

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: August 14, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m. C.D.T

LOCATION: 665 Mainstream Drive
Poplar Conference Room, 1st Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brigina T. Wilkerson, PT, Chair
David Finch, PT
Bethany Buttrey, PT
Minty Ballard, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Harris, PTA

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Lakita Taylor, Unit Manager
Tomica Walker, Board Administrator
Mary Bratton, Interim Assistant General Counsel
Nichelle Dorroh, Office of Investigations

1. Call To Order

With a quorum being present, Brigina T. Wilkerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

After review, Ms. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Finch, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried.

3. Rulemaking Hearing

A rulemaking hearing was held in accordance with T.C.A. 4-5-204 regarding proposed amendments to Rules 1150-01-.12; and 1150-01-.15. Ms. Mary Bratton, Office of General Counsel, conducted the hearing. After discussion and review, Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to adopt the rules as amended. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative, with the exception of Mr. Harris who was absent. The motion carried.

4. Office of General Counsel Report

Mary Katherine Bratton presented the Office of General Counsel (OGC) report. Ms. Bratton was filling in as the interim Attorney due to the resignation of the previous board attorney, Grant Mullins. Ms. Bratton presented the following report:

A. Conflict of Interest

Ms. Bratton discussed the Board's conflict of interest policy. She reminded board members of their obligation to disclose any conflict and recuse themselves from discussion on any issue which may pose a conflict to their unbiased service on the board.

B. Litigation

There are seven (7) pending cases pertaining to the Board of Physical Therapy in OGC. She reported that there are no contested cases scheduled for hearing.

C. Legislative Update

There was no legislative update to report. Legislative acts currently affecting the board were reported at previous board meeting.

D. Rules

The Board held a rulemaking hearing regarding two rule changes on Continuing Competence and Order of Modification at this meeting. After the rulemaking hearing these rules will go to the attorney general's office to ensure their legality and thereafter, to the Secretary of State's Office for publication prior to becoming effective. At its next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2015, the Board will, hopefully, hold a rulemaking hearing on its adopted rules on dry needling. The dry-needling rules are still in internal review process but the board chair would be notified once the rules have been sent up to the Governor's Office for approval.

E. Agreed Citation

Jill Klosky, PT, License # 5849- Ms. Bratton presented an Agreed Citation on Jill Klosky, PT, for failure to timely renew her license and practicing on an expired license for approximately three months. After discussion, Ms. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Finch, to approve the Agreed Citation as presented. The motion carried.

5. Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) Report

The Mike Harkreader, TNPAP Executive Director presented the following statistical report for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

		PT	PTA
	Monitoring	0	5

6. Investigation and Disciplinary Reports

Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator in the Office of Investigations presented the investigative and currently-monitored, disciplined practitioners report:

Monitored Practitioners Report:

	PT		PTA
Total	7	Total	11
On Probation	3	On Probation	5
Suspended	1	Suspended	3
Revoked License	2	Revoked License	1
Board Order	1	Board Order	0
TSAC Suspension	0	TSAC Suspension	2

Investigative complaints as of July 22, 2015:

	PT		PTA
Open	9	Open	5
Received	5	Received	7
Closed	7	Closed	13
No Action	0	No Action	1
Letter of Warning	1	Letter of Warning	1
Letter of Concern	1	Letter of Concern	2
Referred to OGC	7	Referred to OGC	9
Total Open	9	Total Open	5

7. Applicant Interview/File Reviews

- A. Paul Alcozer, PTA-** Mr. Alcozer appeared before the Board due to history of multiple misdemeanor convictions on his license application. After discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to grant Mr. Alcozer a license to practice, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.
- B. Patricia Lewis, PTA—**Ms. Lewis appeared before the Board due to history of multiple misdemeanor convictions on her license application. After discussion, Ms. Buttrey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ballard, to grant Ms. Lewis a license to practice, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.
- C. Christopher Moore, PTA-** Mr. Moore's application was presented to the board due to history of multiple convictions on his license application. After discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to table a decision on his application pending Mr. Moore's appearance at the next scheduled meeting on November 13, 2015. The motion carried.
- D. Virgil Teter, PTA—**Mr. Teter appeared before the board due to history of multiple misdemeanor convictions on his license application. After discussion, Mr. Finch made a

motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to grant Mr. Teter a license to practice, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

E. Megan Toney, PTA- Ms. Toney appeared before the board due to history of multiple misdemeanor convictions on her license application. After discussion, Ms. Buttrey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ballard, grant Ms. Toney a license to practice, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

F. Stephen Vennum, PT- Mr. Vennum appeared before the board due a record of misdemeanor conviction of driving while intoxicated on his application for reinstatement of his license. After discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to approve Mr. Vennum's application for reinstatement of his license, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

G. Bradley Grohovsky, PT – Mr. Grohovsky appeared before the board due to a record of conviction for Driving under the Influence on his license application. After discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ballard, to grant Mr. Grohovsky a license to practice, contingent upon obtaining a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

H. Angela Short, PTA- Ms. Short applied for reinstatement of her license and appeared before the board due to the fact that she has not practiced in over 3 years. After discussion, Ms. Buttrey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ballard, to grant Ms. Short a provisional license to practice, with a requirement of four hundred and eighty (480) hours of supervised clinical practice. After this period, Ms. Short could apply for a full license. The motion carried.

8. Remediations

The Board discussed the remediation plan reviewed by Dr. Alan Meade, board consultant, for approval. After discussion, Ms. Buttrey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Finch, to approve the remediation plan for the following applicants:

Physical Therapist

Steven Burkhardt
Charles Emplaincourt
Matthew Layton

The motion carried.

Physical Therapist Assistants

Chanelle Almas
Alexis Burroughs

Danielle Shannon
Jimmy Townsend

9. Ratifications

Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey to approve, the following lists of PT/PTA initial, closed and reinstatement applications:

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

ELIZABETH ARNOLD	ASHLEY DAWN LANTZ
KATHERINE ELIZABETH BARNES	ANNA TERESE LEIBOVICH
NANCY ELIZABETH BEAM	ASHLEY MARIE LOMAX
KYLE DANIEL BINKLEY	COURTNEY NICOLE LOUDERMILK
NIKOLAS MICHAEL BLASCOE	BRIAN LOW
NATALIE JEAN BRINLEY	JULIAN LERONE MAGEE
MORGAN LEIGH BROWNE	ASHLEY MARIE MCCRAW
ERIN MARIE BURKE	KENSIE COLLEEN MCKEE
STEPHANIE ADELLE BUSUTTL	SARA ELLEN MICHAEL
BRANDON DAVID CHEWING	DALE ERIC MILAM
DINA ANN COLE	CATHERINE MARIE MILLER
LOGAN WHITFIELD CURRY	JACINTA MONET MILLER
JESSICA MICHELLE DAUGHERTY	REBECCA DAWN MORRIS
LINDSEY RAE DAVIS	ELLEN MARIE MUELLER
DEVIN MARIE DEGREIF	PAIGE ALYSSA MULCHRONE
MELISSA MCINNIS EBERLIN	ERICA MOORE NICHOLSON
LAUREN HAMPTON FARMER	BRETT ROSS NIEHAUS
PHILIP J FARRELLY	KAILEE JORDAN NOLAND
ANNA DEBORAH FEE	RACHEL LINN OLEN
LAUREN SCOTT FLEMING	ELIZABETH MARY PADE
STEPHANIE RENEE FOWLER	CHRISTINA MARIE PARKINSON
LAURA LYNN GRABOWSKI	JAY MICHAEL PHILLIP
AMY WHITLEY GRAY	ASHLEY NICOLE REED
ELIZABETH ASHLEY HALEY	ERIK SCOTT RICE
ALEXANDER JANE HAMILTON-COTTER	EBONY NICOLE RUFFIN
MARISA LYN HAUSRATH	DAVID ALAN SACHSE
SUSAN ELIZABETH HENNIGAN	NAZANIN SHAMS
CORTNEY ELIZABETH HENRY	CHARLES DAVIS SIMPSON, II
JAMES DYLAN HIGGINS	RACHEL ALLISON SOBCZAK
BRYAN KEITH HILL	KAILYN KRUGER SORENSEN
MARY ELIZABETH HOGAN	ASHLEY KUKURA SPEAR
SUSANNE ELIZABETH HOLMAN	JENNIFER ANN SPECKMAN
PAYDEN GENE HOUSER	TRENT DONOVAN STENSRUD
JONATHAN MARK JACKSON	ALYSSA ANN STEVENS
KAYLA RENEE JAMES	LAUREN NICOLE TESKE
MEGHANNE MAUREEN KENNAN	ANNA MARIE USERY
JESSICA LYNN KENNEDY	ROSS CHRISTIAN NON GLAHN
DENI MICHELE KLEIN	CHRISTINA JOY WILLMANN
JOSEPH PATRICK KLEIN	NATALIE GRACE WILSON
KRISTIE MARIE KOCZOR	JACQUELINE MARIE WRIGHT
MARIANNA CATHERINE KOGUT	

REINSTATEMENTS

AMANDA ELIZABETH JONES
JILL KLOSKY

CELESTE VIOLET KNOTT
LISA C WOMACK

The motion carried.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

NEW LICENSES

JACOB ARAGON
MARWA MORRIS AZARY
BAILEY MCKENZIE BAKER
ANGELIA RAE BALGEMANN
JESSICA LEIGH BLANKENSHIP
CHRISTOPHER M BODDEN
MARIE BRUBAKER
CHANDA RENEE CAMPBELL
MICHAEL THOMAS CAMPBELL
BRANDON ALAN COFFMAN
TUCKER WILL COLEMAN
DEMETRIUS ABDUL COLEMAN, JR.
ANGELA MARIE CURRAN
DUSTY DAWN DAVIS
ARMENTA ELIZABETH FOWLER
BRANDON CRAIG FRENSELY
KRYSTAL LYN GAINES
LORI CHRISTINE GESELL
JIMMIE DARLENE HENSON
ALLISON TAYLOR HOOPER
SARAH LYNN JACKSON
ERIC MICHAEL JANSSEN
TRACY LYNN JEFFREY
CARRIE NICOLE JOHNSON
SARAH CHRISTY JONES
LEVI BARTHOLOMEW KILLOM

KRISTI GAIL KIRK
JESSICA LEIGH LANGLEY
SARA CHRISTINE LIGHT
JOSHUA CALEB MANIS
BRITTANY LEANN MCCRARY
JUSTINE PAUL MCDANIEL
JARED CHRISTIAN MILLER
NATHAN EDWARD MILLER
KAREN LYNN MIRSADSHANOW
KRISTEN MARIE MITCHELL
ANNA MARIE MOORE
KIMBERLY RUTH MOOREHEAD
ASHLEY FAITH OLSEN
DERWIN TRAVIS OSBORNE
STACIE MELISSA OVERTURF
BRANDI LYNN PHILLIP
MANSON RHYE POTEET
SHELBY LANE ROSS
LESHIA LEIGH SCHEETZ
LEAH MICHELLE SNOW
VALERIE D STRAIN
CLIFF ANTHONY TABOR
CRAIG ROBERT TILTON
ASHLEY RENEE VANBUREN
AMY BETH WALTS
ANTHONY CRAIG WHITT

The motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS

NATALIE YOUNG CAREY
KAREN ELIZABETH CAUTHEN
MARIANNA GRACE CUTBERTH
KEVIN M. SMALL

REBECCA MOORE TERRY
SUZANNE C. WALKER
JEREMY S. WESTBROOK

The motion carried.

CLOSED FILES

Physical Therapists

KENDALL STACIE CONDER
ELLEN ELIZABETH ELLIS
KAYLA LYNN WINEBARGER

The motion carried.

Physical Therapist Assistants

JULIE MICHELE LEGGETT

The motion carried.

10. PROVISIONAL LICENSES

Mr. Finch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buttrey, to approve the following applicant for a provisional license with direct, clinical supervision requirement:

Ramyadevi Ramamoothi

The motion carried.

Ms. Buttrey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ballard, to approve the following applicant for a provisional license with direct, clinical supervision requirement:

Upasna Rathor

The motion carried.

11. Correspondence

A. PT Courses.com- Sent in a letter of appeal for the decision of course denial by the TPTA. Board Consultant, Dr. Alan Meade, informed the board that after discussions with this course provider and further clarifications about the board's continuing competency course requirements, the situation was resolved without any additional need for board intervention.

B. Carol So – Ms. So, a foreign-trained applicant, sent correspondence to the board requesting a waiver from the board's provisional license requirement for foreign-trained applicants. Ms. So was present to address the board. After discussion, the board advised that the rule pertaining to issuance of a provisional license with supervision requirements applies to all foreign-trained applicants and except there is a rule-change which occurs through a rule-making process, the rule applies to Ms. So as well. The board recommended that Ms. So continue to seek full time employment in order to complete the provisional license requirement prior to obtaining full licensure.

12. Administrative Report

Ms. Walker presented the following administrator's report:

- A. In total, there are 5165 active Physical Therapists, and 3429 active Physical Therapy Assistants as of 07/30/15.
- B. Licensure Statistics from 05/13/15 thru 07/30/15:

Physical Therapists

- New Applications Received - 22
- New Licenses Issued— 51
- Reinstated— 4
- Retired – 14
- Expired - 44
- Renewals— 464 (total) as follows:

116-paper
348 -online

Physical Therapist Assistants

- New Licenses Received - 11
- New Licenses Issued— 52
- Reinstated— 7
- Retired- 11
- Expired - 20
- Renewals— 316 (total) as follows:

72 -paper
244 -online

- C. Continuing Education Audit

Verification and Audit Period January 2014 thru December 2014:

Physical Therapists

- 107 Licensees Audited
- 105 Licensees Compliant = 98%
2 Licensees Non-Compliant = 2 %

Non-Compliant Breakdown:

- 1 Licensee deficient in the required number of C.E. hours

It was discussed that if there were to be request to add another staff member to assist in board administration, there would have to be a financial report, in writing, from finance with input on budgetary requests or, on the feasibility of adding another staff member.

B. Revision of Board Rules and Policies

Ms. Wilkerson requested that as part the ongoing review and revisions being done to Board rules and policies, the following items should be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting:

- Provisional license discussion for foreign and non-foreign educated applicants
- Revision of policy statement on continuing competence for Physical Therapists Assistants

C. Notice and Publication of New/Amended Rules to Licensees

Ms. Wilkerson requested that in addition to publication on the Board's website, that the Board should also send postcards to licensees recent rule changes and amendments to the rules. Ms. Bratton informed the board that publication of the rules on the board's website will depend on whenever they have been assigned an effective date by the Secretary of State's office and have gone through the review and approval process before the Joint Government Operations Committee. Administrative staff would be able to send out postcards to licensees after this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Board at the November 13, 2015 meeting.