



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison

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March 11, 2025

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Adoption of Agenda (1-4)

B. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2024 (5)

C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns

D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

- 1) Introduction and Welcome – DSPS Secretary Hereth

E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration (6-27)

- 1) Department, Staff and Board Updates
- 2) **2025 Meeting Dates (6)**
- 3) **Annual Policy Review (7-9)**
- 4) **Election of Officers, Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates, Delegation of Authorities (10-27)**
- 5) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Black, Teresa L. – 7/1/2027
 - b. Donovan, Amber M. – 7/1/2027
 - c. Erickson, Terry – 7/1/2027
 - d. Hanson, Randi J. – 7/1/2027
 - e. Inda, Kari C. – 7/1/2026
 - f. Kearns, Christine – 7/1/2027
- 6) Wis. Stat. s. 15.085(3)(b) – Biannual Meeting with the Medical Examining Board

F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration (28)

- 1) Possible legislation to remove jurisprudence exam for Wisconsin OT and OTA graduates and add one credit CE requirement

G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (29-30)

- 1) Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects (30)

- H. Update Presentation: Francielle Pineda, Assistant Director, External & Regulatory Affairs, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) (31)**
- I. Use of Title Designations – Board Discussion (32-35)**
- J. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports**
 - 1) Consider Attendance: AOTA Annual Conference and Expo, April 3-5, 2025, Philadelphia, PA
- K. Occupational Therapy (OT) Licensing Compact Report – Discussion and Consideration**
- L. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:**
 - 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
 - 2) Administrative Matters
 - 3) Election of Officers
 - 4) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
 - 5) Delegation of Authorities
 - 6) Education and Examination Matters
 - 7) Credentialing Matters
 - 8) Practice Matters
 - 9) Legislative and Policy Matters
 - 10) Public Health Emergencies
 - 11) Administrative Rule Matters
 - 12) Liaison Reports
 - 13) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
 - 14) Informational Items
 - 15) Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
 - 16) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
 - 17) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
 - 18) Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
 - 19) Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
 - 20) Presentation of Interim Orders
 - 21) Petitions for Re-Hearing
 - 22) Petitions for Assessments
 - 23) Petitions to Vacate Orders
 - 24) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
 - 25) Motions
 - 26) Petitions
 - 27) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
 - 28) Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

M. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

- N. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda**
 - 1) Education and Examination Matters

- 2) Credentialing Matters
- 3) DLSC Matters
- 4) Monitoring Matters
- 5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
- 6) Petitions for Summary Suspensions
- 7) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 8) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Order
- 9) Proposed Interim Orders
- 10) Administrative Warnings
- 11) Review of Administrative Warnings
- 12) Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 13) Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
- 14) Case Closings
- 15) Board Liaison Training
- 16) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
- 17) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 18) Remedial Education Cases
- 19) Motions
- 20) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

O. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

P. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate

Q. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

R. Delegation of Ratification of Examination Results and Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 10, 2025

ORAL INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE

VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE

10:30 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FULL BOARD MEETING

CLOSED SESSION – Reviewing Applications and Conducting Oral Interviews of **Zero (0)** (at the time of agenda publication) Candidates for Licensure and Any Additional Examinations
Added After Agenda Preparation – Teresa Black

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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

PRESENT: Teresa Black, Terrence Erickson, Randi Hanson, Kari Inda

ABSENT: Amber Donovan, Christine Kearns

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department staff

CALL TO ORDER

Teresa Black, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) board members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Kari Inda, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

MOTION: Terrence Erickson moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2024, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Final Rule Draft: OT 1 to 5, Relating to Implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

MOTION: Kari Inda moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to approve the Legislative Report and Draft for Clearinghouse Rule 24-050 on OT 1 to 5, Relating to Implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 Wis. Stat. s. 227.29 Biennial Report to the Legislature

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Terrence Erickson, to approve the report required under Wis. Stat. 227.29 for submission in March 2025 to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Terrence Erickson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.


The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2025 MEETING DATES**

Meeting Date	Start time	Location	Agenda Item Deadline
Tuesday, March 11, 2025	9:30 AM	Virtual	2/27/25
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	9:30 AM	Virtual	5/29/25
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	9:30 AM	Virtual	9/4/25
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	9:30 AM	Virtual	12/4/25

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Brenda Taylor, Board Services Supervisor		2) Date when request submitted: 12/1/2024	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: All Boards			
4) Meeting Date: First Meeting of 2025	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Matters: Annual Policy Review	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Board SharePoint Site: https://dsps.boards.wisconsin.gov/			
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11) Authorization <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  12/02/2024 </div>			
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7 business days prior to the meeting: The draft agenda page is due to the Executive Director. The Executive Director transmits to the Chair for review and approval.

5 business days prior to the meeting: The approved agenda is returned to the Board Administration Specialist for agenda packet production and compilation.

4 business days prior to the meeting: Agenda packets are posted on the DSPS Board SharePoint site and on the Department website.

Agenda Item Examples:

- Approval of the Agenda and previous meeting Minutes
- Open Session Items
 - Public Hearings (relating to Administrative Rules)
 - Administrative Matters
 - Legislation and Policy Matters
 - Administrative Rules Matters
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues
 - Public Agenda Requests
 - Current Issues Affecting the Profession
 - Public Comments
- Closed Session items
 - Deliberations on Proposed Disciplinary Actions
 - Stipulations
 - Administrative Warnings
 - Case Closings
 - Monitoring Matters
 - Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Issues
 - Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
 - Orders Fixing Costs/Matters Relating to Costs
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues

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Department of Safety and Professional Services
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A CODE	Official meetings including Board Meetings, Hearings and Examinations and Test Development Sessions (automatic day of per diem) Examples: board, committee, board training or screening panels; Senate Confirmation hearings, legislative and disciplinary hearings, or informal settlement conferences; test administration, test review or analysis events, national testing events, tour of test facilities, etc.
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B CODE **Other** (One (1) per diem will be issued for every five (5) hours spent in category B, per calendar month): i.e., review of disciplinary cases, consultation on cases, review of meeting materials, board liaison work, e.g., contacts regarding Monitoring, Professional Assistance Procedure, Credentialing, Education and Examinations

Name of Examining Board or Council				Board or Council Member's Name	
Month		Year		Employee ID Number	
Date	Purpose Code A or B	Duration of B activity Hours: Minutes	Where Performed (Home, DSPS, or City, State)	Activity Describe Activity Performed (see purpose codes)	
TOTALS					

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION The Board/Council member named above, certifies, in accordance with § 16.53, Wis. Stats., that this account for per diem, is just and correct; and that this claim is for service necessarily incurred in the performance of duties required by the State, as authorized by law.

Board Member Approval & Date:

TOTAL DAYS CLAIMED: _____ @ \$25.00 = _____ Supervisor Approval & Date: _____

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD
2024 Elections, Liaisons and Delegations**

Election of Officers

ELECTION RESULTS	
Chairperson	Teresa Black
Vice Chairperson	Randi Hanson
Secretary	Terrence Erickson

Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison(s)	Christine Kearns, Amber Donovan <i>Alternate:</i> Randi Hanson, Teresa Black
Education and Examinations Liaison(s)	Teresa Black, Kari Inda <i>Alternate:</i> Randi Hanson
Monitoring Liaison(s)	Randi Hanson <i>Alternate:</i> Christine Kearns, Kari Inda
Professional Assistance Procedure Liaison(s)	Randi Hanson <i>Alternate:</i> Kari Inda, Christine Kearns
Legislative Liaison(s)	Teresa Black <i>Alternate:</i> Terrence Erickson
Travel Authorization Liaison(s)	Teresa Black <i>Alternate:</i> Terrence Erickson
Website Liaison(s)	Randi Hanson <i>Alternate:</i> Terrence Erickson
Compact Liaison(s)	Teresa Black <i>Alternate:</i> Amber Donovan
Screening Panel	Kari Inda, Christine Kearns <i>Alternate:</i> Teresa Black, Randi Hanson

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Paralegal Richanda Turner, on behalf of Attorney Jameson Whitney		2) Date when request submitted: 02/15/25 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 03/11/25	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Reaffirming 2024 delegations and new 2025 delegations	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? (If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Board members need to review and consider reaffirming 2024 delegations and new delegations for 2025.			
11) Authorization <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <i>Richanda Turner</i> Signature of person making this request </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> 02/15/25 Date </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items) </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> Date </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items) </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> Date </div> </div>			
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State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 1, 2025

TO: Board, Council, and Committee Members

FROM: Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Liaison Definitions and Delegations Explanations

Overall Purpose of Liaison Appointments

Each Board/Section (Board) has inherent authority that is established in our Wisconsin Statutes. This authority may change from Board to Board. Further information on your Board's authority can be found in Wis. Stat. ch. 15. Generally, each Board has authority to grant credentials, discipline credential holders, and set standards for education and examinations. In order to efficiently accomplish these tasks, Boards may appoint Liaisons. Liaisons assist with the operations of the Boards' purpose by weighing in on legislative matters, traveling to national conferences, or communicating with stakeholders.

The Department asks that each year the Boards make Liaison appointments to assist the Board and Department to accomplish these tasks in an efficient manner. Your practical knowledge and experience, as an appointed member of a professional board, are essential in making determinations regularly. The Liaison positions listed below assist the Department to complete operations between Board meetings. In most cases, Liaisons can make decisions for the full Board in their designated area. However, these areas are determined through the delegation process. Please note, a Liaison may also decide to send the delegated matter to the full Board for consideration as appropriate. Delegations assist the Board in defining the roles and authorities of each Liaison and other Board functions.

Liaison Definitions

Credentialing Liaison: The Credentialing Liaison is empowered by the Board to review and make determinations regarding certain credential applications. The Credentialing Liaison may be called on by Department staff to answer questions that pertain to qualifications for licensure, which may include whether a particular degree is suitable for the application requirements, whether an applicant's specific work experience satisfies the requirements in statute or rule for licensure, or

whether an applicant's criminal or disciplinary history is substantially related to the practice of the profession in such a way that granting the applicant a credential would create a risk of harm to the public. Questions will likely be sent by Department staff to the Credentialing Liaison via email and may include application materials. The Credentialing Liaison serves a very important role in the credentialing process.

Monitoring Liaison: The Monitoring Liaison is empowered by the Board to make decisions on any credential that is limited either through a disciplinary order or initial licensure. The Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the Monitoring Liaison. These requests vary wildly. A common request could be to remove a limitation that has been placed on a credential or to petition for full licensure. The Monitoring Liaison can review these requests and make decisions on behalf of the Board. The Board has the authority to grant decision making latitude to their liaison to any degree. If the Monitoring Liaison has a question on a request, it is advisable for the Liaison to consult further with Department staff or bring the matter to the full Board for consideration.

Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison: PAP is a voluntary program open to credential holders with substance abuse issues who wish to seek help by being held accountable through treatment and monitoring by the Department and Board. As part of PAP, the credential holder enters into an agreement with the Department to undergo testing, counseling, or other rehabilitation. The PAP Liaison's role includes responding to credential holders' requests for modifications and terminations of provisions of the agreement. Similar to the Monitoring Liaison, the Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the PAP Liaison for further review.

Education and Examination Liaison: Some Boards are required by statute or rule to approve qualifying education and examinations. The Education and Examination Liaison provides guidance to Department staff to exercise authority of the Board to approve or decline examinations and educational programs. This determination requires a level of professional expertise and should be performed by a professional member of the Board. For some Boards, the Education and Examination Liaison will also be tasked with approving continuing education programs and courses.

Legislative Liaison: The Legislative Liaison is permitted to act and speak on the Board's behalf regarding pending and enacted legislation or actions being considered by the legislature outside of Board meetings. The Legislative Liaison is not the Board's designated lobbyist and should exercise their delegated authority carefully.

Travel Authorization Liaison: The Travel Authorization Liaison is authorized to approve a Board member to travel to events and speak or act on the Board's behalf between Board meetings. The Travel Authorization Liaison is called upon to make decisions when sufficient notice was not received, and the full Board could not determine a representative to travel. The Travel Authorization Liaison is tasked with making determinations if the Board appointed representative is not able to attend or if the Board becomes authorized to send additional members as scholarship and funding streams can be unpredictable.

Communication Liaison: The Communication Liaison responds to questions that arise on behalf of the Board. The Communication Liaison works with the Department to cultivate an appropriate response which will be sent by the Executive Director or Board Counsel. The Communication Liaison **can** be responsible for all types of communication on behalf of the Board. However, the Board can appoint a separate **Website Liaison** to work with DSPS staff to make changes and ensure the Board webpage contains updated and accurate information. Additionally, for the Boards that are required by statute to produce a newsletter or digest, the Board can appoint a separate **Newsletter/Digest Liaison** to assemble and approve content for those communications.

Screening Panel Members: Screening Panel Members review incoming complaints against credential holders and determine which complaints should be opened for investigation and which complaints should be closed without further action. The complexity and amount of work in this role depends substantially on your Board. As a member of the Screening Panel, you are asked to apply your professional expertise to determine if a complaint alleges unprofessional conduct.

Delegations Explanations

CREDENTIALING DELEGATIONS

The overall purpose of credentialing delegations is to allow the credentialing process to proceed as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison (Generic)

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications.

PURPOSE: To allow a representative of the Board to assist Department staff with credentialing applications and eliminate the need for the entire Board to convene to consider credential application content or questions. Additionally, it is most efficient to have the designated liaison who has assisted with the credentialing process be able to effectuate decisions which require a signature.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review.

PURPOSE: To permit Department staff to efficiently issue credentials and eliminate the need for Board/Section/Liaison review when all credentialing legal requirements are met in an application. This delegation greatly decreases workload on Board members and cuts down processing time on applications.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f).

PURPOSE: In general, the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act (codified in Wis. Stat. Ch. 111) prohibits licensing agencies from discriminating against applicants because of their arrest and/or conviction record. However, there are exceptions which permit denial of a license in certain circumstances. Individuals who do not possess a license have a legal right to apply for a determination of whether they are disqualified from obtaining a license due to their conviction record. This process is called “Predetermination.” Predetermination reviews must be completed within 30 days. This delegation allows Department Attorneys to conduct predetermination reviews and efficiently make these legal determinations without need for Board/Section/Liaison review.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the relevant professional practice.

PURPOSE: As used here, “substantially related” is a legal standard that is used in the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act. The concept of what is “substantially related” is informed by case law. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct conviction reviews and efficiently approve applications if convictions are not substantially related to the practice of the profession. Applications that contain conviction records that may be substantially related to the practice of a profession will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Disciplinary History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant’s prior discipline has been approved for a previous credential and there is no new discipline.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison for a lower-level credential.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous credential and there is no new conviction record.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of conviction history that has already been reviewed and approved for a lower-level credential.

Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements meet Wisconsin license requirements. (specific legal standards are referenced in the motion depending on credential/profession type).

PURPOSE: Applications via reciprocity or endorsement require comparison of Wisconsin licensing requirements to the licensing requirements of another jurisdiction. These reviews consider the legal standard for reciprocity, which varies by profession, as well as the specified legal requirements to obtain licensure in the profession. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09.

PURPOSE: The law permits service members, former service members, and their spouses to be licensed if they hold licensure in other jurisdictions that qualify them to perform acts authorized by the credential they are seeking in Wisconsin. This is a shortened path to licensure that does not require meeting the specific requirements/standards for licensure/reciprocity in a profession. By law, the Department/Board must expedite the issuance of a reciprocal license via military reciprocity. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct military reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

PURPOSE: When an application is denied, the applicant has a legal right to appeal the denial determination. Applicants must meet a specified legal standard in order to have an appeal granted. Additionally, Wisconsin law sets specific time frames for appeal decisions. This delegation permits Department Attorney Supervisors to independently review and efficiently act on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed by the Board and there are no new legal issues for that credential holder.

PURPOSE: The intent of this delegation is to be able to approve prior discipline by the Board for the renewal applicant. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing.

PURPOSE: In order to continue improving processing application legal reviews in a timely matter, this delegation gives Department Attorneys authority to approve prior professional discipline which meets all of the following criteria: (1) it is at least ten years old; (2) it resulted in a monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand; and (3) the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing.

MONITORING DELEGATIONS

The overall purpose of monitoring delegations is to be able to enforce the Boards orders and limited licenses as efficiently and effectively as possible. Monitoring delegations have two categories: delegations to the Monitoring Liaison and delegations to the Department Monitor.

Delegation of Authority to Department Monitor

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Monitor:

- a. to grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the only limitation and credential holder has submitted the required proof of course completion.
- b. to suspend the credential if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education, paid costs, paid forfeitures, within the time specified by the Board Order.
- c. to lift a suspension when compliance with education and costs provisions have been met.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow for the Department Monitor to automatically act on requests when certain criteria are met or not met without needing to burden the Monitoring Liaison. The Board can set their own criteria for what actions they would like to be handled by the Department, the Monitoring Liaison, and the full Board.

Delegation of Authority to Monitoring Liaison

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison to approve or deny all requests received by the credential holder.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow the Board to set criteria for what decisions can be made by the Board member(s) serving as the Monitoring Liaison and what matters should be decided by the full Board.

Education and Examination Delegations

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to qualifying education, continuing education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously. (Differs by Board)

PURPOSE: Some Boards are responsible for approving qualifying educational programs or continuing education courses. A delegation is executed in order for an Education and Examination Liaison to make these determinations on behalf of the Board and with assistance of the Department. Additionally, some Boards review examinations and individual scores to qualify for a credential.

MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATIONS

Document Signature

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director, Board Counsel, or DPD Division Administrator the authority to sign on behalf of a Board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: To take the action approved at Board meetings, the Department may need to draft correspondence and/or Orders after the meetings have adjourned. These actions then need to be signed by a Board Member. This interaction usually takes place over email and a Board member can authorize the use of his/her signature that is kept on file.

Urgent Matters

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel-Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Sometimes Boards can struggle to meet quorum necessary to conduct business. This happens for a multitude of reasons, but this delegation allows for the Boards to have disciplinary cases decided by Chief Legal Counsel if the Board fails to meet quorum for two consecutive meetings.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel-Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel (CLC) the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department, and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: For matters of public safety, it may be necessary to take immediate action on a stipulated agreement rather than allowing a credential holder to continue practicing unencumbered until the next scheduled meeting. This delegation allows CLC to act on behalf of the Board when there is a stipulated agreement. A stipulated agreement is an agreement to which all relevant parties have consented to the terms.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter.

MOTION: to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

PURPOSE: Credential holders can ask the Boards to accept surrender of their credentials at any time. These delegations are in place for the different situations that arise from those requests. If a credential holder is seeking to surrender their credential because they wish to leave the profession, that can be processed with this delegation by the Department if they have no pending disciplinary complaints. If the credential holder wishes to surrender while they have a pending disciplinary complaint, that request is reviewed by the individual Board member assigned to the case.

DLSC Pre-screening

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint).

PURPOSE: Pre-screening delegations exist so the Board can define specific parameters where the Department can review disciplinary complaints and open those cases if they meet certain criteria. Boards also have the authority to set certain criteria that would allow the Department to review and close a case if the criteria is met.

Delegation to Handle Administrative Rule Matters

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to act on behalf of the Board regarding administrative rule matters between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: In order to advance the administrative rules process, action may need to occur between meetings. This allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD
2024 DELEGATIONS
March 12, 2024

All Combined Delegations for 2024

Review and Approval of 2023 Delegations

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Amber Donovan, to reaffirm all delegation motions from 2023 as reflected in the agenda materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Document Signature Delegations

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Teresa Black, to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Kari Inda moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director, Board Counsel or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Urgent Matters

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Teresa Black, that in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Monitoring Liaison

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Amber Donovan, to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison(s) to make any determination on Orders under monitoring and to refer to the Full Board any matter the Monitoring Liaison deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Department Monitor

MOTION: Kari Inda moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Department Monitor as outlined below:

1. To grant reinstatement of licensure if education and/or costs are the sole condition of the order and the credential holder has submitted the required proof of completion for approved courses and paid the costs.
2. To suspend the license if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Board order. The Department Monitor may remove the suspension and issue an order when proof of completion and/or payment has been received.
3. To suspend the license (or remove stay of suspension) if a credential holder fails to enroll and participate in an Approved Program for drug and alcohol testing within 30 days of the order, or if credential holder ceases participation in the Approved Program without Board approval. This delegated authority only pertains to respondents who must comply with drug and/or alcohol testing requirements.
4. To grant or deny approval when a credential holder proposes treatment providers, mentors, and supervisors unless the Order specifically requires full-Board or Board designee approval.
5. To grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete Board ordered continuing, disciplinary, or remedial education.
6. To grant a maximum of one 90-day extension or payment plan for proceeding costs and/or forfeitures if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder.
7. To grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by a credential holder, to complete a Board ordered evaluation or exam.

Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Teresa Black, to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel for Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION: Teresa Black moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate to DSPS Chief Legal Counsel the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed

stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Delegations

Delegation of Authorities for Monitoring

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to adopt the "Roles and Authorities Delegated for Monitoring" document as presented in the March 14, 2023, agenda materials on pages 12-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authorities for Legal Counsel to Sign Monitoring Orders

MOTION: Teresa Black moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to delegate to Legal Counsel the authority to sign Monitoring orders that result from Board meetings on behalf of the Board Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Credentialing Authority Delegations

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue

MOTION: Christine Kearns moved, seconded by Amber Donovan, to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed by the Board and there are no new legal issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Kari Inda, to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f). Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of occupational therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Discipline History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant's prior discipline has been approved for a previous occupational therapy credential and there is no new discipline. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant's Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Teresa Black, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous occupational therapy credential and there is no new conviction record. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Teresa Black moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements are substantially equivalent to the Board's requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Kari Inda, to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board's designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential. Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Open Cases

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Teresa Black, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for opening cases as outlined below:

1. OWIs of 3 or more that occurred in the last 5 years.
2. Reciprocal discipline cases.
3. Impairment and/or diversion at work that includes a positive drug/alcohol test or admission by respondent.

4. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony that the attorney believes is substantially related and is not otherwise excluded from consideration via Wis. Stat. ch. 111.
5. No response from the respondent after intake requested a response (case would be opened for the failure to respond issue as well as the merits).

Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Close Cases

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the Department screening attorney for closing cases as outlined below:

1. One OWI that is non-work related and if AODA assessment completed, assessment does not indicate dependency.
2. Complaints that even if allegations are true, do not amount to a violation of law or rules.

Motion carried unanimously.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: Teresa Black moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Kari Inda, to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19. Motion carried unanimously.

Education and Examination Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to education, continuing education, and examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization for DSPS to Provide Board Member Contact Information to National Regulatory Related Bodies

MOTION: Teresa Black moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to authorize the Department staff to provide national regulatory related bodies with all board member contact information that the Department retains on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Optional Renewal Notice Insert Delegation

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Teresa Black, to designate the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to provide a

brief statement or link relating to board-related business within the license renewal notice at the Board's or Board designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate authority to the Legislative Liaisons to speak on behalf of the Board regarding legislative matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Kari Inda moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison to approve any board member travel to and/or participation in events germane to the board, and to designate representatives from the Board to speak and/or act on the Board's behalf at such events. Motion carried unanimously.

Website Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Randi Hanson moved, seconded by Laura O'Brien, to authorize to the Website Liaison(s) to act on behalf of the Board in working with Department staff to identify and execute website updates. Motion carried unanimously.

Compact Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Laura O'Brien moved, seconded by Randi Hanson, to delegate to the Compact Liaison the authority to act and answer questions on any matters related to the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Prior Discipline

MOTION: [Board member name] moved, seconded by [Board member name], to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve an applicant's prior professional discipline which resulted in a forfeiture/fine/other monetary penalty, remedial education, and/or reprimand, that is 10 years old or older, and the previously disciplined credential is currently in good standing. Motion carried [].

Delegation to Handle Administrative Rule Matters

MOTION: [Board member name] moved, seconded by [Board member name], to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to act on behalf of the Board regarding administrative rule matters between meetings. Motion carried [].

Review and Approval of 2024 Delegations including new modifications

MOTION: [Board member name] moved, seconded by [Board member name], to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2024, as reflected in the March 11, 2025 agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the March 11, 2025 meeting. Motion carried [].




**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Teri Black, Board Chair		2) Date when request submitted: 2/25/2025 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: March 11, 2025	5) Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Legislative and Policy Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible legislation to remove jurisprudence exam for Wisconsin OT and OTA graduates and add one credit CE requirement 	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: <p>The Board will discuss possible legislation regarding removal of the jurisprudence exam requirement for Wisconsin OT and OTA graduates.</p> <p>Email from WOTA to legislator regarding WOTA position:</p> <p>Part of WOTA's Mission Statement is our commitment to promoting the profession and professional services of Occupational Therapy Practitioners. We support the licensing process in Wisconsin and the regulations of maintaining a license to ensure the safety of the clients we serve.</p> <p>Part of the current licensing process is an open book examination exploring the rules and regulations of medical professionals. WOTA is in support of removing this examination for graduates of Wisconsin OT and OTA programs for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our educational accreditation standards require OT/OTA programs to assess students on their knowledge of 'applicable national requirements for credentialing and requirements for licensure, certification, or registration consistent with federal and state laws'. (ACOTE Standard B.4.5). Programs explore the Wisconsin State Practice Act to meet this standard. Another educational standard (B.4.9) involves understanding the supervisory process between OT and OTAs and other non-professionals. This, too, requires programs to look at the State Practice Act. The proposed bill would include a requirement for at least one hour of continuing education reviewing Wisconsin's laws relevant to occupational therapy practice for each renewal cycle. This would be supported by WOTA. This would help to ensure that practitioners are staying informed on any updates to the Practice Act. Non-Wisconsin graduates would continue to take the open-book test. <p>Thank you for reaching out to WOTA. It was greatly appreciated, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.</p> <p>Sincerely, Shelly Muche, WOTA President</p>			

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1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Nilajah Hardin Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 02/26/25 <small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>																									
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Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board
Rule Projects (updated 02/26/25)

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating clause	Current Stage	Next Step
N/A	072-22	02/22/2025	OT 1 to 5	Implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (Emergency Rule)	Emergency Rule Draft Approved by the Governor on 09/21/23; Rule Paused, Proceeding with Permanent Rule Only	N/A
24-050	072-22	02/22/2025	OT 1 to 5	Implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (Permanent Rule)	Legislative Review	Board Review of Adoption Order at a Future Meeting

**State of Wisconsin
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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Francielle Pineda, Assistant Director, External & Regulatory Affairs, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)		2) Date when request submitted: 1/28/2025 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting													
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board															
4) Meeting Date: March 11, 2025	5) Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Update Presentation: Francielle Pineda, Assistant Director, External & Regulatory Affairs, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)													
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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: NBCOT will provide a presentation to ensure current information pertaining to national certification programs, policies, and services is shared with and made available to the Wisconsin Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.															
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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Teri Black		2) Date when request submitted: 12/6/2024 <small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board			
4) Meeting Date: 3/11/2025	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Use of Title Designations – Board Discussion	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Board Chair was contacted by Wayne L. Winistofer, MPA, OTR, FAOTA in November 2024 regarding use of titles for OTs and OTAs in Wisconsin.			
11) Authorization			
Signature of person making this request		Date	
Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items)		Date	
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DATE: November, 2024

TO: Occupational Therapy Practitioners licensed in the State of Wisconsin

FROM: Wayne L Winistorfer, MPA, OTR, FAOTA

RE: Legal Titles – Do not use “/L” in the State of Wisconsin

Statutory Authority: Wisconsin State Statute, 448.961: Definitions

Legal titles: OTA - Occupational Therapy Assistant

COTA – Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

OT - Occupational Therapist

OTR Occupational Therapist – Registered

Titles NOT legally recognized under the authority of the State of Wisconsin:

OTA/L

COTA/L

OT/L

OTR/L

Wisconsin State Statute and Administrative Rules do NOT include that an “L” be appended to legally authorized, licensed titles.

Use of an “L” is NOT a legal designation and is an unauthorized and redundant error. Use of the four legally recognized Wisconsin license titles means that the occupational therapy practitioner IS licensed in Wisconsin.

Use of these titles, and delivering occupational therapy services in the State of Wisconsin, WITHOUT being currently licensed is illegal.

Specifically, occupational therapy “practice” in the State of Wisconsin includes:

- a. delivering evaluation, intervention and consultative services,
- b. serving in administrative roles where the occupational therapy title is important and/or a requirement for the job,
- c. utilizing the occupational therapy credential, and designating oneself as an occupational therapy practitioner, while serving in a faculty role in an occupational therapy education program in the State of Wisconsin.

Think about it!

No RNs in Wisconsin sign their credential/license as RN/L

No MD in Wisconsin signs their credential/license as MD/L

No Speech Language Pathologist in Wisconsin signs their credential as SLP/L

Statement I have heard: “It doesn’t matter if I add “L” since I’m not currently practicing.”

or “I am licensed, but I’m not practicing occupational therapy. I am a faculty member teaching in an occupational therapy education program!”

Response: IF you are licensed in the State of Wisconsin, and you designate yourself as possessing an occupational therapy credential, for any purpose, you may only identify by one of the four legally authorized titles delineated in the State of Wisconsin Statutes: 448.996

Statement I have heard: “I’m licensed in another state. That state specifies that the “/L” is required for me to use my professional, licensed title in that state, I want to maintain my “/L” credential in Wisconsin.

Response: If you are practicing (or teaching) in the State of Wisconsin, and you are using your professional credential, and designating that you are licensed as an occupational therapy practitioner in Wisconsin, your license in any other jurisdiction is irrelevant! Any number of occupational therapy practitioners are licensed, and practice, in multiple states. You must use the title, and follow the applicable State occupational therapy practice rules in the jurisdiction in which you are providing occupational therapy services. Even when the Occupational Therapy Interstate Compact goes into effect, occupational therapy practitioners will be required to follow the occupational therapy practice rules of the jurisdiction in which they are providing occupational therapy services.

Wisconsin Statutory References: 448.

“Licensee” means an individual granted a license under this subchapter.

- (3) “Occupation” means intentional, action-oriented behavior that is personally meaningful to an individual and that is determined by the individual’s characteristics, culture and environment.
- (4) “Occupational therapist” means an individual who is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board to practice occupational therapy or who holds an occupational therapist compact privilege.
- (5) “Occupational therapy” means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations to evaluate and treat individuals of all ages who have a disease, disorder, impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles and environments and to promote health and wellness.

- (6) “Occupational therapy assistant” means an individual who is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist or who holds an occupational therapy assistant compact privilege.

History: [1999 a. 180](#) ss. [20](#), [22](#), [56](#); [2021 a. 123](#).

448.961 License required.

- (1) Except as provided in s. [448.962 \(1\)](#), no person may practice occupational therapy, designate himself or herself as an occupational therapist, claim to render occupational therapy services, or use the abbreviation “O.T.” or “O.T.R.” after the person’s name unless the person is licensed as an occupational therapist or holds a valid occupational therapist compact privilege.
- (2) Except as provided in s. [448.962 \(2\)](#), no person may assist in the practice of occupational therapy, describe himself or herself as an occupational therapy assistant, claim to render occupational therapy services as an occupational therapy assistant, or use the abbreviation “O.T.A.” or “C.O.T.A.” after the person’s name unless the person is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant or holds a valid occupational therapy assistant compact privilege.

History: [1999 a. 180](#) ss. [24](#), [28](#), [56](#); [2021 a. 123](#).

Cross-reference: See also ch. [OT 4](#), Wis. adm. code.