

1 Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

2 Education Committee
3 333 Guadalupe St #2-510
4 Austin, TX 78701
5 9:00 AM
6 June 11, 2010
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9 Board Members Present: Todd Novosad, OTR
10 Stephanie Johnston, OTR
11 Angela Sieffert, OTA
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13 Staff Present: John Maline, Executive Director
14 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
15 Augusta Gelfand, OT Coordinator
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17 Guests: Mary Hennigan, OTR, ED, TOTA
18 Kathy Hutto, Governmental Affairs Consultant to TOTA, Jackson Walker
19 L.L.P.
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21 **I. Call to Order**

22 Todd Novosad called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. He called the roll and determined that a quorum
23 existed.
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25 **2. Public Comment**

26 There was no public comment.
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28 **3. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2010**

29 Motion To approve the minutes as written
30 Made by: Stephanie Johnston
31 Second by: Angela Sieffert
32 Motion passed.
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34 Kathy Hutto joined the committee meeting at 9:12 AM.
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36 **4. Discussion and possible action on correspondence from Rick Schroeder, CEO, OT**
37 **Courses.com**

38 Motion: Letter will be sent to Rick Schroeder confirming the previously correspondence from the
39 board that his course on Pharmaceuticals and occupational therapy is Type 1. A copy of the letter will
40 be sent to TOTA to reinforce that this course and others about pharmaceuticals are strictly type 1.
41 Motion by: Stephanie Johnston
42 Second by: Angela Sieffert
43 Motion passed.
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45 **5. Discussion and possible amendment of Texas Administrative Code Chapter 367,**
46 **Continuing Education.**

47 Stephanie explained that her letter from the board was to thank TOTA for the legislative successes and
48 work on behalf of the board. She further explained that the committee's effort to bring the CE subject to
49 the board was to hear more voices and thoughts on the issue.
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51 John Maline related that the committee should consider TOTA's role in the upcoming Sunset Review and
52 that Texas influences other states, so they should be comfortable giving TOTA continuing education
53 approval authority.

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2 The committee went through the current wording of Chapter 356 and made changes to the wording to
3 give approval to TOTA for approval of CE in §367.2 (a)(2) After further discussion, the Education
4 Committee decided to add “outliers” as other categories for §367.2, Categories of Education, which do
5 not require TOTA’s approval.
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7 Todd suggested that the committee add Continuing Competency to the wording in the chapter, which is
8 a higher level of continuing education. The Committee Agreed to add this wording throughout the
9 Chapter.
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11 The committee decided to meet again 9AM on July 23, 2010 to look at the wording in the amendment
12 written during the committee meeting before it makes its recommendations to the board.
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14 The committee took a recess at 12:55 and reconvened at 1:30PM.
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16 **7. Discussion of recommendation to withdraw the currently proposed amendment to Texas**
17 **Administrative Code §370.2, Late Renewal and replace it with a different amendment to**
18 **that section.**

19 The committee discussed the advantage of former Texas licensees taking a re-entry program and made
20 proposed amendments to the current rules

21 Motion: To amend §370.2 and add a new §370.3, Restoration to allow former licensees to attend
22 re-entry programs. Those who decide to retake the NBCOT exam for licensure purposes
23 only will have to submit copies of 45 hours of CE, with a minimum of 30 in Type 2

24 Motion: Angela Sieffert

25 Second Stephanie Johnston

26 Motion passed.
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28 **8. Discussion and possible action on future meeting addenda items and dates.**

29 The committee will meet at 9AM on July 23, 2010.
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31 **9. Adjournment**

32 The Committee adjourned at 2:12 PM
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34 Date reviewed by the Education Committee: July 23, 2010.