

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 26, 2024  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 10:01 a.m., January 26, 2024 via Zoom virtual video and live streamed to the public on YouTube. A quorum was established. The chair verified the identity of all videoconference participants and that the audio and video were clear and audible. The chair advised that public comments could be mailed to [publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov).

Members present were as follows:

- Ingrid Franc, Chair
- Amy Larriviere
- Raelena Crooks
- Kelly Brandon
- Carolyn Murphy
- Glynn Wallace
- Kim Solari
- Kathleen Norcross

Members absent were as follows:

- Mary Green Keys

Also present at the Meeting:

- Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director
- Patricia Wilton, LSBME Executive Counsel
- Tracy Mauro, LSBME IT Specialist
- Phyllis Johnson, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
- Lauryn Sudderth, LSBME Attorney
- Jennifer Hluchy, LOTA President
- Jacintha F. Duthu, LSBME Executive Staff Officer

Persons Absent:

### Old Business

**1. Minutes of December 2023 meeting.** Minutes were reviewed. On the motion of Raelena Crooks, duly seconded by Kim Solari, all present voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the December 15, 2023 OTAC meeting with no changes.

- No public comment.

## **New Business**

1. Jennifer Hluchy, LOTA President, requested for rules and regulations of dry needling be pushed forward to quick approval. Dr Van Culotta recommends if OTAC is able to finish the rules before March then to wait on pushing dry needling on it's own due to time limitations and a backlog of rules pending. Patricia Wilton concurred stating the only way for the dry needling to jump the line ahead of the other 18 rules on their agenda is to present this as an emergency rule. However, physical therapy can perform this service so it would not qualify at this time. All agreed to wait and present dry needling with entire document.
2. A letter from occupational therapist April Payton as reviewed asking if OTs are allowed to practice pelvic floor therapy. Dr Vincent Culotta stated if part of OT curriculum and if ordered by physician then OT's are allowed to practice. Ingrid Franc and Carolyn Murphy concurred it is taught at their school. It is recommended that if one was not taught in school, then they should attend a course. Ingrid Franc to write a letter in response to April Payton's question to Dr Van stating she is allowed to treat pelvic floor therapy if competent.  
No public comments on this item.

## **Old Business**

### **3. Rules and Regulations Update**

- Section 1959 Gerontology and Community practice/wellness were updated on composition appointment areas of expertise for OTAC Board members.
  - Kelly Brandon motioned to approve the changes to Section 1959 of the Rules. Carolyn Murphy seconded the motion. All members present voted unanimously to accept the changes.  
No public comment.
  - Section 1959 D Board Election was discussed. OT officers will fill chair and other desired officers amongst themselves. Amy Larriviere motioned to approve the changes in Section 1959 D and Kathleen Norcross seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to accept the changes.  
No public comment.
  - Section 4927 Documentation of supervision of OTA sections A, B, and C were revised and A deleted. All OTAs will write the name of their supervising OT in each note. Each note does not need to be co-signed by an OT  
Carolyn Murphy motioned to approve the changes in section 4927 and Raelena Crooks seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to accept the changes.  
No public comment.
- Supervising OT definition added to Rules and Regulations. Kim Solari motioned to approve and Carolyn Murphy seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to accept the addition.  
No public comment.
- Kelly Brandon had questions about Rules and Regulations. Some grammatical issues were fixed.  
No public comment.

Rules and Regulation revision finished. Ingrid Franc will send all OTAC members for basic review before sending final version to Patricia Wilton and Doctor Vincent Culotta.  
No public comment.

**Next meeting to take place on February 23, 2024 at 10 am.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.**