



LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

Committee Members Present

Richard Bookwalter, OT, Board President/Chair
 Lynna Do, Board Member
 Christine Wietlisbach, OT, Board Member

Board Staff Present

Heather Martin, Executive Officer
 Rachael Hutchison, Analyst

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

11:00 am – Committee Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m., roll was called and a quorum was established.

2. Chairperson opening remarks.

Board President/Committee Chair Richard Bookwalter noted that the agenda had been compiled by using keyword searches online to find relevant legislation, however, he welcomed any bills from the other committee members and members of the public that they found relevant.

3. Introductions by all Committee Members.

Board Member/Committee Member Christine Wietlisbach introduced herself. She noted that this was her first Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting as she had just been appointment to the committee.

Board Secretary/Committee Member Lynna Do introduced herself. She noted that she has been on the committee for a while, however they hadn't held a meeting in a long time.

Mr. Bookwalter introduced himself as the Board President/Committee Chair. He works for Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco with a focus on durable medical equipment and some nursing home rehabilitation oversight.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

5. Discussion and development of possible recommendations to Board on the following newly introduced bills:

- a) AB 2725, Teacher credentialing: occupational and physical therapists.**
The committee members recommended that the Board consider supporting AB 2725.

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to support AB 2725.

Public Comment

Samia Rafeedie, President-Elect Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC), confirmed that OTAC worked hard on AB 2725 and were grateful for the committee's support.

There were no additional committee member remarks.

There were no additional public comments.

- b) AB 2753, Rehabilitative and habilitative services: durable medical equipment and services.**

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to watch AB 2753.

There were no additional committee member remarks.

There were no public comments.

- c) AB 3137, Department of Consumer Affairs.**

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to watch AB 3137.

There were no additional committee member remarks.

There were no public comments.

- d) AB 3169, Health facilities.**

The committee agreed to remove AB 3169 from the watch list and report that recommendation to the Board.

There were no additional committee member remarks.

There were no public comments.

- e) SB 1290, Health care coverage: essential health benefits.**

Ms. Wietlisbach noted that she would look for the Board of Behavioral Sciences' bill analysis and would report back.

The committee agreed to table the discussion regarding SB 1290 until the next Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee meeting on April 24, 2024.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

f) SB 1423, Medi-Cal: critical access hospitals.

The committee agreed to remove SB 1423 from the watch list and report that recommendation to the Board.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

g) SB 1432, Health facilities.

The committee agreed to remove SB 1432 from the watch list and report that recommendation to the Board.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

6. Discussion and development of possible recommendations to Board on the following two-year bills:

a) AB 47, Pelvic floor physical therapy coverage, and Board's position letter.

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to watch AB 47.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

b) AB 381, Teacher credentialing: services credential with a specialization in health: occupational and physical therapists, and Board's position letter.

The Board submitted a letter of support on January 26, 2023, for AB 381, however the bill died on January 31, 2024. AB 2725 is the new bill and it was discussed in agenda item 5.

The committee agreed to bring the letter of support to the May 2024 Board meeting to remind the Board of their previous position.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

c) AB 796, Athletic trainers, the Board's position letter and Medical Board of California's position letter.

There were no amendments to AB 796, however, the committee did expect one to be made in the near future.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

d) AB 1028, Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters.

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to watch AB 1028.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

e) AB 1612, Clinics: licensure.

The committee agreed to remove AB 1612 from the watch list and report that recommendation to the Board.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

f) SB 802, Licensing board: disqualification form licensure: criminal conviction.

The committee agreed to remove SB 802 from the watch list and report that recommendation to the Board.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

7. Legislative Items for a Future Meeting. The Committee may discuss other items of legislation in sufficient detail to determine whether such items should be on a future Committee meeting agenda.

Mr. Bookwalter announced that if any of the committee members or members of the public had recommendations for legislative items for a future meeting, they should forward the information to the Executive Officer Heather Martin.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

8. Discussion on scheduling time(s) for future meetings.

The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee agreed to meet again on April 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

There were no additional committee member remarks.
There were no public comments.

Meeting adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.