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TELECONFERENCE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melinda Richardson, PT, MA; President
James E. Miller, PT, DPT, Vice President
Michael S. Clinton, CPA; Secretary; Public Member
Peggy Hunter, PTA, CLT; Member
Nushka Remec, PT, MS, PCS; Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
PRESENT:**

John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General

BOARD STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:

Charles D. Brown, Executive Director
Monica Crowley, Office Manager
Veronica Cardoza, Licensing Administrator

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 8:35 A.M.;** Ms. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. (A recording of the meeting is available through the Board Office)

Roll Call – The following Board members were present telephonically: Dr. Miller, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Clinton and Ms. Remec.

5) COMPLAINTS, HEARINGS, INVESTIGATIONS and COMPLIANCE

- a) Review, Discussion, and Action on Board Order
i) Case #16-65; Scott Kushner, PT- Request Lifting Suspension

Mr. Scott Kushner was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Mr. Brown provided a summary of the case for the Board. Mr. Kushner has completed the re-evaluation as required under Order #16-65. The report is attached along with the with Mr. Kushner's e-mails. In addition, a copy of the Order is included for your review. The evaluation recommended the suspension continue until Mr. Kushner sees a neurologist and undergoes a complete neuropsychological evaluation. Depending on the results, the evaluator has proposed some options for returning to practice. The Board must review the report and determine how they may wish to implement the recommendations and the remaining parts of the Order. Since the November 23, 2017 review of this matter, the Mr. Kushner has provided a report from his treating psychologist and from his neurological follow-up.

The Board has the ability to determine terms for Probation and/or restriction of Mr. Kushner's license once the Board determines to lift the suspension. Considerations from Dr. Partington:

1. Mr. Kushner has been recommended to see a new psychologist (preferably a male).
2. Mr. Kushner has been determined to have some nature of a past head injury that can impact his judgement.
3. Mr. Kushner should only work in a clinic or hospital setting. If a home-based setting is required it should be limited to 25-30 percent of his time.
4. Mr. Kushner should have regular oversight by a senior therapist or other healthcare professional for a minimum of 12 months.
5. Mr. Kushner should continue individual therapy.
6. Mr. Kushner should participate in a Men’s Therapeutic Group.

The Board reviewed and discussed Mr. Kushner’s current Board Order. Mr. John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General advised the Board to review and focus on the summary of Mr. Kushner’s treating doctor. The Board discussed the possibility of lifting the suspension. Ms. Remec, Dr. Miller and Mr. Clinton stated they were not in favor of lifting the suspension at this time.

Mr. Kushner provided a statement to the Board.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board lift the suspension subject to conditions. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion failed.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye		X			X		
Nay	X		X	X			
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Dr. Miller moved the Board deny lifting the suspension. Ms. Remec seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X		X	X			
Nay		X			X		
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Mr. John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General, left the Board meeting at 8:51 A.M.

The Board Recessed from 8:52 A.M. to 8:56 A.M

2) Review and Approval of Draft Minutes

a) November 28, 2017, Regular Session Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes.

Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve the November 28, 2017; Regular Session Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

b) November 28, 2017, Executive Session Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes.

Ms. Remec moved the Board approve the November 28, 2017; Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

3) CONSENT AGENDA: REVIEW, CONSIDERATION and ACTION

a) Applications for Licensure and Certification

i) Review, Consideration and Approval for Applications of Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript.

Marissa Bunge	Benjamin Cunningham	Jessica Dunaway
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William Dyakiv	Alaitia Enjady	Tyler Finch
Christoph Graf	David Grubbs	James Harsen
Jennifer Hodgens	Matthew Howell	Christina Iwaskiewicz
Laura Kahle	Esther Kim	Alexa LeMay
Andrew Lioi	Carson Loose	Keaton McCoy
Craig Obrock	David Roberts	Karen Roda
Brentana Schursky	John Seipel	Sweta Shah
Sean Sibbett	Lindsay Sigmon	Brittany Singleton
Kelsey Smith	David (Troy) Walker	Heather Wolf
Phil Yoon	Lauren Yoshida	Ryan Yoshida

Ms. Hunter pulled Carson Loose from the above consent agenda for separate consideration.

Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Carson Loose

Ms. Hunter did not see Mr. Loose’s fingerprint clearance card in his file.

The Board reviewed and discussed the application. Ms. Cardoza stated she had received his fingerprint clearance card.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board approve the Application for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		

Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

ii) Review, Consideration and Approval of Applications for Physical Therapist licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript and with documentation Related to Disclosure on “Personal Information section of the application”.

Bethany Hightower	Joshua Johnson	Blake Moreland
Jeffrey Nicholson	Melanie Rye	

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve Applications for Physical Therapist licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

iii) Review, Consideration and Approval of Applications for Physical Therapist Assistant Certification upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript.

McKenna Brown	Victoria Brown	Cynthia Cannon
Mira Bai Fairlight	Sheryl Foster	Kayla Hannebohm
Victoria Komlofske	Michael McGrath	Terry Nichols
James Singleton		

Ms. Remec pulled Michael McGrath from the above consent agenda for separate consideration. Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve the above Applications for Physical Therapist Assistant Certification upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Michael McGrath

Ms. Remec pulled Mr. McGrath’s application for separate consideration because he is a Physical Therapist not a Physical Therapist Assistant.

The Board reviewed and discussed the application.

Ms. Remec moved the Board approve the Application for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

iv) Review, Consideration and Approval of Applications for Physical Therapist Assistant certification upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript and with documentation Related to Disclosure on “Personal Information section of the application”.

Nicholas Jochimsen		
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Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant certification upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		

Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

b) Review, Consideration and Action on Applications for Volunteer Registration Pursuant to ARS §32-3217.

- i) Volunteer Health Services Registration
 - (1) Ava Dickerson
 - (2) Allison Mayer
 - (3) Haiji Velasco

Ms. Hunter pulled Ms. Ava Dickerson from the above consent agenda for separate consideration.

Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve the above Applications for Volunteer Registration pursuant to ARS §32-3217. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Ava Dickerson

Ms. Hunter pulled Ms. Dickerson’s application for separate consideration because she was missing her finger print clearance card, citizenship form and her volunteer application was not filled out completely.

The Board reviewed and discussed the application.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board approve the above Application for Volunteer Registration pursuant to ARS §32-3217 upon receipt of her citizenship form, finger print clearance and a completed application. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							

Abstained							
Absent							

Consent Agenda End

4) Review, Consideration and Action on Applications for Licensure and Certification

- a) Review of and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure – Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs Not U.S. Accredited.
 - i) Review of and Possible Licensure of Applicant with Final CPI
 - (1) Ritula Kohli

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board approve Ms. Kohli’s final CPI and issue licensure for Physical Therapist upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the AZLAW. Ms. Remec seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

- b) Review of and Possible Action on Physical Therapists Previously Licensed in the state of Arizona.
 - (1) Tanner Judd

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Ms. Richardson moved the Board approve the above Application for Physical Therapists Previously Licensed in the state of Arizona. Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

6) BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2) for purposes of discussing confidential information or §38-431.03(A)(3) to obtain legal advice.

- a) Executive Director’s Report – No Report
- b) Board Vote to Allow Current Board Members to Serve on the Board until they Are Replaced or Reappointed In accordance with A.R.S. §32-2002(B).
 - i) Melinda Richardson, PT

Dr. Miller moved the Board allow current Board Member Melinda Richardson to serve on the Board until she is replaced or reappointed in accordance with A.R.S. §32-2002(B). Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X			
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained					X		
Absent							

c) Review, Discussion, and Action on March 27, 2018 Board Meeting Location Change

Dr. Miller moved the Board hold the March 27, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting at Northern Arizona University–Phoenix Biomedical Campus. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. Following review and discussion the motion carried.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. Miller	Ms. Remec	Ms. Richardson		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

7) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one was present and no one came forward.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley
Office Manager

Approved by,

Michael S. Clinton, CPA
Secretary