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SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Board Member(s) Present

Richard Bookwalter – President
Sharon Pavlovich – Vice President
Laura Hayth – Secretary
Denise Miller

Board Staff Present

Heather Martin, Executive Officer
Jeff Hanson, Enforcement Manager
Jody Quesada, Analyst
Reza Pejuhesh, Legal Counsel

2:00 pm – Board Meeting

1. Call to order, roll call and establishment of a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., roll was called, a quorum was established. Jeff Ferro and Beata Morcos were absent.

2. Finding of necessity for Special Meeting.

The Board will determine whether the delay necessitated by providing notice 10 days prior to a meeting as required by Government Code Section 11125 would cause substantial hardship on the body or that immediate action is required to protect the public interest.

Vice President Sharon Pavlovich reminded all in attendance that Government Code section 11125.4 requires the Board make a finding that the delay necessitated by providing 10-days' notice prior to today's meeting would cause a substantial hardship on the Board or that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. Since AB 2221 is a bill that proposes to make significant changes to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act and protection of the public interest requires that the Board thoroughly consider the changes proposed in AB 2221, it is necessary the Board advises the author of the bill on any issues, if any, the Board identifies in AB 2221. Substantial hardship will result if the Board does not have an opportunity to fully discuss the bill and advise the bill's author prior to the bill possibly becoming law, and the Board being required to enforce the new legislation. Thus, there is a finding of necessity for the Board to hold a Special Meeting.

- Sharon Pavlovich moved that a special meeting of the Board must occur so the Board can discuss AB 2221 and OTAC's new proposed amendments in order for the Board to take a position on the bill and advise the author's office prior to it being heard in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Senate B&P) the following Monday.
- Laura Hayth seconded the motion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VOTES	Richard Bookwalter	Sharon Pavlovich	Jeff Ferro	Laura Hayth	Denise Miller	Beata Morcos
	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y	Absent

The motion passed.

3. **Public Comment session for items not on the agenda.**

The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment session, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).)

There was no public comment.

4. **Discussion, and potential action and/or position related to Assembly Bill 2221 (Bloom) relating to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.**

President Richard Bookwalter summarized the Board’s previous position of ‘Oppose Unless Amended’ with the specified amendments.

Mr. Bookwalter stated that following the May 31 – June 1, 2018, Board meeting, Ivan Altamura of Capitol Advocacy invited the Board to participate in discussions regarding AB 2221 along with staff from Senator Bloom’s office, OTAC, AOTA, and staff from Senate B&P to discuss the Board’s concerns. Mr. Bookwalter reported that the meeting took place June 19, 2018.

The discussion resulted in a two-page document that was provided for this meeting.

Mr. Bookwalter reported that OTAC and AOTA agreed the language regarding the OTD would be added back in the bill and the Board’s concerns from the May 31 – June 1, 2018, meeting, were addressed.

Mr. Bookwalter stated that the changes were not in bill format yet but the amendments constituted a promise to make the changes.

Ms. Miller commented that she was glad to hear that meeting was positive and fruitful and agreed with the proposed changes.

Ms. Hayth and Ms. Pavlovich appreciated that all of the Board’s concerns were addressed.

- Laura Hayth moved to ‘Support’ AB 2221 if the amendments to the bill are made as presented.
- Sharon Pavlovich seconded the motion.

Ms. Miller commented she does not support the motion because there is not a full Board present which doesn’t allow a discussion by the full Board.

Public Comment

Lauren Lopez, OTAC thanked the Board for their consideration and stated that OTAC is looking forward to further collaboration.

VOTES	Richard Bookwalter	Sharon Pavlovich	Jeff Ferro	Laura Hayth	Denise Miller	Beata Morcos
	Y	Y	Absent	Y	N	Absent

The motion passed.

- Laura Hayth moved to direct the Executive Officer to draft a letter reflecting the Board's position on AB 2221 that will be reviewed by the Board President or someone of his choosing for approval.
- Denise Miller seconded the motion.

VOTES	Richard Bookwalter	Sharon Pavlovich	Jeff Ferro	Laura Hayth	Denise Miller	Beata Morcos
	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y	Absent

The motion passed.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.