

# TBOTE news

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## Next Board Meeting

May 5, 2023\*

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## Notes from the Coordinator

### Proposed and Adopted Rules

The Board did not propose or adopt rule changes at its last meeting.

### Renewal Requirement Reminder: HHSC Approved Human Trafficking Training Required each Renewal Period

As part of the minimum hours of required continuing education for each renewal, OTs and OTAs must complete a training course on human trafficking that is approved by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

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Only human trafficking training courses that are approved by HHSC pursuant to HB 2059 of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session may be used to meet this requirement; no other courses may be used to satisfy this requirement.

See below a quick FAQ regarding the requirement.

***I have already taken a human trafficking training course. It was approved by AOTA, but not by HHSC. Can I use that course to meet the human trafficking training requirement?***

No. Unless a human trafficking training course is approved by HHSC pursuant to HB 2059 (86th Legislative Session), it may not be used to meet the human trafficking training requirement. Refer to HHSC's related web page for information regarding training courses approved by HHSC. The link to access HHSC's related webpage and list of approved courses is available from the Human Trafficking Training tab on the [Continuing Education](#) page.

Refer to the [OT Rules](#) for further regulations regarding this training.

If a course has not been approved by HHSC as noted above, it may not be used to satisfy this requirement, even if it has been approved by another entity, including by AOTA or TOTA.

Remember that approval by AOTA or TOTA does not in any way suggest and/or ensure that a course is approved by HHSC or indicate that completion of the course will satisfy the training requirement.

While a human trafficking training course that is not approved by HHSC cannot be used to meet the human trafficking training requirement, it might be eligible for CE, in general; refer to Chapter 367, Continuing Education, of the OT Rules, to determine if the activity might be counted toward the CE hours remaining after completing the human trafficking training requirement.

## CE Documentation and Retention

As per the OT Rules, §367.3, Continuing Education Audit, “The licensee is solely responsible for keeping accurate documentation of all continuing education requirements. Continuing education documentation must be maintained for two years from the date of the last renewal for auditing purposes.”

When you renew, you attest to having met CE requirements. Part of such is having the documentation of your CE, which includes the documentation of the required HHSC approved human trafficking training course. You are required to keep your CE documentation.

Consider strategies to enhance access to your stored CE documentation by creating a back-up system, such as keeping a second copy in a different location. This way, if you are randomly selected for the OT CE Audit or otherwise must access your materials, you will have more than one method to do so.

For example, consider keeping electronic copies of your documentation in addition to the physical copies. If you scan your CE documentation and email yourself the file (including by sending yourself a copy to additional email addresses you may have), you will have a copy you might access from any internet connection, regardless of your location or the physical condition of your documents.

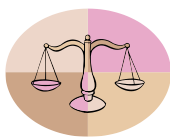
At the same time, remember that while in order to renew, you are not required to print your CE documentation if you have retained it in electronic form, you will need to ensure that if you do ever need to print it, you will be able to do so from the electronic version(s) you have kept. As noted, you are required to keep your CE documentation.

Likewise, consider how your continued access to your documentation might be affected by external factors. For example, consider how licensees who only store their CE documentation in their account with a CE provider or at their place of employment may find, if the time arises when they are required to submit their documentation to the Board for a CE Audit, for instance, that they experience unexpected challenges when trying to access their account/records, including the required documentation.

Remember that failure to submit documentation for the audit may result in failure of the audit and subsequent disciplinary action.

Visit the [Act and Rules](#) page to access the OT Rules, including Chapter 367, Continuing Education, for further CE regulations.

The [Continuing Education](#) page includes further resources regarding CE.



**FEBRUARY 3, 2023 BOARD MEETING  
FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN**

1. **Paula Buari, OT #119569 (Sugar Land)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (10) hours of community service.**
2. **Jordan Coleman, OTA #214853 (Mansfield)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (10) hours of community service.**
3. **Dekedria Goodwin, OTA #209892 (Heartland)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (10) hours of community service.**
4. **Sandra Jones, OT #105823 (Dale)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (10) hours of community service.**
5. **Kristie McMurray, OT #113207 (Allen)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (10) hours of community service.**
6. **Doreen DeDeyn, OTA #212404 (McKinney)** - failed to properly renew license during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days + complete (13) additional CEs.**
7. **Kendra Crill, OTA #211392 (Wylie)** - failed to properly renew license by not completing an approved required course prior to renewal. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required (30) hours of community service.**
8. **Dahlya Shook, OT #114422 (Winnabow, NC)** - failed to properly renew license by not completing the required amount of continuing education prior to renewal. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days + complete (6.25) additional CEs.**
9. **Mary Smith, OT #120427 (Manchaca)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by practicing with an expired license and failed to update contact information. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.**
10. **Stephy Thota, OT #120865 (New Orleans, LA)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by practicing with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (15) days.**
11. **Brennon Fant, OTA #217615 (El Paso)** - failed to disclose criminal history on application for licensure. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (15) days.**

12. **Gabrielle McClain, OTA #217549 (Memphis, TN)** - failed to disclose criminal history on application for licensure. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
13. **Mary Larios, OTA #208871 (Corpus Christi)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to give sufficient notice of resignation resulting in loss or delay of patient treatment. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (60) days.***
14. **Elizabeth Laurie, OTA #212676 (Houston)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by intentionally making or filing a false or misleading report. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (60) days.***
15. **Karen Anderson, OT #120366 (San Antonio)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by intentionally making or filing a false or misleading report. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
16. **Donnal Goodwin, OTA #209855 (Livingston)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by intentionally making or filing a false or misleading report. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
17. **Michele Makamte Meteu, OTA #214740 (Killeen)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by intentionally making or filing a false or misleading report. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
18. **Kimberly Willman, OTA #207094 (Robinson)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by intentionally making or filing a false or misleading report. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
19. **Angela La Manna, OT #108616 (San Antonio)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by using drugs to an extent that affects license holder's professional competence and concealing information to violations which could therefore result in harm to the public health and welfare or damage the reputation of the profession. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order accepted the surrender of license to practice in lieu of other disciplinary action.***