

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: May 7, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Harris, PT Board Chair
LeAnn F. Childress, PT, Board Secretary
Ronald Barredo, PT Board Member
Jane David, PT Board Member
Kelly O'Connor, PT Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Noranda French, Unit Director
Mary V. Bennett, Unit Manager
Kara Love, Board Administrator
Gregory Speakman, Administrative Assistant
Lara Gill, Senior Associate General Counsel
Courtney Lilly, Assistant Disciplinary Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Teresa Phillips, TnPAP Representative
Rachael Talley, TnPAP Representative
Brigina Wilkerson, Board Consultant-Via Phone
Matthew Biggerstaff, Applicant Interview
Christina Straughen, Applicant Interview-Via Phone
Christian Castellano, Applicant Interview
Este Harris, TPTA, Representative

I. Call to Order

A roll call of Board Members was initiated, by Mary V. Bennett, Unit Manager. With a quorum present, the meeting started at 9:05 am.

II. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings

After a review of the February 12, 2021 minutes, Ms. LeAnn Childress, made a motion to approve the minutes as written, with corrections to the location, Dr. Ronald Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Receive reports and/or requests from the Office of General Counsel

Lara Gill, Senior Associate General Counsel, reported that there are currently zero (0) appeals, fourteen (14) open cases, eight (8) against Physical Therapist, and six (6) against Physical Therapist Assistants.

Ms. Childress, made a motion to have Ms. Gill pull back the rules to make changes to direct access, appointing Dr. Jane David, as the Board liaison, Ms. Kelly O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Gill, presented the board members with a Consent Order for Wesley Tate – PT No. 11673. Ms. O'Connor, made a motion to approve the Consent Order as written, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Gill, presented the board members with an Agreed Order for James E. Burgess – PT No. 8863. Dr. Barredo, made a motion to approve the Consent Order as written, Ms. O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Receive reports and/or requests from the Office of Investigations

Courtney Lilly, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently thirteen (13) Physical Therapist being monitored, three (3) reprimand, five (5) probation, three (3) suspension, two (2) revocation.

Ms. Lilly, reported there are currently twenty (20) Physical Therapist Assistants being monitored, two (2) reprimand, eleven (11) probation, four (4) suspension, three (3) revocation.

Ms. Lilly, reported six (6) new complaint for Physical Therapists; one (1): action in another state, one (1): unprofessional conduct, one (1): unlicensed professional, one (1): false reporting, one (1): substance abuse, and one (1): COVID-19. Four (4) Closed Complaints: one (1) insufficient evidence, three (3) sent to OGC for formal discipline. There are currently sixteen (16) open complaints being reviewed.

Ms. Lilly, reported one (1) new complaint for Physical Therapist Assistants; one (1): action in another state. Five (5) Closed Complaints: sent to OGC for formal discipline. There are currently four (4) open complaints being reviewed.

V. Receive reports and/or requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation

No report was provided at this time. A fiscal report will be presented at the November 2021 board meeting.

VI. Applicant Interviews/Reviews

Matthew Biggerstaff, PTA – File No. 7837 - After board members reviewed the charges of AWOL, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and statutory rape, Ms. O'Connor made a

motion to approve Matthew Biggerstaff, examination/application, contingent upon Mr. Biggerstaff undergoing a TnPAP evaluation, that deems Mr. Biggerstaff eligible to practice unencumbered. Additionally, this monitoring evaluation will be sent to the board administrative staff, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Christian Garcia Castellano PTA – File No 7817 - After board members reviewed the educational credentials of Ms. Castellano, Dr. David, made a motion to deny the application based on The General Rules Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy, that specify the applicant must be a graduate of a physical therapy assistant program accredited by CAPTE and approved by the Board of Physical Therapy, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Christina Straughen, PTA – File No. 7320 - After board members reviewed the charges of Underage Consumption and DUI, Dr. Barredo made a motion to approve Christina Straughen application, contingent upon Ms. Straughen undergoing a TnPAP evaluation that deems Ms. Straughen eligible to practice unencumbered. Additionally, this monitoring evaluation will be sent to the board administrative staff, Dr. David, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Padmapriya Indukuri PT – File No 13490 - After board members reviewed the educational credentials of Ms. Indukuri, Ms. O’Connor, made a motion to approve her application, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was further discussed that a policy statement would be approved for board administrative staff to make a decision to review and approve any internationally trained applicant who has received a CAPTE approved degree in physical therapy (assistant). A motion was made by Dr. Barredo, seconded, by Ms. O’Connor, to approve the policy statement. The motion carried.

VII. Receive Report from Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TnPAP)

Teresa Phillips, representative from TnPAP, reported from July 1 ,2020 thru March 31, 2021 that one (1) Physical Therapist Assistants were being monitored, and one (1) Physical Therapist was discharged.



Board of Physical Therapy
Activity Report
July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

		PT	PTA
Monitoring		0	1
	Participation Type		
	Regulatory (Board Order)	0	0
	Non-regulatory	0	1
Referrals:		1	0
	Referral Reason		
	Arrest/Conviction History (TDH Board Order)	1	0
Agreements:		0	0
Activated			
Discharges:		1	1
	Discharge Reason		
	Monitoring Completed	0	1
	Evaluated - no monitoring recommended	1	0

VIII. Review, Approve/Deny and Ratify Initial Determinations Licenses

Newly Licensed Physical Therapist		Newly Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant	Closed Physical Therapist	Reinstated Physical Therapist Assistant
Adams Jessica	Jaworski Amy Mrs.	Apple Casey Elizabeth	Fink Eugene Jr.	Bedford Blake
Albertini Brielle	Karthan Paul Nikolaus	Aydelott Kimberly	Duggan Janet	Carpio Liana
Anderson Rebecca	Lennon Bethany Hash	Baggett Josee Camryn Miss	Dewhitt Logan	Dale Sarah
Anthony Khianna	Leon Rebekah Jo Dr.	Baskin Richard Carson	Deakins Eric	Fletcher Buffie Granger
Bandy Sara	Lewis Natalee Rose Dr.	Bennett Hailey Brooke	Davis Roger III	Glenn Matthew
Beisner Scott William	Linn Carl Dwayne Jr.	Berry Sonora	Surber Sean	Hardy Jessy Mrs.
Bennett Samantha	Llach Jessica Russell	Bowers Elizabeth	Perez Rosa	Staggs Kari
Berger Joyce Ann	Lynch Cadance Marie	Brown Kristi	Lisboa Joseph	Tate Savannah Lee
Boudavong Alexis	Maciuba Margaret	Clifford Jonathan	Haeffele Nicholas	Westbrook Jeremy S.
Bradley Sarah	Maguet Matthew Mr.	Cole Alyson	Grant Hannah	Provisional Physical Therapist
Burrell James Landon	Mascari Louis	Coleman Laura A	Montgomery Comas	
Candler Jason	Maslowas Nicole	Daily Samantha Nicole	Gilbert Rachel	Compact Privilege Physical Therapist
Carroll Phillip Sean	Messer Fallon Rae	Donelson Raquel	Vazirani Hazel	Cook Phillip S
Cole-Iwanicki Melissa Catherine	Misencik Jacquelyn Dr.	Elliott Brittany	Closed Physical Therapist Assistant	Fainshtein Daria
Contreras Sylvester Jr	Moran Lauren	Fleisig Rise' Joanna	Baggett Josee	Fenstermaker Kristin
Curfman Sue Ellen Dr	Morris Lauren Ashley	Fritschie Amanda	Collins Michelle	Johnson Ashley Ann
Daluga Cailey	Moscicki Jillian Marie	Gardner Wyatt	Keeton Maranda	Murray Frank
Davis Gary Stanley	Nespole Robyn Elizabeth Mrs	Gauvin Zachary Daniel	Olotu William	Osmon Terra D
Deer Bethany	Nettekoven Holly	Gelaye Worknesh	Patel Bindiya	Pavlich Anthony
Disney Grant Allen	Nguyen Van Dr.	Grant Hannah	Robb Halley	Robbins Channon Leigh
Drobka Joseph Robert	Nickels Kelsea	Gray Jamie	Smith Stephaine	Shekitka Merin
Dubay Allise Elizabeth	O'Neill Matthew William	Haney Carol Ruth	Reinstated Physical Therapist	Shepard Sarah
Easter Richard Lee Dr.	Oommen Tessa	Hines Sarah	Abbott Amanda Michelle	Stewart Adam H
Eck Thomas Daniel	Peach William	Hobbs Kourtney Ms.	Avila Justin	Verrett Ashlyn Marie
Erhardt Jonathan	Pelicano Rachel Marie	Howard Ashley	Ball Stephan A.	Wallen Erin Michelle
Faria Steven	Randolph Matthew Neil	Kennedy James	Balthrop Alexandria	
Fena Nicole Elyse	Romano Thomas Michael Jr	King Eric Jason	Campbell Conner James	Provisional Physical Therapist Assistant
Flage Michelle Isabella Alessandra	Rose Margaret Mary	Lisboa Joseph	Decker Annmarie Pfeifer	
Fox Mia Brinley	Schrader Brooklyn Kay	Mcvey Tanya Ton-Nu	Fain Christine Nicole	Compact Privilege Physical Therapist Assistant
Frazeo Brittany	Shah Richa Rishabh	Meyer Hannah PTA	Gilson Tessa	Gilbert Rachel
Genday Mary Beth	Shapiro Charles Michael Dr.	Moore Justin Lydell	Hand Emily	Hendricks Caleb
Gibson Victoria	Sherles Audrey Jordan Dr.	Napier Jade Marie	Hudson Marcus	Key Jarrod Heath
Gilstrap Amber	Shifflett Thomas	Ravenscraft Brittany	Ireland Rebekah Dr.	Pierce Dylan
Graves Joseph Lamar Dr.	Shivani Rakhi Bhagwandas	Rutledge Elizabeth	Jansen Trey William	Pitts Sean
Guler Meghan	Smith Kelvin Russell II	Tennant Rebecca Danielle	Johnston Rachel Cain PT	Pruett Stephanie Crystal
Haeffele Nicholas William	Stevenson Marjorie Elizabeth	Tham David L	Lanal Lisa Lorei	Samudio Deanna Marie
Hafner Jason	Studt Emily	Tucker Nicholas Alston Mr.	Meyer Douglas A	Santos Alyssa Marie
Haynes Emily Mrs	Tinker Christopher Lee	Woollard Amber	Miller Julianne M	Westbrook Jeremy S
Hendrix Anna Kathleen	Tischler Melissa	Yarrobino Christopher	Nordman Derek Gene	
Honeysucker Victoria Honeysuck	Vazirani Hazel Dr		Parkinson Christina Marie	
Horton Hannah Claire	Wilhelm Kayla Marie		Prince Leigh Ann	
Hunt Gibran Manoa Dr.	Wille Adam Patrick Mr.		Ruiz Kelli Yvette Mrs.	
Janiga Marissa Dr.	Williams Victoria Leigh Dr		Sheft Kara Mae	
	Yakel Justin		Wade Hannah Miller	
	Zappas Michael John			

Dr. David, made a motion to ratify newly license Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. David, made a motion to ratify reinstated Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Childress, made a motion, to ratify the closed files, Ms. O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Barredo, made a motion to ratify newly compacted Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants, Ms. O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IX. Receive reports and/or requests from the Administrative Office

STATISTICAL REPORT

Mary Bennett, Unit Manager, reported on behalf of Kara Love, Board Administrator:

The following are the total active licensees as of April 30, 2021:

PT	PTA
Active Licensees 7580	Active Licensees 4507
New applications received 94	New applications received 80
New licenses issued 102	New licenses issued 48
Reinstated 22	Reinstated 9
Renewals 649	Renewals 382
Provisional License 0	Provisional License 0
Retired 17	Retired 13
Expired 38	Expired 27
Closed Files 13	Closed Files 7

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR COMPACT PRIVILEGES

Mary Bennett, Unit Manager, reported on behalf of Thomasina Scharkey:

The following are the total active licensees as of April 30, 2021:

Active Privileges 179
New CPT privileges issued 13
New CPTA privileges issued 13
Number of renewals 19
Expired 31
Terminated 0

Physical Therapist (Assistant) Newsletter

The Spring Quarter newsletter was presented to the board members for review and approval, which was prepared by Gregory Ethan Speakman, board administrator, to the Board of Physical Therapy. Dr. David, made a motion to approve the Physical Therapist Newsletter with discussed changes being made, and for this newsletter to continue quarterly, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWSLETTER

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Hot Topics

- ▶ Up to date Commission Orders on Continuing Education during the pandemic can be found at:
<https://www.tn.gov/commission-orders-on-health-the-physical-therapists-education.html>



Looking to renew your license? Renewal notices are mailed from the board's administrative office forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the license to the current address of record. Licenses can be renewed on-line forty-five (45) days prior to expiration of [https://www.tn.gov/commission-orders-on-health-the-physical-therapists-education.html](#). It is a violation of the law and of the Board's rules to practice on an expired license.

X. Discuss and take action, if needed, regarding correspondence

- a. **i.** Ms. O'Connor, made a motion to table the approval of Integration of Dry needling to the Lumbar Spine and Lower Quarter, Course Number, 2021-2024; until the next board meeting due to a clerical error, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **ii.** Ms. O'Connor, made a motion to table the approval of Dry Needling 1 Course Number - Intricate Art Spine & Body Institute; until the next board meeting due to a clerical error, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **iii.** Ms. David, made a motion to approve Upstream Rehab Institute DN1: Dry Needling of the Lumbar Region and Lower Quarter, Course Number, 266; Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **iv.** Ms. O'Connor, made a motion to table the approval of Dry Needling of the Lumbar Region and Lower Quarter – A Comprehensive Approach, Course Number, 2502; until the next board meeting, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **v.** Ms. Childress, made a motion to approve Master Dry Needling Level 2, Course Number, 2501; Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **vi.** Dr. David, made a motion to approve Dry Needling of Lumbar Region and Lower Quarter- A Comprehensive Approach, Course Number, 2509; Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **vii.** Dr. David, made a motion to approve Jurisprudence: The Legal Basis of Physical Therapy Practice, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **viii.** Ms. Childress, made a motion to approve Ethics in Physical Therapy Practice, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. **ix.** Ethics and Jurisprudence Trainers - No action was taken.

- a. x. Ms. O'Connor made a motion to table the approval of Upstream Rehab Institute DN 2, Dry Needling of the Cervicothoracic Region and Upper Quarter, Course Number, 268; until the next board meeting, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. xi. Ms. David, made a motion to approve Dry Needling: Implementing a Specialized Approach to Pain and Dysfunction - Course One, Course Number, 2523; Ms. O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- a. xii. Dr. Barredo, made a motion to approve Dry Needling: Implementing a Specialized Approach to Pain and Dysfunction - Course Two, Course Number, 2524; Dr. David, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

XI. Discuss and take action, if needed, regarding legislation

Ms. Gill, discussed the following legislation with board members:

A proposed policy statement will be presented to the Board for consideration clarifying Tenn. Code Ann. 63-13-303(4)(B) to clarify when physical therapy services must be discontinued.

Senate Bill 0584 was signed by the Governor on April 21, 2021, and became Public Chapter 130 This bill amends Tennessee Code Ann. § 63-13-303 as it relates to the direct access exception for physical therapists:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-303, is amended by deleting the current language in subsection (b) and substituting instead the following: (b) A person shall not practice physical therapy, other than upon the referral of a patient by a referring practitioner who is a licensed doctor of medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, podiatry, or osteopathy, unless the person: (1) Holds a doctorate degree from a professional physical therapy program that is accredited by a national accreditation agency recognized by the United States department of education and by the board; or (2) Has completed: (A) At least three (3) years of experience as a licensed physical therapist; and (B) A professional physical therapy program of at least fifteen (15) credit hours that is: (i) Approved by the board; (ii) Offered by an institution of higher education that is accredited by a national accreditation agency recognized by the United States department of education; and (iii) Designed to enable a physical therapist to recognize conditions that require timely referral to an appropriate healthcare - 2 - 002121 practitioner who qualifies as a referring practitioner under subsection (a). SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it (effective date is 4/13/21)

This law change removes the one-year experience requirement for doctorate level physical therapists for purposes of the direct access practice exception It also allows physical therapists without a doctorate to meet certain educational requirements for the purpose of the direct access practice exception. OGC anticipates that there will need to be a rule change to have current rules align with the direct access language.

SB01072/HB1275 was signed into law on April 13, 2021. It changes to the practice of occupational therapy, including diagnosis ability and dry needling of the upper limb. This bill specifically authorizes telehealth practice for occupational therapists and physical therapists.

Sections 3 and 4 of this bill specifically authorize occupational therapists and physical therapists to practice telehealth. Occupational therapists and physical therapists are permitted to practice telehealth under Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-155. According to occupational therapy and physical therapy practitioners, the specific authorization of telehealth practice is needed in their practice act for insurance purposes. This law takes effect on July 1, 2021.

XII. Discuss and take action, if needed, regarding rulemaking hearings, rule amendments, and policies

Ms. O'Connor, made a motion to approve the Referral Exceptions and Direct Access Policy Statement as written, Dr. Barredo, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After another review of Ms. Gill's report on Direct Access, Dr. Barredo, made a motion to have Ms. Gill pull back the rules to make changes to the direct access policy, and to clarify educational and internationally trained reciprocity requirements, appointing Dr. David as the Board's liaison, Ms. O'Connor, seconded the motion. The motion carried

XIII. Discuss old/new Board Business

There was no old/new board business to discuss.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

August 6, 2021
November 12, 2021

XIV. Adjourn

Dr. Barredo, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Childress, seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AT THE AUGUST 6, 2021 BOARD MEETING

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
MAY 7, 2021
BOARD MEETING