

MEETING MINUTES
UTAH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD
NOVEMBER 7, 2023
HEBER M. WELLS BLDG.
GOOGLE MEETS AND ROOM 402 – 9:00 AM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:06 AM

ADJOURNED: 10:09 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyndsay Fait
Cortney Heiner
Leslie Hansen

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Jana Johansen, Bureau Manager
Jennifer Boshard, Board Secretary

GUESTS:

Gary Robinson, OT Alpine School District
Ryan Hemming, OT Alpine School District

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: (0:00:00)

BOARD CHAIR ELECTION

C. Heiner made a motion to elect L. Fait as board chair. L. Hansen seconded the motion, board passed unanimously. L. Fait made the motion to elect C. Heiner as vice chair. L. Hansen seconded the motion, board passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MAY 3, 2022, MEETING MINUTES.

L. Fait made the motion to approve the May 3, 2022, meeting minutes. C. Heiner seconded the motion, board passed unanimously.

ROBERT RULES TRAINING

J. Johansen went over the Robert Rules with the board. C. Heiner inquired if J. Johansen and J. Boshard are positions within the board. J. Johansen clarified her and J. Boshard positions with DOPL and their responsibilities.

OATH OF OFFICE

L. Fait made the motion to amend the agenda to swear in C. Heiner. C. Heiner seconded the motion, board passed unanimously. J. Johansen proceeded to swear in C. Heiner.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS: (0:19:10)

PARAPROFESSIONALS

G. Robinson, a member of the public with Alpine School District, is inquiring if the way they are providing services meets the guidelines written in rule. The board asked questions to help clarify what Alpine school district is inquiring about.

J. Johansen asked if Medicaid includes Paraeducators with OT Aids. R. Hemmings, a member of the public with Alpine School District, confirmed that Medicaid does include paraprofessionals with OT Aids. J. Johansen inquired if the paraprofessionals are current students. R. Hemmings indicated that not all paraprofessionals are current students. J. Johansen suggested amending the rule at the next board meeting to clarify supportive services written in rule.

G. Robinson read an email regarding his questions and if a paraprofessional always requires direct supervision. J. Johansen went over global definition levels of supervision. J. Johansen clarified that direct supervision is listed under OT aid in the Act and that would require a legislative change. J. Johansen recommended G. Robinson seek legal advice on how to interpret what is written in the laws and rules.

NBCOT EXAM VENDOR CHANGE

J. Johansen informed the board they will be using Pearson Vue.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

May 7, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Lyndsay Fait

05/08/2024

Chairperson, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

J. Johansen

05/09/2024

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing