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**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Minutes
October 6, 2015**

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Tuesday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mitch Lovinger, OT, Chair
Kathryn Skibek, OT
Eugenio Monasterio, MD
Karen Lebo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Smith, OT, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director, Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Lindsay Walton, VOTA
Shaun Conway, NBCOT, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Skibek called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared. Mr. Lovinger arrived at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 3, 2015

The minutes of February 3, 2015 stood as read.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda stood as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Virginia's Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant Workforce: 2014

The Advisory Board reviewed the information that was compiled and provided by the Department of Health Professions Healthcare Workforce Data Center. The Advisory Board thanked the Department of Health Professions for conducting the survey and preparing the information for review. No action was necessary.

2. Recognition of NBCOT Certification for Continuing Education

Mr. Conway presented to the Advisory Board the tools that the NBCOT has developed for current certificants. Mr. Conway also discussed with the Advisory Board that several states accept current NBCOT certification as proof of meeting continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Ms. Walton stated that VOTA will compile and provide information regarding the acceptance of the NBCOT certification in lieu of the Board's continuing education requirement. Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board that a NOIRA could be adopted regarding the NBCOT certification as well as minor language changes regarding continuing education. Dr. Monasterio moved to adopt a NOIRA to change the Board's continuing education requirements as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Election of Officers

Ms. Skibek moved to re-elect the current officers. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 2, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Mitch Lovinger, MD, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist