



BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)
Sarah J. Silvers, OTA)
)
Application for Reinstatement)
KS License No. 18-01328)
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_____)

Docket No. 25-HA00040

**FINAL ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE
TO PRACTICE AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**

On June 13, 2025, upon due and proper notice, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (Board) heard Applicant’s Application for Reinstatement of Licensure to Practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant (Application) in Kansas. Jacob T. Overbey, Associate Litigation Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Board’s Disciplinary Panel No. 39 (“DP#39”). Sarah J. Silvers, O.T.A. (Applicant) failed to appear despite notice to do so.

DP#39 members, Dr. Balderston, Dr. Bradbury, Dr. Estep, Dr. Varner, and Mr. Jordan were recused.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514(g), Dr. Abebe, Dr. Black, Dr. DeGrado, Dr. Kuhlmann, Dr. Mills, Dr. Suber, and Ms. Wattenbarger, served as presiding officers to conduct the hearing and rule on the issues. Board member, R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C., served as chair pro tem because of Board president, Dr. Bradbury’s recusal.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the occupational therapy practice act, K.S.A. 65-5401 *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, upon review of the entire agency record, and being fully advised in the premises, the Board finds the following:

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I. Statement of Facts

1. Applicant's most recent mailing address as provided to the Board is: **CONFIDENTIAL**
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2. On or around June 2, 2016, the Board issued Applicant license no. 18-01328 to practice as an occupational therapy assistant (OTA) in Kansas.

3. On or about May 11, 2021, Applicant's license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in Kansas was canceled for failure to renew. Applicant's last known practice date was on or around October 1, 2019, and there is no evidence that Applicant holds an active OTA license in any other state. Respondent's Exhibit 1.

4. On or around September 23, 2024, Applicant submitted to the Board her Application seeking to reinstate her OTA license in Kansas to active status. Respondent's Exhibit 2.

5. On or around October 31, 2024, a duly authorized representative of the Board requested recommendations for re-entry regarding Applicant's Application for reinstatement from the Occupational Therapy Council ("OT Council"). Respondent's Exhibit 3.

6. On or around November 20, 2024, the OT Council returned its recommendations to the Board which included the recommendation for completion of continuing education by the Applicant. Respondent's Exhibit 3.

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13. On or about May 27, 2025, a conference hearing and scheduling notice for the June 13, 2025, Board meeting were served by the Board on Applicant by U.S. Mail and email.

14. Applicant failed to appear at the conference hearing held on June 13, 2025, as ordered

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II. Conclusions of Law

K.S.A. 65-5412(c) of Kansas occupational therapy practice act states in pertinent part:

"[a]ny license canceled for failure to renew as herein provided may be reinstated upon

recommendation of the board and upon payment of the renewal and the reinstatement fee and upon submitting evidence of satisfactory completion of any applicable continuing education requirements established by the board . . ."

Pursuant to K.A.R. 100-54-8(b)(5), when "the time since the license was canceled has been at least three years or the applicant has not held an active license in another state that has licensing and continuing education requirements at least as strict as those of Kansas, the applicant shall complete an educational program related to continued competency based on a written recommendation by the occupational therapist council and approved by the board." Here, Applicant's license to practice as an OTA has been canceled for at least three years, therefore, for reinstatement of Applicant's license, she is required to complete an education program based on the written recommendation by the occupational therapist council and approved by the board.

There is no evidence that Applicant has completed educational requirements for reinstatement of an OTA license that has been canceled for at least three years. Therefore, the Board concludes Applicant has failed to meet requirements for reinstatement of her OTA license.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant's Application for Reinstatement of Licensure to Practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant is **DENIED**.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2025.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

Susan Gile

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Executive Director

Notice of Rights

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this Final Order Denying Application for Reinstatement is a Final Order that will become final without further notice upon filing.

A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.* A petition for judicial review of a Final Order is not timely unless filed **within 30 days** following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson St., Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the foregoing Final Order was served this 23rd day of July, 2025 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email, addressed to:

Sarah J. Silvers, O.T.A.

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Applicant

A copy was hand delivered to:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.


Staff Signature

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