

Physical Therapy Governing Board

December 19, 2023 at 8:30 AM 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

I. Call To Order

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

- II. Approval of Public Minutes
 - A. November 21, 2023

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
 - A. Jessica Deshaies, PTA

Motion:

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by NL, the Board voted to accept Ms. Deshaies role as fulfilling the active in practice requirement; motion passed.

- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates Informational
 - A. FSBPT updates
 - 1. FSBPT November Newsbrief
 - 2. FSBPT 2024 Budget
 - 3. Jurisprudence Assessment
 - 4. Exam, Licensure & Disciplinary Database (ELDD)
 - B. Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Continuing Education Discussion Unable to pull data requested until renewal audit (no documents available for review.)
- VI. New Business

A. Inquiry - Jeff Rosa

1. Questions:

- 1. My first question deals with the amendment to Phy 401.17 (renumbered to Phy 401.16). Does this amendment impact the expiration dates for NH PT/PTA licensees? We have a question on the JAM that references a specific day that licenses must be renewed. I'm trying to determine if this is still a valid question as currently worded based on this amendment.
 - Response: As of February 2023, new initial licenses will expire two years from the date of issuance, pursuant to RSA 310:8 II.
- 2. The current JAM reference document includes rules in chapters Ahp100 and Ahp 200. Do we need to replace those? And/or do we need to include any specific Plc rules in the reference document?
 - Response: The Allied Health administrative rules have been replaced by Phy 100s and Plc 200s.
- 3. On page 48 of the "Adopted Text" document you sent, it says to repeal Phy 407.01 through Phy 407.05. On page 49, it says to repeal 407.07 through 407.18. On page 72 in the table, it says that Phy 407 is repealed. Based on this, I'm not sure what the status of Phy 407.06 and Phy 407.19 through Phy 407.22. Are these 5 rules also being repealed?

Response: Phy 401.01-407.05 have been repealed, no change for Phy 407.06, and Phy 407.19-22 have been renumbered.

VII. Applications

Fast Track – Informational. The following fast track applications have been approved since the last PTGB meeting held on November 21, 2023:

KAELA	THOMAS	INITIAL, PT	11/14/2023
JACOB	NOTINGER	INITIAL, PT	11/15/2023
MAGGIE	TOWNSEND	INITIAL, PT	11/16/2023
LINDSEY	NELSON	INITIAL, PTA	11/20/2023
JENNIFER	BONK-BROWN	INITIAL, PTA	11/28/2023
MORGAN	JONAS	INITIAL, PT	11/29/2023
KELSEY	FISCHER	INITIAL, PT	12/6/2023
CHRISTINE	BIEGERT	INITIAL, PT	12/6/2023
MATTHEW	SMITH	INITIAL, PT	12/6/2023
PAUL	SMITH	INITIAL, PT	12/7/2023
MIRANDA	YOUNG	INITIAL, PT	12/8/2023
JULIA	FUSCO	INITIAL, PT	12/8/2023
ANDREW	GENOVA	INITIAL, PT	12/8/2023

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Legislative Update

1. HB 594

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

2. LSR Update – Board Counsel and OPLC are monitoring current LSRs

B. Phy 400 various - Adopted Text

Motion:

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by LB, the Board voted to approve the adopted text as stated; motion passed.

IX. Non-Public Session

At 9:07 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].

X. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 9:21 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, 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 LB, 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 9:24 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by LB, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.