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Next Board Meeting Dates

September 13, 2013, Austin

November 8, Sugar Land

New Board Members Appointed

New Board members include 1 re-appointment, a COTA member and public member to serve until 2019.

Many thanks for all the service by Judith Chambers who served as a public member for 6 years. She served on the Investigation Committee and as a representative to the Executive Council.

Another huge thank you to Kathleen Hill, COTA who served as Chair of the Rules Committee and a member of the Investigation Committee. She plans to participate in TWU's Bridge program.

The Governor re-appointed Todd Novosad, OTR to serve a full term. Todd served a partial term when he was first appointed. He has served as the Education Committee Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Also appointed was Jennifer Clark, COTA who works at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan. Completing the Board's 9 member Board Roster is Amanda Ellis of Austin. Ms. Ellis is an administrative law and health law attorney who will serve as a public member.

Proposed OT Rule Amendments

The following rules amendments were posted in the Texas Register. [Read the rules here.](#)

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-board/ot-act-rules#proposed-amp-adopted-rules>

§362.1, Definitions

§369.3, Use of Titles

§372.1, Provision of Services

§373.1, Supervision of a Licensed OTA

§376.4, Requirements for Reg. Facility

New Question on the Jurisprudence (JP) Exam.

The Education Committee has come up with new multiple choice questions which have already be up-loaded to make the change complete. Random new questions will come from a database of 95 new questions.

Index for previous articles <http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-resources/ot-newsletter>
Changes written in parentheses as some answers have changed that are printed in older [newsletters](#).

Student Supervision & Other Exemptions to the OT Act	November 2012
Executive Director's Report on ECPTOTE	November 2012
How to sign your name according to OT Rules	November 2012
Online Agreed Orders	October 2012
Online Applicant Status Check	January 2012
New Criminal History Evaluation for Applicants/Students	October 2011
Understanding Abandonment	October 2011
Changes in ECI	October 2011
Restoration of a Texas License	December 2010
Face-to-Face Supervision	September 2010
TOP 10 Questions	December 2009
New Early Childhood Intervention Document	June 2009
Satellite Hospital Registration for Out-Patient OT/PT Facilities Required	March 2009
Questions about Supervision and Documentation	December 2008
Facility FAQs (the Department of Aging and Disability (DADS) has notified nursing homes that if OT or PT services are provide out-patient services in a nursing home, the nursing home must register with this Board .).....	September 2008
Only Original Licenses May be Hung on the Wall	December 2007
Client Interaction Each Treatment Session	February 2006
Co-Signature No Longer Required	February 2006
Does your supervision Measure Up (LOTA designation eliminated).....	April 2005
Discharge: Who Writes it (LOT designation eliminated).....	April 2005
How to write the name of the OT in the treatment note (LOT designation eliminated).....	April 2005



OT BOARD FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN MAY 17, 2013 BOARD MEETING

- (1) **Ryan McFarland, OT #109993 (Pearland)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 367 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (2) **Kimberly O’Neil, OT #103338 (McKinney)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 367 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service and completion of the lacking CE.**
- (3) **Donna Honea, OT #100710 (Naples, FL)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 367 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**
- (4) **Tiffany Ryan, OT #106904 (Arlington)** – practiced occupational therapy in a facility not properly registered with the board. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 374 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**
- (5) **Robin Zumberge, OT #108586 (Austin)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 374 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (6) **Tuyet McFaul, OT #110541 (San Antonio)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 374 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for twenty-one (21) days.**
- (7) **Christina Dominy, OT #110177 (League City)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the OT Practice Act and Chapter 374 of the OT Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

Did you read a brochure that says “Approved by Texas Board of OT Examiners”? This approval is not possible, as the Board does not give course approval. The Board gives you the tools to pick courses taken in Texas or out, online or in person, research, publications, presentations, fieldwork supervision, etc. You can learn without having to get any approval. Yes, you can access AOTA and TOTA courses for their approved providers, but you still have to select according to the Board’s definition for Type 1 or Type 2.

Reminder: Attending a business meeting does not count for CE. And there is category of Unacceptable activities. Read [Chapter 367](#).



Frequently Requested Numbers

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-resources/ot-links>

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American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Specialty certification, student fieldwork, national issues, etc.

301/652-2682 telephone

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National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

National certification exam, and score reports

301/990-7979 telephone

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www.nbcot.org

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www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/

Early Childhood Education DARS, ECI

4900 N Lamar

Austin, TX 78751-2399

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml>

Medicare and Medicaid

<http://www.cms.gov/>

www.medicare.gov

Medicare Part A

888/763-9836 (Rehab Dept, Hospital)

Medicare Part B

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800/252-8263

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/>

Medicaid provider fraud, or abuse of a Medicaid recipient: 512/463-2011 or email mfcu@aog.state.tx.us

School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

www.tea.state.tx/interagency/shars.html

Texas Dept. Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

800/458-9858 Long term care & complaints about nursing home, home health agency, or assisted living facility.

800/252-8016 Nursing homes

512/719-3521 Licensing Boards

800/228-1570 Home health agency

Elderly or disabled abuse, neglect call

800/252-5400.

www.dads.state.tx.us

Texas Dept. of State Health Services (TDSH)

512/834-6650 Hospital licensing

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