

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting May 12, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on May 12, 2021 held in person at SSA Consultants' Baton Rouge office and virtually via Zoom. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn "Katie" Brittain, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell, Philip "Phil" Page, Oday Lavergne, and Dr. Meredith Warner. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director; Stephanie Boudreaux, CEU Specialist/Compliance Officer; Jim Raines, General Counsel; and Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney were present. Members of the public were present, including Advisory Committee member Lindsey Robinson, three consultants from Duo Supra, and Sara Fontenot of Hub Enterprises.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

Phil Page voted to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensees pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1). Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved entering Executive Session.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved exiting Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to authorize the Investigative Committee to draft a letter of concern to the respondent in complaint 2021-I-005 and thereafter close the case. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to adopt the board order presented by board counsel regarding complaint 2021-I-004 which will be signed by the board chair. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the April minutes as written. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the April minutes as written.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAM

The board member participated in a training and orientation of new board laptops for the purpose of increased security and confidentiality in board work.

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The board participated in a facilitated leadership planning session with SSA Consultants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Oday Lavergne moved to adjust the agenda to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensees pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1). Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved adjusting the agenda.

In accordance with La R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iv), due to an extraordinary emergency related to a court ruling that occurred today, on May 12, 2021, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session in order to discuss strategy related to ongoing investigation involving the Board in their matter entitled State of Louisiana vs. Philippe Aloysius Veeters, No. DC-19-07235, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved exiting Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to authorize Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney, to take a writ from the court's ruling today in the matter of State vs. Philipe Aloyisius Veeters Docket# DC-19-07235. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Tyra Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The board meeting was adjourned at 4:54pm.