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Agency Mission Statement

The Mission of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is:

- ❖ To protect the residents of Illinois,
- ❖ To ensure the safety and soundness of financial institutions,
- ❖ To ensure that competent professionals are licensed to provide services to the public, and,
- ❖ To enhance commerce in the state for the benefit of all its residents.

Occupational Therapy Licensure Board

Occupational therapists became regulated between 1983 and 1984. Occupational therapy means the evaluation of functional performance ability of persons impaired by physical illness or injury, emotional disorder, congenital or developmental disability, or the aging process, and the analysis, selection and application of occupations or goal-directed activities for the treatment or prevention of these disabilities to achieve optimum functioning. The Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Secretary, consisting of four licensed occupational therapists, two licensed occupational therapy assistants, and one public member. The Board is charged with providing expert knowledge and advice on disciplinary matters and professional performance and conduct.

- The board is scheduled to meet two times per year, Alternating between Springfield and Chicago. (Currently meetings are being held through WebEx during Covid)
- The board meeting typically starts at 10:30 a.m.
- The Agenda is sent out approximately two weeks in advance.
- Most meetings last approximately two hours
- Reviewing materials/applications prior to the meeting may take on average two hours. Again, this depends on the agenda for that specific meeting.
- Each member is asked to participate in Informal Conferences one day per year and occasional file review/advising with prosecution attorneys.

Initially upon appointment, the following items are required, and the member has 30 days from the date of appointment to completed.

- Ethics Training (Upon appointment and yearly thereafter)
- Harassment & Discrimination Training (Upon appointment and yearly thereafter)
- Open Meetings Act Training
- New member contact form
- Compliance with Act Affidavit
- New Member ID forms

(225 ILCS 75/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 3705)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

Sec. 5. Board. The Secretary shall appoint an Illinois Occupational Therapy Licensure Board as follows: 7 persons who shall be appointed by and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. Four members must be licensed occupational therapists in good standing, and actively engaged in the practice of occupational therapy in this State; 2 members must be licensed occupational therapy assistants in good standing and actively engaged in the practice of occupational therapy in this State; and 1 member must be a public member who is not licensed under this Act, or a similar Act of another jurisdiction, and is not a provider of health care service.

Members shall serve 4 year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall be appointed under this or any prior Act to the Board for service which would constitute more than 2 full consecutive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

The Secretary shall have the authority to remove or suspend any member of the Board for cause at any time before the expiration of his or her term. The Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of cause.

The Secretary shall consider the recommendations of the Board on questions involving standards of professional conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and license holders under this Act.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required for all Board decisions.

Members of the Board have no liability in any action based upon any disciplinary proceeding or other activity performed in good faith as a member of the Board.

Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board.

(Source: P.A. 98-264, eff. 12-31-13.)