



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference Attendance**

On June 13, 2022, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT, Vice Chair
Rodney Copes, PT
Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair
Jeffrey Foucier, PT, DPT
Destini Jammeh, PTA
Dana Johnson, Public Member

GUESTS

Dan Anton
Brent Barnes
David Barrett
Jackie Barry
Carol Gilbert
Donna Goodwin
Susan Hatheway, PT
Melissa Johnson
Cheryl Miller
Lisa Nienstaedt
Gira Shah
Carla Shayman
Ross Valore

STAFF PRESENT

Megan Maxey, Acting Executive Director
Allyson McIver, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Tommy Simpson, Military Liaison
Dan Frank, DOH
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst

GUEST SPEAKERS

Captain Madeline Merriam, OIC, Physical
Therapy Medicine, MAMC
Staff Sergeant Siegfried Halili, NCOIC,
Physical Therapy Medicine, MAMC

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board and staff.
- 1.2. Board discussion/vote on whether to continue to hold virtual board meetings.
Ms. Lopez explained the amendments to proclamations and changes to the Open Public Meeting Act regarding options for continuing to hold fully remote meetings. The board

discussed whether it could meet in person with reasonable safety while the COVID-19 declaration of emergency is still in place.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to continue remote board meetings as long as the Washington declaration of emergency is in effect. The motion passed.

1.3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 13, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion passed.

1.4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ESSB 5229 CONCERNING HEALTH EQUITY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

Ms. Kilbourne presented an update on the implementation plan for ESSB 5229 requiring health care professionals to obtain continuing education in health equity and answered questions from the board and public. The presentation included an overview, current progress, proposed timelines, listening sessions, and rules workshop outcomes as well as current draft rules.

3. MILITARY TRAINED PTS AND PTAS EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Mr. Simpson shared a presentation on the education standards that military trained applicants receive and explained how they meet or exceed standard educational training expectations.

Captain Merriam, Staff Sergeant Halili, and Mr. Simpson answered questions from the board. Mr. Simpson let the board know they will share the Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) document and a syllabus.

The board thanked Mr. Simpson and his colleagues for their presentation and service to the profession and the country.

4. OPEN FORUM

There were no public comments.

5. STUDENT PRESENTATION REVIEW

The board shared feedback on the student PowerPoint presentation and discussed final thoughts on adopting the current draft.

The board discussed the request from Eastern Washington University for a board member presentation on September 9th between 1PM and 3PM. Dr. Dale volunteered to share the student presentation with the university virtually.

The board made edits and suggestions which program staff will update to present to Ms. Lopez and DOH staff for final review.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the new student presentation, provided revisions are completed and the staff review processes are completed and approved. The motion passed.

6. PHYSICAL THERAPY PETITION

The board discussed the petition department staff recently received and decided whether or not to accept the petition.

Dr. Dale provided a summary of the petition received from an individual requesting the board accept their petition to alter the two-year time limits in WAC 246-915-182(4) and (5) on when a licensee can consider a relationship with a past patient to coincide with time spent with a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant rather than a single blanket timeframe. The proposed times were:

The petitioner stated their goal was to “better respect patient and practitioner personal autonomy while maintaining protection for vulnerable patients.”

The board discussed the petition and ultimately determined that a licensee’s foundational responsibility is to ensure the best care and outcome for the patient.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to deny the petition for amendment to WAC 246-915-182(4) and (5). The motion passed.

7. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Occupational Therapist/Physical Therapist Transfer of Care—DISCUSSION/ACTION

Ms. McIver shared a draft response to the recent communication from the OT board about transfer of patient care between OTs and PTs. The board reviewed the response and decided if alterations are needed or if the response is ready to be shared.

The board reviewed the draft response and had no additional changes. Ms. McIver will send the response to Ms. Dale for signature and send the response to the OT board.

8. FOREIGN EDUCATED APPLICANT RULES

The board discussed the current foreign trained applicant rules and whether there are possible rules changes that should be made, with one question being whether there are circumstances in which the TOEFL should not be required. The board discussed whether they would like to authorize the department to file a CR-101 for WAC 246-915-120.

Ms. Lopez provided an overview of the rule and areas of potential changes the board had discussed in the past.

Ms. McIver shared the current TOEFL score requirements and how they compared to California, Oregon, and FSBPT recommendations.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to authorize the department to file a CR-101 for WAC 246-915-120. The motion passed.

9. 2022 BOARD RETREAT

Ms. McIver shared the status of the board retreat planning, and the board discussed retreat goals and objectives. The dates selected are October 3, 2022 for the board meeting, with a half day of retreat, and October 4, 2022 for the second day of the board retreat, at the Capital Event Center in Tumwater.

Ms. Lopez reminded the board of the decision made earlier in the meeting to continue to meet remotely while the emergency declaration is in place and noted that the board will need to revisit this topic before holding an in-person meeting. At that time, if the declaration is still in place, the board can reassess whether it can meet in person with reasonable safety.

The board decided to move forward with the planning for October 3 – 4, 2022 and will revisit the question of reasonable safety to meet in person at the next board meeting in August.

10. 2023 BOARD MEETING DATES

Ms. McIver shared the proposed 2023 board meetings dates and the board voted on whether to adopt the dates. The proposed 2023 meetings dates are scheduled on Mondays:

- February 27
- April 10
- June 12
- August 21
- October 2
- December 11

The board approved the 2023 meeting dates.

11. LISTS and LABELS APPLICATION REVIEW

11.1. Therapymgmt.com

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to deny the lists and labels for Therapymgmt.com. The motion passed.

12. PROGRAM REPORT

12.1. Budget report

Ms. Maxey updated the board on the budget which includes expenses through April 2022. The budget showed the revenue is higher than expenses, however, with the upcoming travel and possible in-person board meetings and retreat, program anticipates expenses will increase.

12.2. Rulemaking update

Ms. McIver updated the board on the two rules in process. The first was regarding the update to the physical therapy compact's effective date.

The second rule was to discontinue the requirement that foreign trained applicants pass all sections of the TOEFL test in one sitting.

The CR-103 for both rules were filed on April 25, 2022 and went into effect on May 26, 2022. The physical therapy license application has been updated to reflect the new TOEFL requirement.

12.3. Staffing Update

Ms. McIver shared with the board that Ms. Fullerton has moved from her role at DOH into another agency and Ms. Maxey has accepted the role as acting executive director.

12.4. Planning for upcoming meetings

The board decided the August 1, 2022 board meeting will be held virtually and will revisit whether or not to hold the October meeting in person.

12.5. Other

Dr. Dale will share the articles she received from Dr. Foucrier with the rest of the board. She also asked the board to email her questions they would like her to bring up at the Leadership Issues Forum Conference she is attending in July.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the consent agenda (informal items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

13.1. NPTE candidate satisfaction survey results

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. The motion passed.

Allyson McIver, Program Manager

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair