



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

On December 12, 2022, the Board of Physical Therapy met at Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Avenue SE, Banquet Room A, Lacey, WA 98503 with webinar public access only via Zoom. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair
Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT, Vice Chair
Celeste Misko, PT, DPT
Destini Jammeh, PTA
Jeffrey Foucier, PT, DPT
Rodney Copes, PT

STAFF PRESENT

Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director
Allyson McIver, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney

GUESTS

Coleen Childs
Jackie Barry
Jo-Ann Huynh
Lana Crawford
Melanie Hisaw
Melissa Johnson

GUEST SPEAKERS

Rachel Campbell, Budget Analyst (DOH)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 12, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion passed.

- 1.3. Approval of Meeting and Retreat Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 3-4, 2022 retreat minutes as presented. The motion passed.

2. OPEN FORUM

The public was provided an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance regarding physical therapy practice.

No comments were made.

3. LICENSING FEE DISCUSSION

Ms. Campbell presented the current state of the program budget, cost drivers, and fee change recommendations. Following the presentation, she answered questions from the board.

Comments were invited from the public.

- Jackie Barry, executive director, APTA WA, shared that they communicated with members about the hearing and the proposed increase before the hearing happened. They plan to send out more information after the holidays.

4. ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT OUT

Drs. Foucrier, Aglubat, and Dale along with Ms. McIver reported their experience at the FSBPT annual conference and summarized the different seminars they attended and key takeaways.

5. PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT UPDATES

Dr. Aglubat shared updates regarding the PT compact. She reported that 27 jurisdictions are now actively issuing compact privileges; a pilot study looking at the effectiveness of course curriculum is occurring at four universities; a study from an advisory firm showed 98% of educators noted that education regarding the compact was included in the curriculum while 55% of students reported receiving said education; and the deadline for reporting disciplinary action on licensees has changed from two business days to fourteen business days.

6. PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT RULES (moved to after lunch on agenda)

The board considered authorizing the department to begin rulemaking to update Chapter 246-915A WAC with the new compact rules effective date.

MOTION: A motion was made to authorize staff to file a CR102 to update the effective date of the PT compact rules. The motion passed.

7. RULES DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOP - WAC 246-915-120

7.1. Ms. McIver presented a summary of rulemaking goals based on prior board discussions.

7.2. The board held a rules workshop to examine and consider revising WAC 246-915-120 – Foreign educated applicants.

Comments were opened to the public and included:

- Clear communication with patients is a very significant element in the practice of physical therapy. Concern about the difficulties of providing an explanation of complicated information to a level that any patient can understand.

- A remote attendee stated that they were having difficulty hearing the conversation in the room.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the TOEFL scores to be in alignment with FSBPT recommended TOEFL scores in the writing, speaking, listening, and reading sections of the examination in WAC 246-915-120. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to modify the language in WAC 246-915-120 (g) to read: “(g) Passing scores for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) as described in WAC 246-915-30; and” The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to amend WAC 246-915-120 in section 4 to read as proposed:

(4) The board may allow applicants to correct general education and professional education course work deficiencies by

(i) completing course work pre-approved by the board. To obtain course work preapproval, the applicant shall submit a written request along with the course description/syllabus for the proposed course or:

(ii) obtaining a new, passing education evaluation from a board-approved credentials evaluation agency after correcting deficiencies as recommended by the credentialing agency. The report must be sent directly from the credentialing agency to the board.

The motion passed.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW

8.1. Ms. McIver shared the updated draft of the 2021-2023 business plan following the edits made during the board retreat and new edits during this meeting. The board reviewed and considered adopting the current draft.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the Board of Physical Therapy 2021 – 2023 business plan as written. The motion passed.

8.2. Discussion and decision on timeline for biannual newsletters

Ms. McIver shared proposed timeframe and breakdown for newsletters which suggested board members come prepared to the meetings for review of final draft at one of the future board meetings.

8.3. The board reviewed the mission and vision statement developed during the retreat and considered any updates or edits.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Board of Physical Therapy Mission and vision statements. The motion passed.

9. BOARD OUTREACH LETTER REVIEW

Dr. Foucrier presented a draft of the board outreach letter discussed at the board retreat in October 2022. The letter is designed to send to individuals who may reach out to the board about a topic that the board does not have jurisdiction over.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the board outreach letter as amended. The motion passed.

10. STUDENT PRESENTATION FEEDBACK SURVEY

10.1 The board reviewed the feedback survey for the student presentation to assist in updating the presentation annually.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the student presentation feedback survey as amended. The motion passed.

10.2 The board considered outreach to PT and PTA education programs to raise awareness that the board offers student presentations.

Ms. McIver will draft an outreach letter to be shared at the February meeting.

11. LIST AND LABELS APPLICATION REVIEW

The board reviewed requests for lists and labels.

11.1 Rehab Specialists LLC (dba Consonus Healthcare)

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the list and labels request from Rehab Specialists LLC (dba Consonus Healthcare). The motion was seconded and passed.

12. PROGRAM REPORT

12.1 Budget report

Mr. Wright reported on the budget, including expenses through October 2022.

12.2 Rulemaking update

Ms. McIver noted that there are multiple rules projects in the works which included the board giving staff authorization to begin rulemaking to update the effective date of the PT compact. With the completion of the rules workshop for the foreign educated applicant WAC chapter, staff will be move forward with filing a CR-102. She also mentioned staff is in the process of filing the CR-101 on WAC 246-915-085 for continuing education (CE) to bring into compliance with the health equity CE changes that are going into effect in 2024.

12.3 Staffing update

Ms. McIver announced that Mr. Wright has been hired as the new executive director; Dr. Misko has been appointed by the governor to serve as a new member to the board; and Ms. Lydia Koroma is our new supervising staff attorney.

She also informed the board of her maternity leave and Mr. Hylkema will be the interim program manager during that time.

12.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

12.4.1 Board member training update

Ms. McIver shared the department is working to update and modernize the training available to new and continuing board members. She noted that Ms. Lopez can provide a training on Robert's Rules of Order and how to make a motion for voting in the February meeting.

Other items for upcoming meetings include:

- Making a list of article topics for the Spring newsletter, assigning articles to board members, and determining a timeline for the newsletter.
- Bring back the updated board by-laws for review.
- Student presentation outreach letter draft for review.

12.5 Other

12.5.1 Request for one legislative update call volunteer

Ms. McIver asked if a board member would volunteer to be available for the legislative update calls that occur every Wednesday during leg session this year. Drs. Aglubat and Dr. Foucrier volunteered to be delegates.

12.5.2 Request for volunteers for the next board member interview panel

Ms. McIver asked for volunteers to sit on the interview panel for the public board member interviews which will be held virtually. Mr. Copes and Dr. Foucrier volunteered to be part of the interview panel.

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. Whitworth University CAPTE summary of action

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. The motion passed.

Allyson McIver, Program Manager

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair