

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting February 17, 2021

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on February 17, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:11pm), Meredith Warner, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell (arrived at 2:00pm), Phillip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell. Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Marie Vazquez Morgan, Chris Franks, and Michael Hildebrand. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux, Rudy Gomez, Rebecca Fails, Jill Stewart, Zach Varn, Jaime Caillet, April Graham, Sam Werner, Matthew Clark, Sydney Babineaux, Billy Foret, Trey Pellerin, Bart Jones, Courtney Blanchard Brown. Present for a portion of the meeting were licensee Jose Garcia and his attorney Nick Cusimano.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Phil Page moved to approve the agenda. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

The board members reviewed a request for consideration by licensee Jose Garcia to revise his interim consent agreement and board order (2018-I-036).

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensee Jose Garcia. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit executive session. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to deny the request of Jose Garcia to revise the Interim Consent Agreement and Board Order to allow him to be evaluated by a board-approved provider rather than having to undergo an inpatient psychosexual evaluation and sexual addiction evaluation at a facility approved by the board. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and approved the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Phil Page who abstained from the vote.

Chairman Halverson moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 board meeting. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

Officer Reports

Executive Director, Charlotte Martin provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

Licenses Issued from January 22, 2021 through February 11, 2021

Total: 16

PTs: 8

- New Grads: 4
- Reinstatement: 1
- Reciprocity: 3

PTAs: 8

- New Grads: 5
- Reciprocity: 3

Complaints Summary

As of January 27, 2021

Currently open on licensees: 18

- Boundaries: 10
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 2
- Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 1

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Closed Cases: 0

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

Committee Reports

Total Courses Reviewed	168
Total Courses Approved	167

Traditional	15	Clinical	160
Web-based	149	Administrative	5
Hybrid	3	Ethics	2

Denial: 1 course denied by committee due to course submission documentation not meeting standards for course content.

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3 Days

The Rules committee presented proposed changes to the Rules. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the Rules Report as revised during the meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. Bart Jones provided public comment. The board voted and unanimously approved the Rules changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Tyra Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.