



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA
January 11, 2017

- 4:00pm** **Call to Order**
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes
- 4:10pm** **Executive Session**
Discuss sensitive information related to discipline and attorney client privileged information.
- 4:40pm** **Officer Reports**
Chairman's Report
Secretary/Treasurer's Report
Executive Director's Report
- 5:40pm** **Committee Reports**
LTF Report
CEU Committee
- 6:00pm** **Legal Report**
Complaint Summary
Open Meetings Presentation
- 6:30pm** **Advisory Committee Position 1 Interview**
6:45pm **Advisory Committee Position 2 Interview**
- 7:00pm** **New Business**
Correspondences
2017 Board Committee Positions: CEU/LTF
Advisory Committee Member Vacancies: Vote on Two Positions
- 7:30pm** **Old Business**
- 8:00pm** **Public Comment**
- 8:05pm** **Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting January 11, 2017

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on January 11, 2017 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman, Donald "Don" Cassano, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer, Kristina Lounsberry, and board members Elizabeth "Beth" Austin, Craig Prejean and Julie Harris. Advisory Committee Member Chris Franks was present. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; board attorneys, Courtney P. Newton and George Papale were also present.

Chairman Cassano called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The board reviewed the purpose of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensing, and regulation of the practice of physical therapy in Louisiana. Only individuals who meet and maintain prescribed standards of competence and conduct may engage in the practice of physical therapy. Our Practice Act and Rules promote the public interest.

The board reviewed the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to approve the agenda as written. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved by the board members.

The board reviewed the minutes. Chairman Cassano moved to accept the December 2016 board minutes as written. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cassano motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry seconded the motion. The Board voted and all were in favor to move into Executive Session.

The board exited Executive Session.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Cassano provided an informational overview of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact to the new board members and discussed the current status nationally. The board discussed the benefits of the compact to patient access and public safety concerns. The board does not plan to move legislation forward in 2017.

The board reviewed the Louisiana State Board of Nursing policy regarding opiate replacement therapy. Beth Austin moved to accept the language of the Nursing Board regarding opiate replacement therapy with changes as discussed by legal. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the policy.

Chairman Cassano provided a performance update on the Public Service Announcement performance report for December 2016. The PSA will air on TV, radio and online through January. The board discussed continuing the PSA through February, March and April for an additional \$75K. The board determined that it would be a more

prudent to plan a social media campaign using the PSA materials while monitor the budget performance for the rest of the fiscal year.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry reported cash in the bank totaled \$155,314.39 at the end of November 2016. Total Income for November 2016 totaled \$26,748.33 and ordinary expenses totaled \$52,950.04. The two Certificates of Deposit total \$602,893.42.

Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to reinvest CD ending in #534 at \$303,450 at the facility that offers the best interest rate for a 12 month period. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Martin reported that seven (7) applications were approved since the last board meeting from December 3, 2016 through January 6, 2017. Of those, 6 (six) licenses were issued to physical therapists through reciprocity and one PTA license was issued through reciprocity.

Mrs. Martin provided an update the current succession plan of the organization, to ensure minimal disruption in the event of a transition in leadership.

Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to accept Courtney Newton's employment package with a budget of \$103,000 and to restructure the staff model to hire Courtney Newton as an unclassified position and move Amanda Lafleur into a classified position. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the application for Molly Hemingway, PTA who has been absent from the practice for over 3 years. The board approved an applicant agreement pursuant to Rule §145.E.

The Board discussed Louisiana licensee, Flavia Pires, PTA who is attempting to have her foreign-trained PT credentials from Brazil reviewed by a credentialing agency. The board reviewed the Practice Act and Rules and determined that because Ms. Pires is a citizen of the United States, is currently a PTA licensee who is authorized to work in Louisiana, she has demonstrated in a personal interview her ability to read, write, speak and understand English fluently (La R.S. 37:2410(4)), and has achieved passing scores on a standardized English proficiency examination (§137.A.3) that the credentials review of her education completed in Brazil may begin immediately and without further delay. Mrs. Martin will contact the credentialing agency and request that they begin the process.

Chairman Cassano moved to amend the agenda to interview Advisory Committee applicant, Jason Douglas, prior to committee reports. Kristina Lounsberry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION 1 INTERVIEW

Jason Douglas presented before the board in an interview for the Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LTF (Legislative Task Force) Update

Chairman Cassano provided an update to the board on the final SCR 65 report to the legislature.

CEU Committee

The committee presented the CE report for courses approved since the December board meeting. In December a total of 77 courses were approved. Of those, 38 courses were traditional and 39 were web-based. Of the courses approved, 73 were clinical, 3 were administrative and 1 was ethics. The Board denied one course, a decision that was made at the December board meeting, based on speaker qualifications. The average turnaround time for approval was 4 days.

The board members reviewed International Alliance of Healthcare Educators courses submitted from licensee Myra Buller and determined that more research and information is needed to determine if the courses meet the Rule requiring evidence-based content.

The board members reviewed a Brooks Rehabilitation Institute of Higher Learning course application and approved the course for 15 hours credit (4 administrative and 11 clinical).

Chairman Cassano moved to amend the agenda to interview Advisory Committee applicant, Joe Guthrie, prior to the legal report. Kristina Lounsberry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION 2 INTERVIEW

Joe Guthrie presented before the board in an interview for the Advisory Committee.

LEGAL REPORT

Board Attorney, Courtney Newton provided an update on the complaint activity of the board since the last board meeting.

Complaint Summary

Current Investigations: 6 currently open
Complaints Received since the last board meeting: 5 (five)
Informal Conferences in Month: 2 (two)
Hearings Scheduled: 0
Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 1 (one)
Closed Cases: 3 (1 Hearing, 1 Letter of Concern, 1 Dismissed)

The board voted and unanimously approved the Consent Order of Sacha Comeaux.

Mrs. Newton presented on Louisiana Open Meetings Law to the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondences

A licensee asked if telehealth physical therapy is permitted in Louisiana.

The Board referenced La. R.S. 40:1223.1, et seq. Physical Therapists are permitted to engage in telehealth under the Louisiana law. The Board does not currently have Rules promulgated for the practice of physical therapy through telehealth.

A licensee asked if a provisional licensee is approved to work at three different locations for the same company with the same supervisor, it is required to provide two hours of supervision each day per facility?

The Board referenced Rule §330 and determined that provisional licensees must be observed by each supervisor for two hours per day with a minimum total of 10 hours per week.

2017 Board Committee Positions

The board voted unanimously to elect Beth Austin and Craig Prejean to the CEU committee for the year 2017.

The board voted unanimously to elect Don Cassano, Patrick Cook and Julie Harris to the Legislative Task Force for the year 2017.

Advisory Committee Member Appointments

The board voted unanimously to appoint Jason Douglas and Joe Guthrie to the Advisory Committee to each serve a term that will expire on December 31, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

The board members reviewed policies and Chairman Cassano moved to accept the Confidential Recovery Physical Therapy Program policy, Background Check policy and Affidavit, Social Media policy and Rap Back policy as amended with legal recommendations. Kristina Lounsberry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Chairman Cassano moved to adjourn the meeting. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.