

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting March 10, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on March 10, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, Meredith Warner, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell (arrived at 2:00pm), Philip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director of the Board; and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Michael Laudadio was present from the Advisory Committee. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux and David Qualls, as well as Rudy Gomez, Consultant for SSA Consultants.

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

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

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss potential litigation involving injunction against non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

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

Oday Lavergne moved authorize General Counsel, Jim Raines to have a discussion with the Attorney General’s Office, to determine the appropriateness of sending a Cease and Desist Order to this individual, and to contact other licensing boards to discuss this individual’s unlicensed activity. Dr. Meredith Warner seconded the motion. The board members voted approved the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Tyra Mitchell who was not present for the discussion.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 board meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

#### **Special Program**

Rudy Gomez provided a presentation of strategic assessment results utilizing all information and stakeholder input gathered throughout the assessment activities with general observations and recommendations. This summary of assessment results will serve as a jumping off point for a facilitated leadership planning session at a future date.

#### **Committee Reports**

The Rules committee recommended additional changes to rule.

Oday Lavergne moved to remove the language “to stimulate trigger points in a patient’s body” from the definition of dry needling in Rule (LAC 46: §123). John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to change update the titles of “center coordinator clinical education” to “site coordinator of clinical education” and to update the title “academic coordinator clinical education” to “director of clinical education” in Rule (LAC 46: §195). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to add the requirement of completing the Minimum Data Set survey as part of the renewal application in Rule (LAC 46: §181). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Phil Page moved to add the requirement of completing the Minimum Data Set survey as part of the reinstatement application in Rule (LAC 46: §187.B.&E.). Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **New Business**

The board members acknowledged that other states have authorized physical therapists and unlicensed individuals to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, with appropriate training and other provisions. The board determined that they will need to be prepared to recommend training, should physical therapists in Louisiana become authorized vaccine administrators.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.