

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting June 30, 2021

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on June 30, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:11pm), John Marius, Phillip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell were present. 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 Jon “Jeremy” Dye. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux, Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants, licensee Jaime Caillet, and Duo Supra IT support members: William Olson, Paula Servin, and Nate Sousek.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:08 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.

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Complaint Cases # 2021I001 and 2020I019, as well as pending litigation involving the Board in their matter entitled State of Louisiana vs. Veeters, No. DC-19-07235, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

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

Phil Page moved to dismiss Case 2021-I-001. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to accept the Consent Order agreement for licensee Chasity Popillion, Physical Therapist License Number 09186. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the minutes as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Katie Brittain updated the board on the financials for April and May 2021.

Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Charlotte Martin updated the board on the FY 2021-2022 website proposal priorities.

Mrs. Martin then provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

Licenses Issued from May 11, 2021 through June 28, 2021

Total: 91

PTs: 82

- New Grads: 17
- Reinstatement: 1
- Reciprocity: 10
- Provisional: 54

PTAs: 9

- Provisional: 7
- Reciprocity: 2

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 20

- Boundaries: 12
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 1
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 2

Informal Conferences: 0

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 3

Closed Cases: 1

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Total Courses Reviewed 98

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Traditional	20	Clinical	91
Web-based	77	Administrative	4
Hybrid	1	Ethics	3

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3 Days

There were no updates from the Rules Committee or the Operations and Outreach Committee.

General Counsel of the Board, Jim Raines presented on behalf of the Legislative Task Force regarding Act 399.

Oday Lavergne moved to authorize the Executive Director of the Board and the General Counsel of the Board to enter into discussion with the Attorney General's Office regarding an interest in potentially entering into a contract for services related to Act No. 399. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Rudy Gomez with SSA Consultants presented a final report on the Organizational Assessment.

Phil Page moved to move Unfinished Business up to 3:25 on the agenda. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Executive Director Charlotte Martin and William Olson and Nate Sousek from Duo Supra presented to the board about the new board devices.

Phil moved to agenda the agenda to move up new business to 3:48. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Page moved to authorize the purchase a Booth at the LPTA meeting for \$500 to hand out updated Practice Act and Rule booklets, an information sheet about the Rule changes, and to answer questions about the Rule changes. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

The board offered the opportunity to hear comments from the public regarding the rules that were submitted to the State Register for approval. There were no public comments on the rules.

Oday Lavergne moved to close the window for public comment on the rules. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 4:15pm.