

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting August 11, 2021

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on August 11, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:06 pm), John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell, and Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer were present. Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Jason Douglas. Members of the public were present, including Duo Supra IT support member: William Olson.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Oday Lavergne moved to amend the agenda to move case #2019-I-018 to be discussed in open session. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session 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 Compliant Case #2020-I-017. To discussion potential litigation involving injunction against a non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2). Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved. The board members moved into Executive Session.

Dr. Warner moved to exit Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and approved.

Dr. Warner moved to accept the Consent Order agreement for licensee Christian Stafford, Physical Therapist License Number 08847 in response to case #2020-I-017. John Marius seconded the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to amend the Consent Order so that all reimbursement for costs will be paid in full within 120 days. Chairman Halverson seconded the motion. The board voted and the amendment failed.

The board voted on Consent Order agreement for licensee Christian Stafford, Physical Therapist License Number 08847 in response to case #2020-I-017. All voted aye except for Oday Lavergne who voted nay. The Consent Order was approved.

Charlotte Martin presented the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case #2019-I-018. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the recommendation to dismiss. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the Minutes from the June 30, 2021 meeting. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the Minutes as written. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain updated the board on the financials since the last meeting. The board was also updated on the end of the year FY 2020-2021 report.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Charlotte Martin presented to the board regarding foreign-trained physical therapists seeking licensure via reciprocity.

Dr. Warner moved that the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board recognize the state of Texas' physical therapy initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists as substantially equivalent to Louisiana's initial licensure requirements. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and all voted aye except Oday Lavergne voted nay. The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved that New York's initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists are not substantially equivalent to Louisiana's initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Chairman Halverson moved to authorize the application review committee review licensure applications, as necessary, and bring recommendations to the Board, as necessary. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Dr. Warner moved to direct Celia Cangelosi to apply Rule 199 (LAC 46: LIV §199) language that will be effective on August 20, 2021 retroactively for the three individuals who were non-compliant with the 2021 CEU Audit. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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:

PTs: 10

- Reciprocity: 5
- Provisional: 5

PTAs: 31

- Provisional: 4
- Reciprocity: 2
- New Grad: 25

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 19

- Boundaries: 12
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 2
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 2
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 1
 Informal Conferences: 2
 Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0
 Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 1
 Closed Cases: 2

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 46
 Total Courses Approved: 46

Traditional:	22	Clinical:	46
Web-based:	24	Administrative:	0
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	0

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 5 Days

The CEU committee presented a request from a course sponsor requesting a refund on the course review fee. Oday Lavergne moved that the board extends the course approval through 2023. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Rules Committee

The committee proposed reinstating the JP Exam Review Committee. The board appointed Phil Page and Tyra Mitchell to the committee.

Dr. Warner moved that the Alternative Approval Pathway be adopted. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Legislative Task Force

The board discussed the name of the committee and agreed rename it the Legislative & Public Policy Committee.

Operations & Outreach Committee

Katie Brittain gave an update to the board from the last meeting.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Each task force, Discipline, IT, Real Estate, and Government Relations gave an update on their latest meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Executive Director Charlotte Martin requested to allow the Jurisprudence at the Fall LPTA meeting to be virtual and the board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.