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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via  
Google Meet Video Conferencing  
Virtual Attendance  
August 23, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT, Vice President  
Giovanni Leone, PTA; Secretary  
Mark Cornwall, PT PHD; Professional Member  
Joshua Greer, Public Member  
Joshua Barton, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kelly King, PT, DPT, President

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL PRESENT:** Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Chepeus, Executive Director  
Veronica Cardoza, Administrative Services Officer  
Monica Crowley, Licensing Administrator  
Mindy Richardson PT, Investigator

1) **CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.;** Dr. Bustillo called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. (A recording of the meeting is available on the Board’s website.)

2) **Roll Call** – See Above.

3) **Minutes: Review, consideration, and action:**

A) July 26, 2022 Regular Session

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to **Approve** the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							

Abstained							
Absent	X						

**B) July 26, 2022 Executive Session A**

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. Cornwall to **Approve** the July 26, 2022 Executive Session A minutes. Mr. Leone abstained from voting as he did not attend the July 26, 2022 Executive Session A meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X		X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained			X				
Absent	X						

**4) Applications for Licensure and Certification:**

C) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist applicants who graduated from foreign educational programs that are not U.S. Accredited.

1) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding educational equivalence, option to license or require a supervised clinical practice period and/or eligibility for NPTE/ AZLAW exams.

a. Oksana James

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** for AZLAW and licensure after completion of application and exams. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

2) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding approving the

Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) facility and supervising therapists proposed by Foreign Educated Physical Therapist applicant.

a. Erini Guirguis

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Approve** the proposed Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) facility and supervising therapists. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**5) Consent Agenda:**

**A) Applications recommended for approval of Physical Therapist licensure upon successful completion of the application, including receipt of transcripts and passage of the NPTE and/or AZLAW.** The Board will review, discuss, and may take action on the following applicants who provided an affirmative response to application questions related to their background.

- 1) Daniel Barajas
- 2) Sebastian Hicks
- 3) Danielle Meza

**B) Applications recommended for approval of Physical Therapist Assistant certification upon successful completion of the application, including receipt of transcripts and passage of the NPTE and/or AZLAW.** The Board will review, discuss, and may take action on the following applicants who provided an affirmative response to application questions related to their background.

- 1) Kahla Bergmeyer
- 2) Randy Hogue
- 3) Katherine Lewis
- 4) Andrea Newsom
- 5) Natalia Speer
- 6) Brittany Whisman

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Approve** consent agenda items 5A -5B. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**End of Consent Agenda**

**9) Complaints and other disciplinary matters: review, consideration, and action.**

**C) 21-07, John LaDouceur, PTA**

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of monitoring company

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary to the Board.

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** the proposed monitoring company. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**A) 21-17, Brelan Lane, PT**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

Ms. Richardson summarized the Board’s investigation.

Following review and discussion Dr. Cornwall moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to forward the above case to an informal hearing to include all of the alleged violations identified in the investigative report with the exception of 32-2044(14). The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

Dr. Cornwall moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to **Open** complaints against the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants identified in the Investigative Report:

- John Bott, PT
- Ritu Viyas, PT
- Melissa Shafer PT
- Heather Goff, PTA
- Ryanne Thiess, PTA
- Manuella Khoshaba, PTA
- Catlin Palmer, PTA

The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**B) 21-25, Cerese Oakley, PT**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

Ms. Richardson summarized the Board’s investigation.

Ms. Cerese Oakley, PT and her attorney Mr. Charles Hoover, Esq, were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to offer a **Non-Disciplinary Order** to include 8 hrs of continuing education in documentation and ethics and accept the courses previously submitted in satisfaction of those hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**10) Board business and reports:**

**A) Plaque presentation**

Discussion and presentation of plaque in appreciation of outstanding service to former Public Member Michael S. Clinton, CPA

- 1) In appreciation of dedicated service, Mr. Clinton, CPA

Board members and staff thanked Mr. Clinton for his service on the Board.

**B) Board Member position updates**

Review and discussion of Board member position changes

- 1) Farewell Dr. Cornwall, PT, PhD
- 2) Governor appointment in process Dr. Heick PT, DPT, PhD

Board members and staff thanked Dr. Cornwall for his service on the Board.

Dr. Heick introduced himself and looks forward to serving on the Board.

**The Board Recessed from 9:27 A.M. to 9:36 A.M.**

Roll call taken after returning from Recess at 9:36 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

**D) Executive Director’s Report**

- 1) **Social Media Information**  
Review and discussion regarding recent processing of social media information.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary. The Board reviewed and discussed.

- 2) **Renewal status update**  
Review and discussion regarding the current status of PT license and PTA certificate renewal.

Ms. Chepeus updated the Board on the current status of PT license and PTA certificate renewal.

Approximately 8,800 Licensees/Certificate Holders were eligible for renewal at the beginning of the renewal season. As of 6pm on August 22, 2022 the breakdown of renewal applications is as follows:

- Total renewal applications received, 6,571 (75% of the total eligible).
- Of those renewal applications received, 6,499 are approved and 72 await processing.
- More submissions are anticipated prior to the August 31, 2022 deadline.

- 3) **Continuing competence audits**  
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding setting the percentage of random licensee/certificate holders for continuing competence audit.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary. The Board reviewed and discussed.

Following review and discussion Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** Audits to be set at 2% of the renewal applications submitted with a cap of 200. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

- 4) **June 2022 Financials**  
Review and possible discussion

Board members reviewed the financials for the month of June.

5) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**

Review and discussion on approvals granted in July 2022

**a) 46 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**

- i. 14 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 16 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 2 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 1 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 3 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 10 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

**b) 0 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**

- i. 0 Physical Therapists
- ii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistants

**c) 1 Business Entity Registrations**

- i. 1 Newly Issued
- ii. 0 Reinstated

**d) 0 Interstate Telehealth Registrations**

- i. 1 Newly Issued PT
- ii. 0 Newly Issued PTA

Board members reviewed the licenses, certifications, and registrations processed in the month of July.

**Let the record reflect Ms. Richardson left the Board meeting at 10:01 A.M.**

- C) Presentation by John Hosterman Regarding ADA Accommodations (10:00 am)**  
John Hosterman, PhD, Chief of Accessibility & Disability Services, Paradigm Testing will provide an ADA Accommodations presentation

Dr. Hosterman provided a Presentation on ADA Accommodations and addressed the Board's questions.



**11) Future Agenda Items**

N/A

**12) Adjournment**

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **Adjourn**. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Cornwall	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	VACANT
Aye		X	X	X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent	X						

**Meeting adjourned at 11:43 A.M.**

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley  
Licensing Administrator

Approved by,

Giovanni Leone, PTA  
Secretary