

OFFICE OF LICENSED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Occupational Therapy Governing Board



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
April 25, 2022

The April 25, 2022, meeting of the Occupational Therapy Governing Board was held at 7 Eagle Square in Concord, New Hampshire, with the following members present:

Olivia Freeman, OT, Chair  
Sarah Hinkley, OT  
Nicole Quartulli, OTA  
Traci Johnson, OT

Absent:

Pat Gruttemeyer, Public Member

Others Present:

Jenna Wilson, Board Administrator II

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Olivia Freeman called the meeting to order at 9:58AM.

**REVIEW OF THE MARCH 28, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:**

On motion of Olivia Freeman and second by Traci Johnson, the Board voted\* unanimously to accept the 3/28/2022 public meeting minutes as written. Sarah Hinkely abstained from the vote.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION:**

- a) Olivia Freeman told the Board that she did not have any updates from NHOTA and doesn't expect to hear from them until the summertime.
- b) Olivia Freeman advised the Board that she saw on LinkedIn.com that 18 states had joined the compact and that the information indicated the goal for enactment is mid-2024.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE:**

- a) **Cynthia Freedman, OT:** Upon motion of Sarah Hinkley and second by Traci Johnson, the Board voted to accept the application for licensure.

\*all votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

**MOTION TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

Upon motion of Traci Johnson and Nicole Quartulli seconded, the Board voted by roll call vote to enter non-public session at 10:06AM for the purpose of discussing alleged licensee misconduct which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person who is not a member of this body pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION:**

At 10:08AM the Board returned to public session. Sarah Hinkley moved to seal the non-public minutes because divulgence of the information discussed in non-public session if made public would likely adversely affect the reputation of the licensee(s) discussed. Nicole Quartulli seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously seal the minutes of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed a recent AOTA white paper which suggested dry needling is within the scope of practice for occupational therapists.

**OPLC OFFICE UPDATES:**

Jenna Wilson reminded the Board members of the NHDOJ AGO Administrative Law training email sent on April 11, 2022. Olivia Freeman asked if the training is mandatory and Jenna Wilson informed her that it is not mandatory but OPLC Executive Director Courtney asked that it be completed by the end of May.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Olivia Freeman and seconded by Sarah Hinkley, the Board voted to close the public meeting. Olivia Freeman adjourned the meeting at 10:18AM.