

**Mission:** To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice and assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.

# OTLB News



Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

June 2019

## BOARD MEMBERS

- Sybil Hedrick Park, OTR/L, CHT, CSCS, Board Chair
- Max Perkins, OTR/L
- Kari Hill, COTA/L
- Erion Moore, Public Member, Vice Chair
- Clyde Jenkins, Public Member

## BOARD STAFF

- Nancy Schuberg  
Executive Director
- Rachel Cillo  
Licensing Specialist

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## 2019 Legislative Session: Down to the wire

Here is the latest update on the bills the Board has been following. The legislature is constitutionally required to end the session in June. *Sine die* is June 30th.

**HB 5022** – OTLB 2019-21 Budget bill - **Passed**. *No fee increase anticipated.*

**HB 2011A** – Requires Licensees to complete Cultural Competency CE. **Passed**. Takes effect 7/1/21.

**HB 3030**: Creates new law that allows the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the US stationed in this state, who hold a valid license for the same occupation in another state, to be approved to practice in this state under the issuing state's license for as long as the spouse is deployed in Oregon. **Passed**. Takes effect 1/1/20

**HB 2454** – Allows out-of-state applicant seeking an occupational license in Oregon more time to meet Oregon standards if applicant is already licensed in another state and is seeking to work in Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region. **Passed 1<sup>st</sup> chamber; referred out of 2<sup>nd</sup> chamber to rules without recommendation as to passage. At President's desk awaiting referral.**

**SB 808** – Requires licensee to complete CE on Suicide Risk Assessment, treatment & mgmt. (3-6 hours, each 6 years). Completion must be reported to the board. **First chamber do pass recommendation with subsequent referral to rules 4/15.**

**SB 854A**: Directs professional licensing boards, in certain circumstances, to accept individual tax payer identification number or other federally-issued identification number in lieu of a Social Security number on the application for issuance or renewal of authorization to practice occupation or profession. (*Effective for all apps received after 1/1/2020*). **Passed**.

**SB 855A**: Directs professional licensing boards to study manner in which persons who are immigrants or refugees become authorized to practice occupation or profession. **Passed**.

**SB 742**: Allows Health Licensing Office to issue licenses to engage in practice of athletic training to qualified applicant. **Passed**.



## *OTLB honors Linda; Welcomes new OT member, Max!*

At the May 3rd board meeting, Board Chair **Linda Harthun Smith** was honored for her 8 years of service. Linda's first term began on 6/15/11 and her final term ended on 6/14/19.

With over 40 years experience in several practice settings, her contributions to the board and the profession were countless. Her experience is evident in all she does.

With much gratitude we thank her for all her dedication and hard work and wish her the best on her next endeavors.

**Max Perkins, OTR/L** was appointed by the Governor and approved by the legislature on 3/20. His official start date was June 15th.

Max has served the Occupational Therapy profession for over 35 years in every practice setting except pediatrics and home health. He enjoys teaching and has taught students as an adjunct professor at Pacific since 2017. He has developed and teaches nationally, a CE course on Cognitive/Memory Changes through the Aging Process. Max's extensive clinical/management background will serve the board extremely well. Welcome Max!

With Linda's departure, OT member Sybil Hedrick Park will assume the role of Board Chair and public member Erion Moore will become Vice Chair of the Board.

### *New Database Coming Soon*

The OTLB is moving away from its 20 year old database. The transition is scheduled to begin in November of this year. The new database will allow new applicants to submit applications online and to pay by credit card. Applicants will also be able to interface with the system so they can check their application status online. Licensees will be able to update their contact information, and record their continuing education.

As we make these improvements, we will do our best to ensure the transition goes smoothly with as little disruptions as possible.



OT Board Members: Linda Harthun Smith (outgoing) and Max Perkins (incoming).

### *News from Linn Benton CC*

The OT Assistant Program at Linn-Benton Community College has finished another banner year. In December, the program was granted ACOTE re-accreditation for the next 7 years, which is the average period of re-accreditation for OTA programs. The OTA Program is also proud to announce that the curriculum and field-work components of the program were especially commended, with no areas of non-compliance or in need of suggestions.

There have been a few faculty changes this year. Former OTLB Board member Mashelle Painter, MEd, CO-TA/L has been appointed to serve as the new Program Director. There is an opening for a full-time faculty position, beginning Fall 2019. Individuals who are interested can view the position and apply through this link: <https://www.jobs.linnbenton.edu/postings/8777>

In addition, the OTA Program Advisory Board has vacant seats that are open for new members. Meetings are held 3 times per year via video conference and members serve the board for a two year term. OT practitioners and employers of OT practitioners who are interested in serving are encouraged to contact Mashelle Painter for more information at [paintem@linnbenton.edu](mailto:paintem@linnbenton.edu).

**WHAT'S COMING UP**

July 26, 2019 Board Meeting  
 Oct 4-5, 2019 OTAO Conference @ Chinook Winds.  
 November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

**State Holiday Closure Schedule**

**2019**  
 July 4 Independence Day  
 Sept. 2 Labor Day  
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day  
 Nov. 28 Thanksgiving  
 Nov. 29 Day after TG  
 Dec. 25 Christmas

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**Have you completed your Pain Management CE?**

Send an e-mail to [board staff](#) when you have completed the one-time pain management requirement. Give the date and class(es) you took for the six hour + one hour online requirement. For a list of providers on the OTLB website: [click here](#).

The legislative requirement is due within 2 years of licensure.

If you are not sure if you have completed the requirement, or would like more information, send an email to [board staff](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: 2019 OTAO Conference**

**October 4-5** at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Oregon Licensee Count**

As of 6/25/19

**OT's: 2,260**  
**OTA's: 541**  
**Total: 2,801**

**Number of actively licensed OT's & OTA's by State (AOTA 2019)**

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**School-Based OT Practitioners—OTAO needs you!**

Read how you can help:

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Self-reporting Requirements**

If you are arrested you must notify the Board within **10 working days** of a conviction of a misdemeanor, or an arrest for or conviction of a felony. OAR 339-010-0020 (5)(d).



**Did your legal name change?**

**To change your name:** Go to [www.oregon.gov/otlb](http://www.oregon.gov/otlb) for the name change form or send an email to [board staff](#). Email or fax us the legal document showing the name change. OAR 339-010-0018

**Are You Moving?**

**Change your contact information within 30 days:** Go to [www.oregon.gov/otlb](http://www.oregon.gov/otlb) and complete the address change form or send an email to [board staff](#). OAR 339-010-0018

**To order a verification to be sent to another state:** email [board staff](#) and give the exact address where it needs to be sent. **There is No Charge.** We do not need their form. We will email you back when it is done.