

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting May 14, 2020

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on May 14, 2020 by Zoom. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Chairman Karl Kleinpeter Secretary/Treasurer Judith Halverson, and board members Phillip “Phil” Page, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, and Dr. Meredith Warner. Advisory Committee Members present was Ben McRae, Michael Hildebrand, Marie Vazquez Morgan, and Jeremy Dye. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director; Danielle Linzer, Licensing Analyst; Stephanie Boudreaux, CEU Specialist/Compliance Officer; and Attorney James “Jim” Raines were present.

Chairman Karl Kleinpeter called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm.

Phil Page moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and the agenda was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April board meeting. Phil Page moved to accept the April 2020 minutes as written. Secretary/Treasurer Judith Halverson seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman Report

No chairman report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

As of March 31, 2020, cash in the bank totaled \$683,119.77 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer’s Merchant Bank. Total Income totaled \$133,380.00 and ordinary expenses totaled \$41,070.31

As of March 31, 2020, the Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled \$997,108.30. CD #054 earned \$510.70 interest and the ending balance was \$494,939.09. CD #054 is on a 12-month certificate term at a 1.3% interest rate. The CD will mature on 05/25/2020.

CD #025 earned \$697.29 interest and the ending balance was \$502,169.21. CD #025 is on a 12-month certificate term at a 1.75% interest rate. The CD will mature on 12/18/2020.

Executive Director Report

Mrs. Martin presented the licensing report. Between February 13, 2020 and March 13, 2020, 5 licenses and 8 provisional licenses were issued. Two licenses were reinstated.

Mrs. Martin reported the current complaint summary of activity that occurred since the last meeting:

Currently Open (Licensees)	18
Currently Open (Non-Licensees)	0
Complaints Received	1

Informal Conferences	0
Hearings Scheduled	0
Appeals	0
Proposed Consent Order	0
Closed Cases	1

Mrs. Martin presented the monitoring report of licensees who are currently being monitored by the board.

Mrs. Martin updated the board members on the status of the performance audit with the Louisiana Legislative Auditors' office and shared a draft manager's response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

The CEU committee reported that 42 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting. Of these reviewed courses 42 were approved. Five of the courses were traditional (live) and 36 were web-based (online), and 1 was hybrid-based (live and online). Of the 42 courses that were approved, 40 were clinical, 2 were administrative and 0 were Ethics. The average time for approval was 2 days.

The board reviewed the drafted instructions for submitting evidence with CEU approval applications to help licensees and course sponsors understand how to comply with the policy already in place.

The board reviewed updates to the post-graduate coursework form. The updates were approved.

The CEU committee presented the board with a Wound Care 101 course recommended for denial. The course was denied on the basis of not meeting the criteria for course length.

Education and Outreach

The committee presented the board with updates of their recent meetings and a review of their current work, including identifying stakeholders and scope of the committee.

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Chairman Kleinpeter gave a brief update of the 2020 legislative session and the bills the committee is tracking.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed a correspondence from a licensee requesting additional time to submit a legal name change to the board due to issues with obtaining appropriate documentation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The board approved for the licensee to take more time to acquire their documentation.

The board reviewed a correspondence from a licensee, as follows:

“Over the years, I have been asked numerous times by attorneys in depositions about my qualifications as a PT to provide a diagnosis and to provide an opinion about medical causation. I think the position statement published by APTA, Diagnosis by Physical Therapists, HOD P06-12-10-09, and the Louisiana PT Practice Act provides a clear foundation of a PT's qualifications to provide a diagnosis within our scope of practice. In my opinion, PTs are also qualified to provide an opinion about medical causation within our scope of practice. However, I would like the Board's opinion on this issue.”

The board discussed and determined that the licensee should consult the Practice Act for scope of practice.

The board reviewed a request from a PT student to waive the mailing list fee. The Education and Outreach Committee proposed waiving the fee as the list will be used for academic purposes of research and not for profit or monetary gain. The board agreed and approved of waiving the fee.

The board reviewed questions from a licensee asking “I have a continuing education subscription (live webinar, home study, and in-person formats included) that expires December 2020. I satisfied all requirements and renewed my license for 2020 in March. I want to get all my continuing education hours for 2022 before my subscription expires in December 2020.

1. Will the board please make an extension to allow online courses to satisfy the live course requirements for 2022 renewals?
2. And, at a minimum, will the board allow live webinars to satisfy the in-person, live course requirements?”

The discussed and agreed that no changes will be made to renewal requirements for 2022 at this time.

The board reviewed a request from a course sponsor asking “Due to these extenuating circumstances directed by the federal government, will the board be extending the approval timeline from 2020 until 2021? If not, are we able to get a refund for these courses in order to resubmit for 2021?” The board discussed and agreed to allow the course to be removed from 2020 approvals and instead approved for 2021 with the agreement from the course sponsor that no changes will have been made to the course content.

The board reviewed a request from a course sponsor asking if the board would allow a course originally approved for live instruction would be allowed to be changed for live webinar format without having to pay an additional course review fee. The board discussed agreed that the format could be changed without requiring an additional fee.

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Judith Halverson seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.