



Physical Therapy Governing Board

March 19, 2024 at 8:30 AM

7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel *via Zoom*; Chantell Wheeler, Rules Coordinator

I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Approval of Public Minutes

A. February 20, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by RW, with a second by JC, 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. Plc 313 Readoption with Amendments – Licensure by Endorsement– The Board reviewed the initial proposal and did not have any concerns.

B. FSBPT updates - Informational

1. FSBPT February Newsbrief

2. FSBPT Compact information

C. Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) - No items

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

A. Deshaies Declaratory Ruling – JC signed the Declaratory Ruling related to the petition of Jessica Deshaies, PTA. The Declaratory Ruling will be posted to the Board's website.

B. Inquiry – The Board reviewed a request from a home care PT that asked if the Board would advocate to keep social security numbers from being required for insurance claims.

Motion:

Upon a motion by NL, with a second by JC, the Board voted to respond to the licensee that the request is outside of the Board’s jurisdiction and to refer them to DHHS; motion passed.

- C. NHAPTA – NL received a request for clarification of the Phy 400s related to continuing education and distance learning.

Motion:

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to approve NL to provide a general response; motion passed.

VII. Applications

- A. Fast Track – Informational. The following fast track applications have been approved since the last PTGB meeting held on February 20, 2024:

AUDREY	EASTMAN	INITIAL, PT	2/20/2024
ALYSSA	CASSANELLI	INITIAL, PT	2/20/2024
LENA	HEDAYAT	INITIAL, PT	2/20/2024
SAMANTHA	STELLA	INITIAL, PT	2/28/2024
MORGAN	BEAUREGARD	INITIAL, PT	3/1/2024
TYLER	GREGORY	INITIAL, PT	3/1/2024
KELSEY	GREGORY	INITIAL, PT	3/1/2024
MICHELLE	STELLA	INITIAL, PT	3/1/2024
ARIELE	MCGRATH	INITIAL, PT	3/4/2024
KERRY	KING	INITIAL, PT	3/7/2024
CAROLINE	MERGUERIAN	INITIAL, PT	3/8/2024
ISABELLA	COOK	INITIAL, PTA	3/11/2024
EMILY	CAPLE	INITIAL, PT	3/12/2024

VIII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

- A. Rules

- 1. Plc 200s – Chantell Wheeler, Rules Coordinator

To repeal existing chapter 200 administrative rules pursuant to HB 655 and adopt Plc 200 rules. The Board may establish a waiver of substantive rules under the Plc 200s if it wishes

Motion:

Upon a motion by JC, with a second by RW, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking to adopt Plc 200 and include a waiver of substantive rules; motion passed.

B. Legislative Update

1. LSR Update

HB 1112 - relative to establishing a continuing education requirement regarding human trafficking for individuals licensed by the office of professional licensure and certification - Opposed - ITL

HB 1272 - relative to occupational license reciprocity - ITL

HB 1676 - establishing a sunset commission to evaluate various occupational boards and commissions, and sunseting various boards and commissions - referred to interim study

HB 1408 - relative to the merger of and reorganization of various occupational boards - referred to interim study

HB 1095 - relative to the official pronounciation of "New Hampshire" and "Concord" – Attorney Eaton will send out list with legislation that affects administration.

IX. Non-Public Session

At 9:05 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].

I. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 9:16 a.m., upon a motion by JC, with a second by NL, 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 NL, 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.

III. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.