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RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists Rules Committee Work Group, met on October 21, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Andria Ditschman, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section, called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Valerie Palmer, Public Member  
Janet Santos, OTRL  
Matthew Swan, OTRL

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Andria Ditschman, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

**Public Present:** None

Ditschman informed the Board there was one public comment to rule R 338.1252.

Bethany Burge, MS, OTR/L, CNP, CAPS, commented that the existing language in the rules that allowed for "live and synchronous" continuing education (CE) courses allows for greater flexibility for completing CEs into the future. Utilizing platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and other electronic services that allow for virtual "in person" participation may become especially important during and immediately post pandemic to maintain professional certification (2021-beyond). It is unfortunate it will be rescinded in favor of "live and in person" however, if the Governor's Orders can supersede these rules, perhaps it's not necessarily an issue.

The Rules Committee agreed with the comment to delete “in person” due to the amount of CE that is being offered online in an interactive format, and the difficulty of finding CE that is “in person.” The Rules Committee suggested the rule read “live, synchronous, and interactive.” This also requires a modification to (1)(a) to clarify that the limitation of not more than 10 CE hours earned during a 24-hour period applies to hours that are asynchronous and not interactive.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ditschman adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support  
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