Oregon OT Licensing Board SPECIAL Board Meeting – October 21, 2025

Video Conference

PUBLIC Board Minutes

The Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board held a board meeting on Friday, October 21, 2025, at 3:31pm via video conference. Board members in attendance: Board Chair Whitney Hooker, OTR/L, CLT; public member and Vice Chair Ellen Stauder; public member, Elise Dorris; Heather McCarthy, OTR/L; Lisa Grebisz, COTA/L. Nancy Schuberg, Executive Director; Board and Angela Hunt, AAG.

Executive Session: In accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(1) which allows the Board to meet in Executive Session on matters to consider information obtained as part of complaints and disciplinary investigations.

1. Disciplinary/Investigations/Complaints:

The following cases were considered:

- <u>2025-03</u> New
- <u>2025-07</u> New

PUBLIC SESSION: The Executive session was adjourned, and the meeting was brought back to public session at 4:53pm. All votes were taken in public session.

2. Motions from Executive Session:

Case 2025-03:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Stauder AND SECONDED BY Elise Dorris to find one or more violations of board statutes or rules and impose discipline as directed by the board.

Board Member votes: Elise Dorris: Aye Ellen Stauder: Aye Whitney Hooker: Aye Heather McCarthy: Aye Lisa Grebisz: Aye

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Stauder AND SECONDED BY Elise Dorris to provide authority to the Executive Director to settle the case within the direction of the board.

Board Member votes: Elise Dorris: Aye Ellen Stauder: Aye Whitney Hooker: Aye Heather McCarthy: Aye Lisa Grebisz: Aye

THE MOTIONS PASSED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.

Case 2025-07:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Stauder AND SECONDED BY Elise Dorris to find one or more violations of board statutes or rules and impose discipline as directed by the board.

Board Member votes: Elise Dorris: Aye Ellen Stauder: Aye Whitney Hooker: Aye Heather McCarthy: Aye Lisa Grebisz: Aye

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Stauder AND SECONDED BY Elise Dorris to provide authority to the Executive Director to settle the case within the direction of the board.

Board Member votes: Elise Dorris: Aye Ellen Stauder: Aye Whitney Hooker: Aye Heather McCarthy: Aye Lisa Grebisz: Aye

THE MOTIONS PASSED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.

3. RULEMAKING - Proposed Rule Adoption:

The Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) addresses licensure portability for service members and their spouses, creating a standardized pathway for acquiring a new covered occupational license in a new jurisdiction when there is a change in station for the service member. This law was recently updated in December 2024. Proposed rule adoption:

339-010-0047 Servicemember, Spouse or Domestic Partner SCRA Practice Permit

- (1) If a servicemember or the spouse or domestic partner of a servicemember has a covered license as defined in section (3) of this rule and relocates residence because such servicemember receives military orders for military service in Oregon, such covered license shall be considered valid for the scope of practice in Oregon if such servicemember, or the spouse or domestic partner submits to the Oregon Occupational Therapy Board an application described in section (2).
- (2) An application described in this subsection includes the following:
 - (a) Proof of military orders in Oregon described in section (1).
- (b) If the applicant is the spouse or domestic partner of a servicemember, a copy of the marriage certificate.
- (c) Fingerprints submitted in a format prescribed by the board for the purposes of a background check.
 - (d) A notarized affidavit affirming, under the penalty of law, that:
 - (A) the applicant is the person described and identified in the application;
 - (B) all statements made in the application are true and correct and complete;
- (C) the applicant has read and understands the requirements to receive a license, and the scope of practice, in Oregon;
- (D) the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and shall comply with requirements described in subparagraph (C);

- (E) the applicant is in good standing in all States in which the applicant holds or has held a license; and
 - (F) the applicant holds a covered license as defined in section (3).
- (3) The term "covered license" means a professional license that, with respect to a scope of practice, that:
 - (a) is in good standing with the licensing authority that issued such license;
 - (b) has not been revoked or had discipline imposed by any State;
- (c) does not have an investigation relating to unprofessional conduct pending in any State relating to it; and
- (d) has not been voluntarily surrendered while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in any State.
- (4) A person qualified for authorization to practice under this rule is not required to apply under this rule and may apply for any other applicable form of licensure for which they qualify, including the temporary license for military spouse or domestic partner under OAR 339-010-0045.
- (5) A permit issued under this rule is valid for the duration of the military orders and will expire based on the date of the military orders as long as the covered license is maintained active and in good standing. A person authorized to practice under this rule is responsible for providing the Board the military orders ending military service in Oregon.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Stauder AND SECONDED BY Elise Dorris TO initiate rulemaking.

Elise Dorris: Aye Ellen Stauder: Aye Whitney Hooker: Aye Heather McCarthy: Aye Lisa Grebisz: Aye

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.

4. ADJOURNMENT: The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:59pm

Nancy Schuberg, Executive Director. October 21, 2025