

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting March 16, 2020

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on March 16, 2020 Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University in Baton Rouge, LA and by WebEx. 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 Tyra Mitchell. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Attorney James “Jim” Raines were present.

Chairman Karl Kleinpeter called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

Phil Page moved to approve the agenda. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The board voted and the agenda was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes from the February board meeting. Katie Brittain moved to accept the February 20, 2020 minutes as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman Report

No chairman report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

As of January 31, 2020, cash in the bank totaled \$349,044.01 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer’s Merchant Bank. For the month of January 2020 income totaled \$25,911 and ordinary expenses totaled \$44,944.18.

As of January 31, 2020, the Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled \$994,610.73. CD #054 earned 544.72 interest and the ending balance was \$493,883.07. 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 \$743.16 interest and the ending balance was \$500,727.66. 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, 8 licenses were issued.

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

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| Currently Open (Licensees) | 16 |
| Currently Open (Non-Licensees) | 0 |
| Complaints Received | 2 |
| Informal Conferences | 2 |

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| Hearings Scheduled | 0 |
| Appeals | 0 |
| Proposed Consent Order | 0 |
| Closed Cases | 2 |

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

Mrs. Martin presented the board with the all contracts expiring June 30, 2020. Phil Page moved to approve a renewed contract with Champagne & Co in the amount of \$10,000 for accounting consulting, Kathie Pohlman in the amount of \$30,000 as the manager of the Recovering Physical Therapy Program to provide guidance on impaired licensees referred to the Board, and E Solutions Group in the amount of \$10,000 for IT services. Judith Halverson seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The board voted and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

The CEU committee reported that 69 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting. Of these reviewed courses 69 were approved. Thirty-nine of the courses were traditional (live) and 27 were web-based (online), and 3 were hybrid-based (live and online). Of the 69 courses that were approved, 63 were clinical, 1 was administrative and 2 were Ethics. The average time for approval was 3.5 days.

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Chairman Kleinpeter gave a brief update that the legislative session is delayed due to the COVID-19 virus.

Rules Revision Committee

Phil Page reported that he and Mrs. Martin met about the Rules revision and the next step is to finalize the Rules on the investigative process before bringing the rules to the board for consideration.

Education and Outreach

The committee canceled their committee meeting on March 19, 2020 and has put the committee meeting on hold.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Martin presented the board with the letter from applicant Isabelle Omijie requesting reinstatement of their license number after passing the NPTE on their fifth attempt. Judith Halverson moved to issue a license to Ms. Omijie in accordance with Rule 145.B. and in keeping with the FSBPT Exam limitation of six attempts to the exam. Phil Page seconded the motion. Tyra Mitchel commented from the public that she believes that this is good licensing decision for Louisiana. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Page moved, in response to the Governor's Proclamation # JBE 2020-27, to extend the deadline for renewing in 2020 (30) days to May 30, 2020. Those who renew in March, April and May will be subject to the 2-year renewal fee, but not the late renewal of license fee (LAC 46: LIV 501.A(9)). Licenses not renewed by 11:59pm CST on 5/30/2020 11:59pm for the 2020 renewal cycle will become expired on 5/30/2020. Further, to comply with state and federal recommendations in response to COVID-19, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is allowing online courses to substitute for live courses during the 2020 renewal period. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board decided to cancel the April and May Jurisprudence seminars.

The board discussed disciplined licensees who are required to attend a live Jurisprudence and determined that they will not be penalized for not fulfilling the live Jurisprudence requirement for the renewal period 2020.

The board instructed Mrs. Martin to direct all questions from participants in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program to Kathie Pohlman at this time who are concerned about meeting live A/A and N/A meetings, counseling sessions, presenting at drug test facilities, and any other questions related to their compliance with the program.

Mrs. Martin asked the board to consider the expiration date of Provisional Licensees who are scheduled for the National Physical Therapy Examination in April. The provisional licenses are issued for 90 days and current provisional license holder expiration dates are in May and June. The board is aware of the concern and determined that they will monitor the situation and discuss this topic at the April board meeting depending on how the COVID-19 pandemic progresses.

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.