications – Back to Active
 None

e) Initial Limited License Applications:
 None

7) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

a) Initial Applications – Board Review

i) Vianey Avila

Ms. Hutchings moved the Board approve Ms. Avila’s initial application. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

ii) Journe Domek

Mr. McCallister moved the Board approve Ms. Domek’s initial application. Dr. Hosenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

iii) Cesar Flores

Mr. McCallister stated the charge against Mr. Flores was dismissed. Dr. Hosenfeld moved the Board approve Mr. Flores’ initial application. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

iv) Richard Suezaki

Mr. McCallister stated the disclosed arrest was for driving under the influence and moved the Board approve Mr. Suezaki’s initial application. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.

- b) Renewal Applications – Board Review
 - i) Blanca Hita, OTA-006884 – Disclosure
Mr. McCallister stated the disclosed arrest was for driving under the influence. Ms. Marbs moved the Board approve Ms. Hita’s renewal application. Mr. McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.
 - ii) Ramona Soto, OTA-004759 – Disclosure
Dr. Hosenfeld recused himself from this agenda item. Ms. Paulson moved the Board approve Ms. Soto’s renewal application. Ms. Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. McCallister, Ms. Hutchings, Ms. Paulson, and Ms. Marbs voting aye and Dr. Hosenfeld recusing.
 - iii) Nathan Tanner, OTA-006104 – Reinstatement
Mr. McCallister moved the Board approve Mr. Tanner’s reinstatement application upon receipt of a statement that he did not practice while his license was expired. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.
 - iv) Michael Wang – OTA-006679 – Reinstatement
Mr. McCallister stated Mr. Wang did not practice while his license was expired and moved the Board approve Mr. Wang’s reinstatement application. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.
- c) Limited License Applications – Board Review
None

8) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

- a) Initial Review of New Complaints
 - i) Victor Rivera, OTA-007047 – Complaint #2019-OT-0006
Mr. McCallister moved the Board remove item 6)a)i) from the agenda. Ms. Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.
- b) Review, Discussion, and Possible Action of Whether or Not to Open a Complaint
 - i) Carol Lawhon-Crouse, OTA-046958
Ms. Lawhon-Crouse was present and made a brief statement. Ms. Lawhon-Crouse indicated that there was no disturbance or disruption of the peace regarding the situation, and the matter is still under review. The hearing will take place March 2019. Mr. McCallister stated he felt it would be appropriate to table the matter until the court makes a final decision on the case. Ms. Marbs concurred with Mr. McCallister’s comment. Mr. McCallister moved the Board table the matter until Ms. Lawhon-Crouse provides results from the Pima County Court. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye.
- c) Board Review of Complaint Number 18-OT-0883, Richard Staudt
Mr. Staudt was present and made a brief statement. Mr. McCallister commented that Mr. Staudt’s treatment was of the lateral epicondylitis while utilizing girdle techniques. Ms. Marbs asked Mr. Staudt to recap what happened in the session with RJ (patient/complainant). Mr. Staudt summarized the session and stated that this was the seconded session with RJ, and he was not the evaluating therapist. Mr. Staudt stated that he treats the condition but also looks for the cause of the condition. RJ joined the meeting by phone at 1:51 p.m. Mr. Staudt continued, explaining the treatment he provided. He further stated that he asked RJ multiple times if she was okay with where his hands were, and that he asked RJ if she ever thought about massage therapy. Mr. Staudt stated that RJ did not express any complaints or concerns during treatments. Mr. Staudt explained that RJ was compliant with the treatment protocols and expressed no concerns.

Mr. Staudt explained that RJ complained of tightness in her back, at which time he worked on her back area with stretching and treatment. Mr. Staudt stated that he told RJ that since her back was tight that perhaps she should consider massage therapy to assist with her back discomfort. Mr. Staudt explained that massage therapy is not something he performs. Ms. Marbs asked Mr. Staudt if he told RJ that he practices massage therapy. Mr. Staudt said no, he did not inform her that he practices massage therapy, but does practice myofascial release. Ms. Paulson asked Mr. Staudt if he sat beside RJ on the previous treatment. Mr. Staudt responded that he had, and that it was a common position for treating lateral epicondylitis.

Ms. Marbs then asked RJ to tell the Board what happened. RJ stated that she saw three therapists before Mr. Staudt and they all provided similar treatment. RJ stated that her doctor referred her to an Occupational Therapist (“OT”) because an OT would do the technique he recommended. RJ saw Victoria at Arizona Hand Therapy before seeing Mr. Staudt. She stated that Mr. Staudt’s treatment was different and wasn’t described to her, and she felt uncomfortable. Mr. McCallister asked RJ if she let Mr. Staudt know she was uncomfortable. RJ stated that she had not. Ms. Marbs asked RJ if she asked Mr. Staudt to explain his technique. RJ stated that she did not. RJ explained that Mr. Staudt informed her that he practiced massage therapy. RJ stated that once she completed her exercises she left the appointment. RJ commented that she recently had surgery and that her therapist explains the techniques to her.

Mr. McCallister stated he felt Mr. Staudt’s treatment was appropriate for lateral epicondylitis. Mr. Staudt stated he had the receptionist call RJ multiple times after the February 2 session to find out why she terminated treatment. RJ did not return any of the messages that were left for her by the receptionist.

Ms. Marbs moved the Board go into executive session for legal advice. Dr. Hosenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with all Board members voting aye. The Board entered executive session at 2:07 p.m.

Upon returning to regular session at 2:30 p.m., the Board reviewed the report from an outside medical consultant, Chris Reynolds, who is a physical therapist and a certified hand specialist. Mr. Reynolds reviewed the records in this matter. Mr. McCallister stated that Mr. Reynolds’ report stated that addressing the shoulder girdle is appropriate when treating lateral epicondylitis. Ms. Hutchings asked Mr. Staudt if he normally explains myofascial release to his patients. Mr. Staudt stated that he does explain the treatment.

Ms. Marbs asked Mr. Staudt if he felt something changed between the first and second visit with RJ. He responded that he did not. Ms. Marbs then asked RJ if she felt anything changed between the first and second visit with Mr. Staudt. RJ stated that Mr. Staudt did not do the same therapy at the second visit and did not sit on the same side of the table both times.

Mr. McCallister stated that it would be difficult to impossible to treat the patient from the front and that he would position himself either behind or on the side of the patient. Dr. Hosenfeld stated to Mr. Staudt, that it looks like he is an expert in hand therapy and working with the shoulder region, and that he did everything in his power to be professional and address treatment goals. Mr. McCallister stated he felt Mr. Staudt did everything he could to have a positive outcome, including moving up the arm in treatment. Mr. McCallister further stated he didn’t feel there is a legal basis for disciplinary action. Ms. Marbs asked RJ if she called to speak to Mr. Staudt’s supervisor after the second treatment. RJ stated she did not. Ms. Marbs informed RJ that the Board does not take lightly her discomfort.

Ms. Hutchings moved the Board dismiss the complaint against Mr. Staudt. Mr. McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote, with Mr. McCallister, Dr. Hosenfeld, Ms. Hutchings, Ms. Paulson, and Ms. Marbs voting aye.

9) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a) Financial Report
Ms. Whiteford stated the current cash report shows a projected positive cash flow for the fiscal year.
- b) Administrative Project Status Report
 - i) Policies and Procedures
Ms. Whiteford informed the Board that policies and procedures are still being updated.
 - ii) Application Automation (eLicensing)
Ms. Whiteford stated that there are no current issues with the eLicensing system.
 - iii) Rule Updates
Ms. Whiteford informed the Board that she did not pursue rule changes in February.
 - iv) Administrative Process Changes to Statutes
Ms. Whiteford stated that she was unable to recruit a sponsor for a bill in time for the 2019 legislative session.
- c) Update on Rent Distribution
Ms. Whiteford stated that the Board's budget analyst said that rent would be split in the upcoming fiscal year.

10) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. McCallister requested that the military/veteran fee changes be added to the agenda for April.

11) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public stepped forward to speak.

12) ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Whiteford
Executive Director