



Physical Therapy Governing Board - Public

June 18, 2024 at 8:30 AM

7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Jennifer Carrier, Chair (JC); Nicole Lavoie (NL); Robert Worden (RW), Richard Riddle (RR)

Board Vacancy: Public Member

Staff Present:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel

I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:33 am with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Approval of Public Minutes

A. May 21, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by RW, with a second by NL, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed.

III. Public Appearances - No items

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates - Informational

A. Applications – 17 applications were approved since the May 21, 2024 Board meeting. There are currently 27 pending applications that are missing requirements; most commonly the resume, FSBPT scores and/or criminal background check.

B. FSBPT updates

Cynthia Potter, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Secretary of the Board of Directors, attended the Board meeting to get an overview of the NH Board. Ms. Potter offered to answer any questions about FSBPT and assist with any resources the PTGB may need.

1. FSBPT May Newsbrief
2. FSBPT implementation of ID

JC met with Bethany Cottrell, Director to discuss. Heather Kelley, Director of Operations, confirmed that OPLC has added the field for the FSBPT ID for current applicants and the agency is currently working on adding the ID to existing licensees.

C. Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

In accordance with US Department of Education regulations, they are notifying other agencies of CAPTE's most recent actions at its spring 2024 meeting.

V. Old Business – No items

VI. New Business

- A. Inquiry / Request - The Board received an inquiry related to “proposed regulations regarding PT direct access.” Limited information was provided with this query.

Motion:

Upon a motion by NL, with a second by JC, the Board voted to refer the individual to submit a petition for rulemaking pursuant to Plc 208 or to provide the specific legislation referred to in the query for the Board's review for further investigation; motion passed.

- B. Licensing Inquiry – The Board reviewed an inquiry from the Licensing division related to requirements of licensure and discussed licensure through endorsement pursuant to Plc 313.47.
- C. NL gave an overview of the recent Compact Committee meeting, which has been working on Exam Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) rulemaking.

VII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

- A. Phy 200 Rules Hearing 8:30 am

Hearing commenced at 8:36 am and concluded at 8:53 am. There was no public present and no written comments were submitted. The deadline to submit written comment is June 18, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

- B. Legislative Update

1. LSR Update - Informational

VIII. Non-Public Session

At 9:04 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to conduct a Non-Public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

[Minutes kept separately].

- I. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 9:40 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to resume public session.

II. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.