

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2024**

A regular Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy was held at the Department of Professional Licensing, 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, in The Mayo-Underwood Hearing Room 133CE and via Zoom on April 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Renee Causey-Upton, Chair  
Jill Phelps, Vice Chair  
Hugh Stroth, Secretary  
Dr. Thomas Miller  
Scott DeBurger  
Andrea Brandon  
Sara Santo

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor  
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner  
Sara B. Janes, Staff Attorney  
Clayton Patrick, Board Counsel  
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**GUEST**

Geela Spira

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Renee Causey-Upton called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The meeting minutes from the March 14, 2024, Board Meeting were presented for review. Dr. Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Phelps seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Board reviewed the financial report from March 2024 with no questions.

**DPL REPORT**

No report

**COMPACT COMMISSION UPDATE**

Staff Attorney Sara Janes notified the Board of the May 17, 2024, deadline to file the Compact Regulation. She then updated the Board that the drafted compact regulation and Emergency Regulation were filed on April 2, 2024, and provided information regarding the 2 rules when drafting a Compact Regulation in Kentucky and estimated the timeline and required steps before being approved. A motion was made by Dr. Miller to appoint Board Chair Renee Causey-Upton to assist with the Regulation Process going forward when needed; Ms. Brandon seconded the motion & the motion carried.

**BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board reviewed the licensure report, which displayed active & inactive licenses as of April 4, 2024, for the following active-only credentials: Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapist Assistants, Temporary Occupational Therapist, and temporary Occupational Therapist Assistants.

The Board reviewed the email correspondence regarding IASTM/ GUA SHA/ CUPPING and recommended reviewing 201KAR28:140 and not performing any incompetent duties. The board also recommended seeking outside counsel for any regulation interpretation. Board Counsel, with the assistance of the Board Chair, will compose a response to send.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS REVIEW:**

Ms. Brandon moves, and Mr. Stroth seconds entering into closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding applications at which information protected by KRS 61.810(1)(k) may be discussed. The motion is carried.

Dr. Miller motioned to return to open session. Mr. Stroth made the second, and the motion carried.

Board Chair Renee Causey-Upton announces 1:33 p.m. as the time returned from Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Phelps to accept the following recommendations:

- Eight (8) applications were received for review.
  - 5 Applications approved.
  - 2 Applications deferred.
  - 1 Application denied.

Mr. Stroth seconded the motion & the motion carried.

## **Applications Review**

No applications.

## **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tabled until next meeting.

## **ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

## **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Ms. Brandon made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all members present for today's meeting. Dr. Miller seconded the motion, which was carried.

\*Sara Santo requests to not be paid per diem for this meeting\*

## **NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be on May 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., with the complaints committee meeting scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m. Dr. Miller seconded the motion, which was carried.