

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting October 13, 2021

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on October 13, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, Phil Page, Tyra Mitchell, John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell were present. Jim Raines, General Counsel was present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Ben McRae, Marie Vazquez Morgan, Jeremy Dye, and Lindsey Robinson. Members of the public were present, including Christina Faucheux, Gretchen Duplantis, Heather Duplantis, and Ryan Nogot.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

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

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

Tyra Mitchell moved to exit Executive Session. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to accept the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case 2021-I-010. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to accept the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case 2021-I-017. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to change Gretchen Duplantis’s, cases 2020-I-006 and 2019-I-002, license status from suspended to probation. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjust agenda to discuss licensee Ryan Nogot, case 2020-I-004 when the licensee arrives for his exit interview, as required by the terms of his consent order. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes for the August 11, 2021 meeting. Phil Page moved to accept the minutes as written. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board members conducted an exit interview with licensee Ryan Nogot, per the terms of his Consent Order. Oday Lavergne moved to change Ryan Nogot’s(case 2020-I-004), license status from probation to active. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Halverson congratulated three board members on being appointed for a second term. Katie Brittain was reappointed to the board effective September 7, 2021 to serve through September 6, 2024. Phil Page was reappointed to the board effective September 18, 2021 to serve through September 17, 2024. Dr. Meredith Warner will be reappointed to the board effective October 15, 2021 to serve through January 4 2024.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain provided the board with an update on the first quarter of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A report was also given on the findings from this year's legislative audit.

Executive Director's Report

Licenses Issued from August 3, 2021 through October 11, 2021

Total: 128

PTs:

- Initial: 69
- Reciprocity: 14
- Reinstatement: 1
- Provisional: 14

PTAs:

- Provisional: 14
- Reciprocity: 15
- Reinstatement: 1

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 21

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

Complaints Received: 5

Informal Conferences: 2

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 1

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 0

Closed Cases: 2

Appeals: 0

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 246
Total Courses Approved: 246

Traditional:	33	Clinical:	241
Web-based:	213	Administrative:	5
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	0

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 4.3 Days

Jurisprudence Review Committee:

Phil Page informed the board of the Jurisprudence Exam Review committee's next meeting to be held on October 20, 2021.

Rules Committee

No updates.

Legislative & Public Policy Committee

No updates.

Operations & Outreach Committee

Charlotte Martin provided the board with an update from the committee's last meeting.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

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

The Discipline task force presented the board with a contract for provide hearing officer services to the board. Oday Lavergne moved to enter a contract with Amy Groves Lowe at Taylor Porter to provide hearing officers services to the board. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed the rule change for Rule §199 for handling satisfaction of the CEU audit and non-compliance of the CEU audit. Oday Lavergne moved to authorize the Executive Director to determine satisfactory compliance and non-compliance with the CEU audit in accordance with Rule §199. Meredith Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchel seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.