



# Physical Therapy Governing Board

July 18, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

## Attendance

### Members Present:

Jennifer Carrier, Chair (JC); Lea Bruch (LB); Nicole Lavoie (NC); Robert Worden (RW)

### Staff Present:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Tina Kelley, OPLC Rules Administrator

#### I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

#### II. Approval of Public Minutes

##### A. June 20, 2023

#### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by LB, with a second by JC, the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended; motion passed.

#### III. Public Appearances - No Items

#### IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

##### A. Public Information Officer - Donna Long 10:00 am - Informational – Tabled to the August meeting

#### V. Old Business - No Items

#### VI. New Business

##### A. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) - Informational

JC attended the Life conference 7/14-7/17/23. JC gave an overview of the conference. Concern with Telehealth and the possibility that out of state licensees may take jobs away from local licensees. The Board discussed the need to clearly define “telehealth” and “competency” in the Administrative Rules. The Model Practice Act was discussed at the conference.

##### B. Physical Therapy Compact Commission (PTCC) - Informational

NL reported on the meeting held on 6/27/23.

- C. NPTE Q2 2023 Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report - Informational
- D. Clarifying Questions
  - 1) Can a physical therapy student provide treatment to a patient that is on a PTA's schedule if the supervising physical therapist is in the room and in line of sight? Refer to Phy 409.03 and Phy 401.09
  - 2) Can a PTA mark a goal as met within their documentation as a means of communication to the supervising therapist? Refer to Phy 409.02 (c) and confer with your organization's policy.

VII. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to approve the following fast track applications; motion passed.

SARAH	STADLER	INITIAL, PT	6/13/2023
DANIEL	OKEEFE	INITIAL, PT	6/19/2023
ALEXANDRIA	PRICE	INITIAL, PT	6/21/2023
ALEXA	CHENELL	INITIAL, PT	6/23/2023
ASHLEY	SABA	INITIAL, PT	6/26/2023
KELSEY	MARCHETTI	INITIAL, PT	6/27/2023
SARA	DROUIN	INITIAL, PT	6/28/2023
CORINNE	VAIRO	REINSTATEMENT, PT	7/11/2023

B. Denise Knight, PT, Lic #4180 (lapsed) - reinstatement application

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by LB, with a second by NL, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement application; motion passed.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by NL, the Board voted to issue a notice of hearing for the issue of practicing without a license; motion passed.

C. Renee Riffe - PT Application (Incomplete)

FSBPT report states University was not CAPTE accredited at graduation – Pursuant to Phy 306.01 (a), accreditation is an educational requirement for initial licensure. The Board noted that this applicant may apply for compact privileges. Board Admin will notify applicant.

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Rules Hearing - Phy 400 Various 9:00 am

Hearing commenced at 9:11 am and ended at 9:26 am

Public member Maggie Donohue, PT, provided comment to Tina Kelley, Rules Administrator. There were no other public comments.

B. Legislative Update

1. HB594

Relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized under the office of professional licensure and certification

2. End of Legislative Session Report - Informational

IX. Non-Public Session

At 10:01 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by NL, 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].**

X. Resume Public Session

**Motion:**

At 11:05 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by LB, the Board voted to resume public session.

XI. 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.

XII. Adjourn

**Motion:**

At 11:06 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.