

**State of New Hampshire  
Office of Licensed Allied Health Professionals  
Occupational Therapy Governing Board  
Concord, New Hampshire**

In the Matter of:  
Angela L. Laplante, OTA  
(Application for Initial Licensure)

**FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL**

On October 15, 2008 the Occupational Therapy Governing Board ("Board") issued an "Order of Conditional Denial" in response to Angela L. Laplante, OTA's ("Ms. Laplante") application for initial licensure. This Order stated that "the application of Angela Laplante, OTA for licensure to practice be denied effective 12:02 A.M. October 16, 2008, unless prior to November 17, 2008, the Board receives a written request for a hearing."

On November 17, 2008, the Board received a letter from Ms. Laplante requesting a hearing before the Board. In this letter, Ms. Laplante requested ample notice prior to the hearing due to the fact she would have to travel from the State of Wyoming to the State of New Hampshire. She also requested that the hearing be held in the spring. At the Board's regularly scheduled November meeting, the Board discussed Ms. Laplante's request and approved tabling the matter until the spring. In a letter to Ms. Laplante dated December 4, 2008, the Board notified the applicant that it agreed to hold a hearing on the matter of obtaining a license to practice occupational therapy in New Hampshire in the spring.

On March 24, 2009, the Board sent Ms. Laplante a letter stating she had the option of April 27, 2009, May 18, 2009, or June 22, 2009, to have the hearing regarding her application for licensure. This letter instructed Ms. Laplante to respond in writing no later than April 8, 2009, to notify the Board which date she had chosen. On April 23, 2009 the Board sent Ms. Laplante another letter stating that she had not responded to the letter of March 24, 2009, therefore the Board had scheduled a hearing for May 18, 2009.

On May 12, 2009, the Board received a letter from Ms. Laplante apologizing for missing the April 8, 2009 deadline. She stated that she would be arriving in New Hampshire on May 18, 2009, and requested that the Board grant her a hearing on June 22, 2009. On May 18, 2009, the Board sent Ms. Laplante a letter granting her request for a hearing on June 22, 2009 to begin at 11:00 a.m.

The Occupational Therapy Governing Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on June 22, 2009. Ms. Laplante never appeared. At 11:00 a.m. the Board opened the hearing regarding the "Order of Conditional Denial" of Ms. Laplante's application for initial licensure. Ms. Laplante was not present for the hearing. The hearing was held in absentia. The hearing was closed at 11:45 a.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the "Order of Conditional Denial" dated October 15, 2008 will become a final order of denial effective July 28, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by analogy to RSA 318:31, V, a 'final order' is a public document; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once a Board order is a 'final order', the petitioner has thirty (30) days to file a request for reconsideration pursuant to RSA 541:3. Such motion shall comply with RSA 541:4 and the Boards administrative rules. See Ahp 213.08.

ORDER OF THE BOARD\*

DATE: 7/27/09

Eileen Thayer OT/c  
Eileen Thayer, OT, Chair  
Occupational Therapy Governing Board