



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

**Department of Consumer Affairs
1st Floor Hearing Room (South #102)
1625 North Market Blvd.,
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Board Members Present

Beata Morcos – Board President
Christine Wietlisbach – Board Vice President
Ada Boone Hoerl – Board Secretary
Luis Arabit
Matthew Greco
Virginia Santos
Erin Schwier

Board Staff Present

Austin Porter – Executive Officer
Karina Clark – Analyst
Helen Geoffroy – Board Attorney

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Board Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Secretary Ada Boone Hoerl called roll and a quorum was established.

2. President's Remarks – Informational Only; no Board Action to be taken.

Board President Beata Morcos thanked the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) staff for hosting the Board meeting and thanked the staff that assisted in making the Board meeting possible.

President Morcos instructed the Board members to state their motions clearly as the meeting minutes must accurately reflect the motion.

There were no Board member remarks.
There were no public comments.

3. Board Member Remarks – Informational Only; no Board Action to be taken.

Board Secretary Ada Boone Hoerl reported that student access to NBCOT is improving and she thanked the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) for their support.

No other Board member comments.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

Samia Rafeedie, OTR/L President of Occupational Therapy Association of California, (OTAC) thanked the Board and introduced herself.

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

5. Review and vote on approval of December 5, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

There were no comments from the Board members.

- Christine Wietlisbach moved to approve the December 5, 2025, minutes.
- Ada Boone Hoerl seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Yes
Erin Schwier	Yes

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

The motion carried.

6. Update from Administrative Committee.

Executive Officer (EO) Austin Porter stated that the Administrative Committee had assumed the role of Ad Hoc Committee for the Sunset Report. He reported that the committee drafted their opening statement for the hearing and the hearing date was March 24, 2026.

Board member Matthew Greco requested the name of the committee and location of the hearing.

EO Porter stated that the hearing would be conducted by the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee, which includes the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and the Senate Committee on Business Professions and Economic Development. The hearing location would be held at 1021 O Street, Room 1100 Sacramento, CA.

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

7. Review and vote on acceptance of the April 5, 2025, Practice Committee.

The Chair of the Practice Committee, Christine Wietlisbach, gave a brief overview of the key items discussed at the Practice Committee meeting on April 5, 2025. The committee met to discuss the required training and education hours for occupational therapists applying for advanced practice approval in hand therapy with input from Teresa Brininger, Director of Accreditation, ACOTE.

Ms. Brininger clarified for the committee that the current ACOTE standards do not include language to support that entry-level graduates are currently receiving education in surgical procedures of the upper extremity and their postoperative course. She recommended that the Board submit a request to ACOTE to include such a standards in the next version..

- Ada Boone Hoerl, moved to approve the April 5, 2025, Practice Committee minutes.
- Christine Wietlisbach seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Yes
Erin Schwier	Yes

There were no Board member remarks.
There were no public comments.

The motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on Letter from the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) to the Accreditation Council on Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) regarding inclusion of “surgical procedures of the upper extremity and their post-operative course” as an education standard.

Samia Rafeedie, OTAC President, thanked Vice President Christine Wietlisbach for clarifying which parts of the upper extremities were discussed during the Practice Committee meeting on April 5, 2025. Ms. Rafeedie asked if the Board would consider amending its letter to include those specific areas of the body.

Vice President Wietlisbach agreed and recommended that the Board revise its letter to specify that the upper extremity, as it pertains to advanced practice in CA, includes the hand, wrist, and forearm.

Board Secretary, Ada Boone Hoerl agreed to revising the letter to ensure full support of what the Board is seeking from ACOTE. Board members Luis Arabit and Vicky Santos concurred.

Board staff was directed to make the requested edits to the letter and bring them to the next meeting for approval to submit to ACOTE.

Ms. Rafeedie announced that would begin work on new accreditation standards in 2028, and that the letter should be submitted before then.

Erin Schwier stated that depending on ACOTE's interpretive guides, there may be a way to enhance the current standard before a full iteration of new standards goes into effect.

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

9. Presentation from the Office of Professional Examination Services on the Exam Validation Process.

Amy Welch Gandy, MA, Chief of the Office of Professional Examination Services, (OPES) introduced herself to the Board.

Ms. Welch Gandy gave a presentation and overview of the services OPES provides and how the office would facilitate a contracted Occupational Analysis and National Exam Review for the Board. Key points included the following:

OPES would conduct a review of OTR and COTA professional exams to evaluate the acceptability of using the OTR and COTA for making professional licensure decisions in California. OPES would evaluate documentation and information about the California and national occupational analyses of the occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant professions, examination development procedures, passing score procedures, test administration, statistical performance of examinations, and examination security methods.

Matthew Greco asked why OPES asks to review national passing rates and how the passing rate information is used. Ms. Welch Gandy explained that the passing rate information is used to obtain a general sense of whether the current test is too hard or too easy for applicants. The pass rates obtained from the National Exam are collected for the test population as a whole and for the subset of California test takers.

Public Comment

Cesar Arada, OTR/L, San Jose State University introduced himself, he further stated NBCOT provides psychometric testing that is being discussed and wanted to provide this knowledge to the Board.

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

10. Regulatory Update.

EO Austin Porter provided a recap on how the Board had received regulatory updates from staff in the past and advised that a new regulatory tracker would be used going forward, which provided a more comprehensive picture of the stages a regulatory package goes through. The new tracker was included in the materials for this agenda item.

Mr. Porter introduced the Board's Regulatory Council, Deepi Miller, and thanked her for her assistance in creating the tracker. Mr. Porter gave an overview of the status of all of the Board's pending regulatory proposals that were listed on the tracker.

Vice President Wietlisbach thanked Mr. Porter and Deepi Miller for helping with creating the tracker, which makes it easier to review.

Deepi Miller explained to the Board that approval and changes to regulatory language will still follow the required public comment period of 45 days, which initiates the one-year deadline to have the final changes to Office of Administrative Affairs (OAL) and 15-day comment period for additional changes.

There were no Board member remarks.

There were no public comments.

11. Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking to amend Section 4101 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) (*Delegation of Certain Functions*).

EO A. Porter stated that the last time the Board discussed Section 4101 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) was on November 15, 2024, in relation to Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 820. BPC 820 authorizes the Board to order a mental or physical examination of any licensee whenever it appears they may be unable to practice safely. The Board delegates this authority to the Executive Officer under CCR Section 4101 to prevent Board members from having prior knowledge of any potential any future disciplinary. California Code of Regulations Section 4148 authorizes the "board" to order a physical or mental examination of an applicant. It was intended that this authority be similarly given to the Executive Officer. Mr. Porter advised that the word "board" could be considered ambiguous as to where that authority resides and is now requested that the Board update their motion to include the amended language to Section 4101 of Title 16 of the CCR, (Delegations of Functions), as presented.

Board Counsel, Helen Geoffroy explained that the reason why the word "board" was chosen for Section 4148 of title 16 of the CCR was because it means staff, and since the Board does not have access to initial application information, the word board was the most logical in this context.

EO Porter asked Helen Geoffrey if the word board would have to be in both Sections 4101 and 4148 title 16 of the CCR. Ms. Geoffrey stated it would make sense to keep it in both sections as it would make it clear that the Executive Officer would have the responsibility to request the physical or mental examination.

- Ada Boone Hoerl moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Sections 4101 and 4148 as presented, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Sections 4148

and 4101 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations as noticed, with the authority to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes.

- Matthew Greco seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Yes
Erin Schwier	Yes

Public Comment

Cesar Arada, OTR/L, San Jose State University, introduced himself and stated he felt that having a disclosure of mental health from applicants and licensees might be overreaching and felt it unnecessary, as there is already stigma in the OT field for anyone suffering from mental health conditions.

Vice President, Christine Wietlisbach responded to Mr. Arada by stating that there is no intent to preclude practitioners with mental health diagnosis from practicing, but rather to ensure that the mental health condition does not obstruct the ability to practice.

Attorney Helen Geoffrey stated that the reason for this agenda item was only to clarify the language on the regulation that “board” meant Executive Officer. Any discussion as to whether the Board should be considering mental health diagnoses as grounds to deny an applicant would need to be agendized for a future meeting, if the Board chooses.

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

The motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking to add Sections 4110.1 (*Application Attestation*) and 4122 (*Renewal Attestation*) to title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

EO Porter advised that on August 18, 2022, the Board approved regulatory language to add Sections 4110.1 and 4122 to title 16 of the CCR. However, recent efforts by board staff to move language through the regulatory process have shown that a robust motion to initiate a rulemaking is often necessary to effect the desired change, and the motion from 2022 may not provide adequate support for the rulemaking. Furthermore, the Board had originally approved the language adding Section 4110.1 as a separate motion from the approval of 4122 and had approved the language adding Section 4122 alongside additional language that would amend Section 4161 (Continuing Competency). In order to have a more robust motion for the record, and because the Board has sought additional changes to Section 4161 since sections 4110.1 and 4122 were approved, it would be prudent to initiate separate rulemakings for each issue.

Mr. Porter went on to explain that, because the language was coming back before the Board at this meeting, he and Regulatory Counsel had taken the opportunity to make technical changes to the language. He also requested that the Board consider whether the changes required the

addition of new code sections as previously discussed or if the changes could be implemented in existing code sections 4110 and 4120 as the language presented at the current meeting showed.

The Board agreed that the text for proposed section 4110.1 should be added to the existing section 4110 as subsection (d) and that the text for proposed section 4122 should be added to section 4120(a)(2).

- Erin Schwier moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Sections 4110(d) and 4120(a)(2) as presented, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Sections 4110(d) and 4120(a)(2) of Title 16, California Code of Regulations as noticed, with the authority to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes.
- Luis Arabit seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Absent
Erin Schwier	Yes

There were no additional Board member remarks.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking amend Section 4102 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) (*Change of Address and Change of Name*).

EO Austin Porter stated that CCR Section 4102 was previously brought before the Board in August 2023. The Board had originally looked at this code section to clarify the difference between “Address of Record” and “Residence” address and the requirements to report changes in either type of address to the Board. The language also included the requirements for reporting name changes and providing the Board with an email address, when available.

Mr. Porter explained that the proposed language being presented today was the same as what was approved in 2023, and was being brought back today as a formality as part of board staff’s efforts to restructure their pending regulatory packages. However, the Board was of course free to discuss and modify the language as it sees fit.

Ada Boone Hoerl expressed concern about licensees addresses being available to the public.

EO Porter stated that a licensee’s address of record is public information according to a more general BPC section than the Board’s Practice Act, and that they are made public via DCA’s website. Board Attorney Helen Geoffrey clarified that the Address of Record can be your business address and that is what would be available through DCA’s website, the “Residence Address” is private and not disclosed to public set by court order.

- Luis Arabit, moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Section 4102 as presented, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 4102 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations as noticed, with the authority to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes.
- Matthew Greco seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Absent
Erin Schwier	Yes

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

The motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking to amend Section 4162 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) (*Completion and Reporting Requirements*).

EO Austin Porter stated that CCR Section 4162 Completion and Reporting Requirements were previously brought before the Board in August of 2023.

Mr. Porter presented to the Board new edits to Section 4162 that aimed to make it straightforward for the practitioner and finalize the language. In addition to the changes that were made to the language that were made since 2023 and included in the materials, further edits were recommended and shown on screen to the Board members and the public.

The additional edits were:

- In subsection (b), “for four years from the end of the following the renewal period or in the case of a license delinquently renewed, from the date the renewal was completed.”
- In subsection (d), “records to the Board documenting completion”

- In subsection (e), “In addition to any citation, administrative fine, and/or disciplinary action issued by the Board pursuant to subsection (d), the Board may issue an abatement order to ~~Any occupational therapy practitioner who fails to demonstrate completion of the PDUs continuing competency requirements required for license renewal shall be ordered to complete the number of hours units needed to meet the required for renewal requirement.”~~
 - In subsection (f), “Any professional development units PDUs completed to”
 - In subsection (g), “Any occupational therapy practitioner who is involved participates in a structured”
 - In subsection (h), “Any occupational therapy practitioner who does receives structured mentoring with from an individual skilled in a particular practice area of occupational therapy or does provides structured mentoring to a colleague to improve his/her their skills, shall document”
- Christine Wietlisbach, moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Section 4162 as amended during the meeting, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 4162 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations as noticed, with the authority to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes.
 - Erin Schwier seconded the motion.

Board Member Vote

Beata Morcos	Yes
Christine Wietlisbach	Yes
Luis Arabit	Yes
Ada Boone Hoerl	Yes
Matthew Greco	Yes
Vicky Santos	Yes
Erin Schwier	Yes

There were no Board member remarks.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking to amend Sections 4180 (Definitions) and 4181 (Supervision Parameters) of title 16 of the CCR.

This agenda item was postponed until the following day and is discussed after agenda item 21.

PUBLIC HEARING

A reinstatement petition hearing for Anahit Khudagulyan began at 1:33 pm. The hearing concluded at 4:23 pm.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered closed session at 4:27 pm. To discuss disciplinary matters.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:35pm.
No other items of business were discussed or transacted by the Board.

RECESS

The meeting went into recess at 5:36 pm. until the next day.

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Board Staff Present

Austin Porter – Executive Officer
Karina Clark – Analyst
Helen Geoffroy – Board Attorney

Friday, February 27, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. Secretary Ada Boone Hoerl called roll and a quorum was established.

17. President's Remarks – Informational only; no Board action to be taken.

Board President Beata Morcos thanked the Department of Consumer Affairs and SOLID staff for hosting the Board meeting and thanked all the Board staff that assisted in making the meeting possible.

There were no Board member remarks.
There were no public comments

18. Board Member Remarks – Informational only; no Board action to be taken.

There were no Board member remarks.
There were no public comments.

19. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda.

Tianna Hazard, Occupational Therapy Assistant student at Sacramento City College, introduced herself.

Emma Lopez, Occupational Therapy Assistant student at Sacramento City College introduced herself.

Michelle Pettit, Occupational Therapy Assistant student at Sacramento City College introduced

herself.

Ariana Samaniego, Occupational Therapy Assistant student at Sacramento City College introduced herself.

Selena Aguilar, Occupational Therapy Assistant student at Sacramento City College, introduced herself.

Samia Rafeedie, President of the Occupational Therapy Association of California, thanked the Board and introduced herself.

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

20. Presentation from the Office of Human Resources on Executive Officer Evaluation Process.

Chatherine Bachiller, DCA Appointment and Recruitment Specialist, Office of Human Resources (OHR), introduced herself to the Board. She also introduced Stephanie Louie, Section Chief, Office of Human Resources. Ms. Bachiller gave an overview of the Executive Officer Annual Appraisal Process, to identify and understand the roles and responsibilities of the Board members.

- Annual appraisal helps establish clear expectations for the year ahead as well as the Executive Officer's accomplishments.
- The completed appraisal will become part of the EO's official personnel file and may be included in support of future salary adjustment requests.
- DCA recommends all Boards conduct the annual appraisal between October and December during a publicly noticed meeting.
- EO performance appraisal will be held in closed session and in accordance with Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act.
- Salary adjustment will be discussed after the evaluation and after consultation with OHR.
- EOs are considered exempt employees and are not entitled to merit-based salary increases. Any salary or level increase for an EO must be formally requested.
- Increase in salary must be effective no sooner than twelve months from the EO's last salary increase.
- To avoid unnecessary delays, salary increase requests should align with CalHR's established parameters. CalHR has the final approval authority.
- The Board President, at the Board meeting where the appraisal is conducted, will speak to the reasons a salary and/or level increase for EO is being pursued.
- The Board President, with assistance from EO and staff, is responsible for documenting the changes that justify the increase in a formal justification form submitted to OHR.

The Board asked whether EOs receive cost-of-living increases for EO. Ms. Bachiller advised the Board that salary increases for exempt employees require a formal request from the Board.

There were no Board member remarks.

There were no public comments.

21. Presentation from Tammy Richmond MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, FATA, on artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare.

Ms. Tammy Richmond MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, FATA introduced herself and gave an overview of her presentation. Ms. Richmond was concerned about Assembly Bill AB 489, Health Care Professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence, which passed in November 2025, and how it may alter the OT profession.

The content of Ms. Richmond’s presentation is available in the meeting materials

Christine Wietlisbach thanked Tammy Richmond for her presentation. She asked Ms. Richmond to give some examples of how AI would affect occupational therapy as a profession. Ms. Richmond elaborated on the current Agentic AI development at Kennedy, where a discussion ensued about sensory diets and the program creators only asked for direction from a dietician, which left occupational therapy profession out of the loop. Ms. Richmond stated that the Board should be paying attention to how much we may have to give up to some of these AI companies and how it may affect the profession.

Board President, Beata Morcos thanked Ms. Richmond for her presentation.

Public Comment

Wendy Nielson, OTR/L, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Sacramento City College, thanked the Board and Tammy Richmond for her presentation on AI. Ms. Nielson, volunteered to be part of the Ad-Hoc Committee on AI, when formed.

Jana King, SEIU United Healthcare Workers West, introduced herself to the Board, thanked the Board and Tammy Richmond for her presentation. She stated she represents about 20,000 allied healthcare workers throughout the State of California.

There were no additional Board member remarks.

There were no additional public comments.

15. (Carried over from previous day) Discussion and possible action to consider initiation of a rulemaking to amend Section 4180 (*Definitions*) and 4181 (*Supervision Parameters*) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

President Morcos asked Ada Boone Hoerl, who had served on the committee that helped develop the proposed language, for clarification on the purpose for including the phrase “at any one time” on only certain subdivisions of subsections (d) and (g).

Secretary Hoerl clarified that the intention behind the language was to allow for supervision of individuals from the other categories while those in a specific category may not be actively engaged in client care.

Erin Schwier provided further clarification that level I students are not generally directly involved with patient care, as they are in primarily functioning in an observational capacity.

Vice President Wietlisbach pointed out that the language did specify level I students directly engaged in client related tasks.

Erin Schwier agreed that that language was still important to have, in the event that a level I student may engage in client care incidentally, and that close supervision should be exercised in those cases.

Deepi Miller asked the Board for clarification on whether subsection (d) and (g) were limiting licensees to supervising three total individuals or three total categories from their respective subdivision.

Discussion culminated in the Board's recommendation that the phrase "at any one time" be added directly to (d) and (g) so that it would apply to all categories of supervisees. It was also recommended that the language be modified to make it clear that the limit was three total individuals from any combination of the categories of supervisees.

Public Comment

Samia Rafeedie, OTAC President asked about CCR Section 4181 (Supervision Parameters), subsection (g), not showing "rehabilitation aides" on the list of supervisees. This was part of the discussion with the Board in November of 2024. EO Porter agreed and thanked Ms. Rafeedie for reminding the Board. "Aides" would be added to the list.

Ms. Rafeedie, also asked if a motion had been made for the agreement to add a definition on direct supervision, as agreed in the November 2024 meeting to align with the definition used in the ACOTE Standards.

EO Porter asked the Board if adding the definition to CCR Section 4180, subsection (d) would be agreed upon, as direct supervision is referenced in that section.

Regulatory Council, Deepi Miller agreed the definition of direct supervision should be added to CCR Section 4180, sub-section (d) to include "direct insight supervision for faculty led work". Ms. Miller agreed to work with EO Porter on the language so it could be presented to the Board for a motion at a later meeting.

Ultimately, the Board decided that the proposed language should be revised by the Executive Officer and Regulatory Counsel and be brought back to the next meeting.

There were no further Board member remarks.
There were no additional public comments.

22. Discussion on Assembly Bill (AB) 489, Bonta, Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence. Discussion may include how to adopt regulations to implement this bill and the benefits of establishing an ad hoc committee on artificial intelligence in healthcare professions.

EO Austin Porter presented an overview of Assembly Bill (AB) 489 and asked the Board what responsibilities it would have for monitoring the use of AI in Occupational Therapy, in the context of a generative AI model implying to the public that it was qualified to provide OT services..

Board members agreed this topic should be addressed by the ad hoc Committee on AI in Healthcare.

There were no additional Board member remarks.

There were no public comments.

23. Discussion and possible action regarding the Board’s standing on ad hoc committees and committee membership, including possible establishment of an ad hoc committee on artificial intelligence in healthcare professions and the appointment of committee members to any of the Board’s committees by the Board President.

Board President Beata Morcos established the ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare.

President Morcos appointed members to the Board’s committees as follows:

- **Ad-Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Professions**
 - Erin Schwier, Chair
 - Luis Arabit, Co-Chair
 - Ada Boone Hoerl (*on – hold: legal to check on 3rd Board member allowance*)
 - Wendy Nielson, OTR/L, Sacramento City College
 - Tammy Richmond, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, FTA

- **Committee Education and Outreach**
 - Ada Boone Hoerl, Chair (will take position after July 1, 2026)

- **Committee on Regulatory and Legislative Affairs**
 - Matthew Greco, Chair
 - Luis Arabit
 - Christine Wietlisbach
 - Samia Rafeedie, OTR/L

- **Practice Committee**
 - Christine Wietlisbach, Chair

There were no additional Board member remarks.

There were no public comments

24. Legislative Update.

EO Austin Porter presented the legislative update table to the Board with the Assembly and Senate Bills that have been amended, these bills were previously placed on “watch” by the Board and they are being presented to the Board with amended edits to seek the position the Board would like to take.

a) **Review, discussion and possible action regarding Board positions on the following bills:**

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 277, Alanis, Behavioral health centers, facilities, and programs: background checks.**

The Board chose to watch the bill.

- **Senate Bill (SB) 903, Padilla, Mental Health professionals: artificial intelligence.**

The Board chose to watch the bill and charge the ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare with providing further recommendation to the Board.

b) **Discussion on chaptered legislation.**

- **SB 497, Wiener, legally protected healthcare activity.**

This item was informational only, to inform the Board the bill had passed.

There were no Board member remarks.

There were no public comments

25. Executive Officer's Report.

a. **Administrative Update including information on Board's budget, personnel, BreZE.**

Current year-to-date revenue for fiscal month six was \$1,936,000. Expenditure plus encumbrances is \$1,690,000.

The vacant position in Licensing and Administration was filled internally which opened an Analyst I position for which staff have begun recruitment efforts.

The most recent BreZE update: **Publish to applicant functionality:** This is a process enhancement that allows the applicant or licensee to view documents attached to their transactions.

b. **Licensing Unit data.**

Mr. Porter gave a verbal overview of the reports in the materials.

c. **Enforcement Unit data.**

Mr. Porter gave a verbal overview of the reports in the materials.

26. Suggestions for future agenda items.

There were no suggestions made.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.