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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

**F I N A L M I N U T E S**

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**

TIME: 10:29 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

June 1, 2023

1                    State Board of Occupational Therapy  
2                    Education and Licensure  
3                    June 1, 2023  
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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8 Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson  
9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
11 Joanne M. Baird, Ph.D., OTR/L, Vice Chair  
12 Edward J. Mihelcic, Ph.D., OTR/L - Absent  
13 Lisa Livingston, MS, OTR/L, SCDCM, Secretary - Absent  
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16 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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18 Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief  
19 Counsel, Counsel Division, Department of State  
20 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
21 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel  
22 Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
23 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
24 Liaison  
25 Paul Keller, Board Administrator  
26 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of  
27 Chief Counsel, Department of State  
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30 ALSO PRESENT:  
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32 Christine Daeschner, MOT, OTR/L, President,  
33 Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association  
34 Scott Yeager, Outreach Manager, Pennie  
35 Derek Richmond  
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State Board of Occupational Therapy  
Education and Licensure

June 1, 2023

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
at 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive  
Session with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
deliberations on a number of matters currently  
pending before the Board and to receive the advice of  
counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:29  
a.m.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure  
was held on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Kerri L. Hample,  
OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, officially called the  
meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

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Introduction of Board Members/Attendees  
[Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, requested  
an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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Adoption of Agenda

1 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

2                   Can I have a motion to adopt the  
3                   agenda?

4 DR. BAIRD:

5                   I move to adopt the agenda.

6 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

7                   Second?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9                   Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

11                   Roll call.

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13                   Hample, aye; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Approval of Minutes

17 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

18                   We'll move to approval of the minutes.

19                   Any discussion on the minutes from  
20                   March 8, 2023? Hearing none.

21                   Can I have a motion to approve  
22                   those minutes?

23 DR. BAIRD:

24                   I move to approve the minutes.

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

1 Second?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

5 Roll call.

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7 Hample, aye; Claggett, abstain; Baird,  
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett abstained from  
10 voting on the motion.]

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12 Appointment - Pennsylvania Insurance Department -  
13 Pennie Health Insurance Presentation

14 [Scott Yeager, Outreach Manager, Pennie, presented to  
15 the Board to provide information about the  
16 Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority,  
17 commonly known as Pennie, which is the official  
18 health insurance marketplace in the Commonwealth of  
19 Pennsylvania.

20 Mr. Yeager stated Pennie launched November 1,  
21 2020, and was signed into law through a unanimous  
22 bipartisan piece of legislation. He noted the main  
23 goal was to establish a health insurance exchange for  
24 Pennsylvania. He reported that 607,000 individuals  
25 and families in Pennsylvania are uninsured and want

1 to make them aware that Pennie is available to  
2 provide an option for affordable protection.

3 Mr. Yeager reported 90 percent of Pennie  
4 customers qualify for some form of financial  
5 assistance through the marketplace. He noted  
6 financial assistance is provided by way of advanced  
7 premium tax credits to reduce the monthly premium,  
8 along with cost-sharing reductions aligned with  
9 silver plans to reduce copays, deductibles, and  
10 coinsurance.

11 Mr. Yeager stated Pennie has several health  
12 insurance carriers and multiple plan options in a  
13 quality and affordable manner. He reported one out  
14 of four Pennie customers pay less than \$1 a day, 14  
15 percent of customers pay less than \$1 a month, and 40  
16 percent pay less than \$75 a month. He mentioned that  
17 Pennie is helping individuals who may make a little  
18 too much to qualify for Medical Assistance.

19 Mr. Yeager addressed Pennie's open enrollment  
20 period from November 1 to January 15, noting it also  
21 has a special enrollment period open yearlong for  
22 individuals who have a qualifying life event and  
23 provided a list of qualifying events. He addressed  
24 their no wrong door policy with the Department of  
25 Human Services for a warm transfer process between

1 the agencies.

2 Mr. Yeager addressed a program called the Path to  
3 Pennie, which is a partnership between Pennie and the  
4 Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to help uninsured  
5 tax filers in Pennsylvania. He explained that Form  
6 REV-1882 could be completed and attached to their  
7 state tax return and then the Pennsylvania Department  
8 of Revenue securely shares that individual or  
9 family's information with Pennie. He noted Pennie  
10 then sets up an account, informs the individual of  
11 their eligibility for financial assistance, and  
12 connects them with resources to help them receive  
13 insurance.

14 Mr. Yeager noted Pennie created a qualifying life  
15 event in anticipation of the ending of continuous  
16 coverage under Medical Assistance, where individuals  
17 who make 150 percent or less of the federal poverty  
18 limit and who do not qualify for Medical Assistance  
19 can explore options at Pennie.

20 Mr. Yeager addressed continuous coverage for  
21 Medicaid, noting the Department of Human Services  
22 resumed the redetermination process on April 1, 2023,  
23 where many individuals may not qualify, and  
24 encouraged everyone to inform individuals of Pennie  
25 to keep people protected.

1 Mr. Yeager noted help could be found at  
2 pennie.com and 844-844-8040, along with local  
3 assistance through Pennie's assistor network that  
4 provides free customer education and help to guide  
5 people along the path to protection. He also noted  
6 Pennie has brokers and a customer service team over  
7 chat.

8 Mr. Yeager encouraged everyone to share the  
9 information and carry their message into communities  
10 and professional circles. He noted Pennie also has  
11 toolkits and other resources available to help people  
12 connect with Pennie and welcomed everyone to join  
13 their workgroup the second Friday of every month.

14 Chair Hample thanked Mr. Yeager for the  
15 presentation.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 [Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief  
19 Counsel, Counsel Division, Department of State,  
20 provided the final-form rulemaking for 16A-679  
21 regarding the child abuse reporting requirements  
22 regulation. She noted the Board did not receive any  
23 comments on the proposed rulemaking published in  
24 October 2022 for the 30-day comment period or from  
25 the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).

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2 Ms. Montgomery referred to the annex on page 22,  
3 noting part of a sentence was dropped in the proposed  
4 rulemaking regarding the process for getting the  
5 exemption from the required child abuse mandated  
6 reporter training, where it ended on the word  
7 "course." She noted it did not have the option "or  
8 if warranted, submit additional documentation in  
9 support of their request for an exemption" but  
10 informed Board members that she added the phrase in  
11 the final-form rulemaking.

12 Ms. Montgomery also informed Chair Hample that  
13 she corrected her credentials on the document.

14 Chair Hample asked whether the regulation would  
15 be going through the whole process again from the  
16 beginning.

17 Ms. Montgomery explained the process from the  
18 Office of General Counsel to the final rulemaking  
19 being published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and  
20 ultimately codified in the Pennsylvania Code.]

21 MS. MONTGOMERY:

22 Does anyone have any questions?

23 Hearing none.

24 It would be appropriate for the  
25 Chair to entertain a motion to

1 promulgate the final-form rulemaking as  
2 drafted.

3 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

4 Could I have a motion?

5 DR. BAIRD:

6 I move.

7 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

8 Second?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

12 Roll call.

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14 Hample, aye; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of Board Prosecution

18 [Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Prosecution

19 Liaison, had no formal report from prosecution but

20 offered to answer any questions.]

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22 Report of Board Chairperson - No report

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24 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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1 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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3 Miscellaneous - American Occupational Therapy

4 Association Conference Update

5 [Joanne M. Baird, Ph.D., OTR/L, Vice Chair, expressed  
6 appreciation for supporting her attendance at the  
7 American Occupational Therapy Association Conference.  
8 She noted submitting the materials related to the  
9 presentation that AOTA provided at that session with  
10 the focus on school-based services for the Board's  
11 review.

12 Chair Hample suggested providing POTA with access  
13 to the information because they are also working on  
14 school-based guidelines.]

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16 Adjournment

17 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

18 Motion to adjourn?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

22 Second?

23 DR. BAIRD:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

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The motion to adjourn carries. We'll see you all September 21.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting.



Derek Richmond,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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