

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS (SDBMOE)  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 18, 2023**

[Unapproved Draft Minutes](#)

10:00 am (Central Time)

**Public Advisory Committee Meeting**

**NOTE: This meeting was held in a physically accessible place.**

Unapproved Draft Minutes<sup>1</sup>. Votes are roll call voice vote. <sup>2</sup>

Advisory Committee Members present: Megan Johnke, Polly Rames, Angela Root

Staff Members present: Margaret Hansen, Whitney Burrows

This was a public meeting and other parties may have been in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM. Roll was called, and quorum was established.

A motion for approval of the agenda was ratified (Johnke/Root/Unanimous).

The request for any public comment was made pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1 and there was no public comment.

A motion for approval of the minutes was approved. (Root/Rames/Unanimous).

Committee charge and composition was discussed. Rames will be completing the 1<sup>st</sup> term on the advisory committee as of September 2023 and will be up for reappointment at that time. Information for all the SDBMOE Advisory Committees can be found by clicking on the dropdown menu under Board Info on the SDBMOE website. The South Dakota statutes and rules for Athletic Training can be found by clicking on the Laws tab of the SDBMOE website.

Whitney Burrows, SDBMOE Management Analyst gave an update. A continuing education audit has been taking place. 10% of OT/OTA's were randomly chosen for participation in the audit and given four weeks to provide either proof of 12 hours of continuing education or a current NBCOT certificate. The audit has been going well, with no significant issues or concerns. The committee was also made aware that Mariah Pokorny, SD Department of Health (DOH) Director for Accreditation and Reporting and liaison to the SD licensing boards will be reaching out to members of the advisory committees regarding stakeholder meetings with the various licensed professions. The Board's advisory committee members will be receiving more information as they will play an important role for communications and the meetings.

The recent enactment of House Bill 1183, an act to authorize the state's participation in the interstate compact on occupational therapy licensure was discussed. It was explained how the Board currently does not have statutory authority to fingerprint and that will have to be brought to the next legislative session. The compact will also require a national practitioner identification number. Instructions on how to obtain that number were sent via email to the members of the advisory committee.

A question regarding the practice of lymphedema therapy was brought to the advisory committee for their opinion. The Board received an inquiry as to whether or not a person certified in lymphedema treatment could perform treatment without being licensed as a PT, OT, or massage therapist. The advisory committee unanimously agreed that an unlicensed person should not be performing lymphedema treatment.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM

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<sup>1</sup> 1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

<sup>2</sup> Format for motions, second and vote results: Committee member Name (Making the motion/Second/Vote result is either unanimous or Yes: and No: results and abstentions noted by name)