

OFFICE OF LICENSED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Physical Therapy Governing Board



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022

Members present:

Nicole Lavoie, PT
Jennifer Rosene, PT
Robert Worden, PTA
Lea Bruch, Public Member

Others present:

Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator

Legal Counsel present:

Stacie Moeser

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 17, 2022, meeting of the Physical Therapy Governing Board convened at 8:33AM.

The Board voted* to approve the minutes, as written, of the March 15, 2022, meeting, on motion from Nicole Lavoie with a second from Lea Bruch; Robert Worden abstained.

Jennifer Rosene asked new member Robert Worden, PTA, to introduce himself. Robert Worden provided a brief professional background.

Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator, informed the Board that SB222, proposed legislative changes that would have allowed for remote meetings, was no longer being moved forward as it had been determined to be too difficult to legislate.

1. FAST TRACK APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE APPROVED UNDER THE FAST-TRACK PROGRAM:

PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE APPROVED UNDER THE FAST-TRACK PROGRAM

First Name	Last Name	License Type	Fast track date
CHRITYNNE	HELFRICH	INITIAL, PT	3/10/2022
KENDRA	LAJOIE	INITIAL, PT	3/15/2022
SARA	MEYERS	INITIAL, PT	3/16/2022

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STEPHANIE	BROWN	INITIAL, PT	3/16/2022
MATTHEW	O'ROURKE	INITIAL, PT	3/28/2022
TESSY	OOMMEN	INITIAL, PT	3/29/2022
NYSSA	MIDDEN	INITIAL, PT	3/29/2022
HEATHER	HESSLER	INITIAL, PT	3/29/2022
KATELYN	ELLISON	INITIAL, PT	3/30/2022
JULIANNA	SCHULTHEIS	INITIAL, PT	4/1/2022
KELLY	TRANCYGIER	INITIAL, PT	4/4/2022
MICHAEL	KYPROS	INITIAL, PT	4/6/2022
THOMAS	RADIC	INITIAL, PT	4/12/2022
JENNIFER	MORGAN	INITIAL, PT	4/12/2022
EMELIA	DEYCH	INITIAL, PT	4/12/2022
MICHAEL	CLEMENTE	INITIAL, PT	4/14/2022
CHRISTOPHER	GNIP	INITIAL, PT	4/20/2022
ASHLEY	DRAKE	INITIAL, PT	4/25/2022
	OUELLETTE-		
REBECCA	MORTON	INITIAL, PT	4/28/2022
PETER	DRAKOPOULOS	INITIAL, PT	5/4/2022
KELSEY	MOTTO	INITIAL, PT	5/5/2022
ANTHONY	ADDARIO	INITIAL, PT	5/5/2022
WILLIAM	STOTTER	INITIAL, PT	5/5/2022
STEVEN	TRESSLER	INITIAL, PT	5/5/2022
LYDIA	KENNY	INITIAL, PT	5/6/2022
MEGHAN	SMITH	INITIAL, PT	5/6/2022
ASHLEY	ANCTIL	INITIAL, PT	5/6/2022
JACLYN	PECZE	INITIAL, PT	5/9/2022

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE APPROVED UNDER THE FAST-TRACK PROGRAM

First Name	Last Name	License Type	Fast track date
ANNA	GOMOLKA	INITIAL, PTA	3/8/2022
MATHIEU	EBERHARDT	INITIAL, PTA	4/1/2022
ASHLEY	JANAKOS	INITIAL, PTA	4/12/2022

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT APPROVED UNDER THE FAST-TRACK PROGRAM

First Name	Last Name	License Type	Fast track date
KATIE	ORMOND	REINSTATEMENT, PTA	3/28/2022
PEGGY	STACEY	REINSTATEMENT, PTA	4/27/2022

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2. OTHER ITEMS FOR REVIEW/OPLC UPDATES

- A. **Email with questions regarding PTA scope of practice** – The Board reviewed an email submitted to the Board, asking for answers to a variety of questions. Upon motion from Jennifer Rosene, second from Nicole Lavoie, the Board voted to issue a response to the inquiry stating that neither the Board nor OPLC were able to provide legal advice, interpretation, or counsel. The Board also asked that the standard scope of practice message be included, which reminds licensees to only perform duties that they have been trained to do, that they are competent in, and that the scope of practice, rules, and code of ethics covers. Additionally, the Board asked that the response state that the Board cannot comment on business practices.
- B. **Administrative Law Training** – Jennifer Rosene reminded the members to complete the Administrative Law Training that had been emailed on April 11, 2022. Lea Bruch, Robert Worden, and Nicole Lavoie asked that Jessica send the email again.
- C. **Email to Board claiming discrimination** – The Board reviewed an email from Claire Rogers which expressed concerns that the current statute and rules were discriminatory in nature as they made it difficult for foreign-educated applicants to obtain their NH license. Jessica Whelehan stated that she understood why it may appear this way, however, the rules were written to keep the Board in compliance with both the statute (practice act) and the PT Compact. The Board discussed this and agreed that no changes to the rules were practical as they may have an impact on the compact.
- D. **LIF July 23, Alexandria, VA** – Nicole Lavoie informed the Board that she would not be available to attend the Leadership Issues Forum. Nicole indicated that it appeared someone would need to attend. Jennifer Rosene said she might be able to attend if needed, but asked Nicole to first reach out to FSBPT to see if her spot needs to be filled by an alternate, or if there is some other option available, such as remote attendance.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon motion of Jennifer Rosene and Lea Bruch seconded, the Board voted to enter into non-public session at 9:17AM 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; Robert Worden – Yes; and, Nicole Lavoie –Yes.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION:

At 9:54 AM the Board returned to public session. Jennifer Rosene moved to seal the non-public minutes, and Lea Bruch seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

3. OTHER ITEMS FOR REVIEW/OPLC UPDATES (continued)

- A. **Rules Revisions** – The Board continued to review and revise the Phy 400s, completing edits to Phy 403, with draft notes taken by Jennifer Rosene. The Board will resume the rules revisions at Phy 404.
- B. **HB1059** – Jessica Whelehan informed the Board that beginning early July, the law regarding administrative action on applications was changing. She explained that RSA 541-A:29 currently required that all applications automatically be approved at the 60 day mark if the application has not been reviewed by a Board. This was something that Boards with quorum issues faced regularly. It also meant that licenses might be issued to people

who did not meet the minimum requirements for licensure. HB1059 would change the RSA to allow the Executive Director of OPLC to issue licenses based on the minimum qualifications, which is a drastic improvement and increases public safety.

- C. **July meeting** – The Board will not have quorum for the regularly scheduled July 19, 2022, meeting. Jessica Whelehan stated she would try to reschedule the meeting, however, her July schedule was already quite full due to other Board meetings and scheduled leave time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jennifer Rosene adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am.