

OFFICE OF LICENSED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Physical Therapy Governing Board



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2022**

Members present:

Nicole Lavoie, PT  
Jennifer Rosene, PT  
Lea Bruch, Public Member

Others present:

Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator

Legal Counsel present:

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The February 15, 2022, meeting of the Physical Therapy Governing Board convened at 8:39AM.

The Board voted\* to approve the minutes, as amended, of the January 25, 2022 meeting, on motion from Jennifer Rosene with a second from Lea Bruch.

**1. HEARINGS**

There were no hearings scheduled.

**2. FAST TRACK APPLICATIONS**

**APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE APPROVED UNDER THE FAST-TRACK PROGRAM:**

First Name	Last Name	License Type	Fast track date
ALLISON	GIFFORD	INITIAL, PT	1/18/2022
EMILY	WANERKA	INITIAL, PT	1/19/2022
JESSICA	GOODINE	INITIAL, PT	1/24/2022
ASHLEE	GEIER	INITIAL, PT	1/25/2022
LAURA	PRENTICE	INITIAL, PT	1/27/2022
CARLA	CHENG	INITIAL, PT	2/1/2022
STEVEN	CIULLA	INITIAL, PT	2/1/2022
JAMES	HASSEL	INITIAL, PT	2/2/2022
LANCE	BERRY	INITIAL, PT	2/4/2022
JONATHAN	ELCOCK	INITIAL, PT	2/4/2022

*\*All votes by the Board are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.*

**3. OTHER ITEMS:**

- A. The Board tabled their review of Phy 400s, noting that it would likely be best to begin at the beginning and work their way through to make sure no notes or changes were missed.
- B. Nicole Lavoie informed the Board that she would be speaking at Franklin Pierce University, giving a presentation on Board membership.
- C. Nicole Lavoie stated she had received a question from a former student asking whether or not they should continue with their NH licensure after finding out they would be working in MA. Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator, advised that the Board not take an official position on this question as it was ultimately up to the applicant. Jennifer Rosene confirmed that there was a refund option in rule; Nicole Lavoie stated it was probably best if the applicant continued with her licensure as MA and NH border one another, but noted that it would be her personal response, not on behalf of the Board.

**4. OPLC OFFICE CHANGES/UPDATES:**

- A. Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator, explained that the licensing group had dissolved their renewal sub-unit.
- B. Nicole Lavoie asked about the changes to renewal date, stating she believed that the PT group would be changing to renewing every two years during their birth month. Jessica Whelehan explained that some Boards were moving forward with statutory changes that required them to change their renewals to the month in which they were initially licensed, but at this time, the Allied Health Boards, of which OT is one, were not included in this change.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

Upon motion of Nicole Lavoie and Lea Bruch seconded, the Board voted to enter into non-public session at 8:54AM for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), and Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978). Roll call vote: Lea Bruch – Yes; Jennifer Rosene – Yes; and, Nicole Lavoie –Yes.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION:**

At 9:03 AM the Board returned to public session. Leah Bruch moved to seal the non-public minutes, and Nicole Lavoie seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Lea Bruch –Yes; Jennifer Rosene – Yes; and, Nicole Lavoie –Yes.

**5. OTHER ITEMS (continued):**

- D. On motion of Lea Bruch and second from Nicole Lavoie, the Board voted to reinstate PTA License #1010, Amanda Brabant.
- E. Lea Bruch asked if there was a list of public member vacancies for all Boards. Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator, responded that she has a list of public member vacancies for the Allied Boards, but advised that she did not have knowledge of/access to a list for public member vacancies for all Boards. The Board discussed various options for letting the public know that public members were needed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Jennifer Rosene and a second by Nicole Lavoie, the Board voted\* to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 AM.