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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via
Google Meet Video Conferencing
Virtual Attendance
May 23, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly King, PT, DPT, President
Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT, Vice President
Giovanni Leone, PTA; Secretary
John Heick, PT, DPT, PhD
Joshua Greer, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Barton, Public Member

**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

BOARD SAFF ABSENT:

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.;** Dr. King called the meeting to order at 8:30 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) April 25, 2023, Regular Session

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. Heick to **Approve** the April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	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.

- 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 for applicants who graduated from a Non-U.S. Accredited foreign educational program.

a. Nieves Christian Zaragoza Barrera

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Approve** eligibility for the NPTE and AZLAW exams and to require a supervised clinical practice period of 500 hrs. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	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) Juliana Brotzman
- 2) John Orchard-Hays
- 3) Kimberly Thurlow

C) Cases recommended for termination of Board Order. The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

- 2) 22-54 Makenzi Hoffine, PT
- 3) 22-55 Anthony Henderson, PT

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** consent agenda items 5A and 5C. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	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.

A) 21-20 Alejandro Iniguez, PTA

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the Board’s investigation.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to forward the above case to a **Formal Hearing**. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to add a potential violation of 32-2044(18) to case 21-20. The motion passed unanimously.

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

C) CS

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

Ms. Richardson provided a summary to the Board.

CS was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Take No Action**. The motion passed unanimously.

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

D) HG

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

Ms. Richardson provided a summary to the Board.

HG was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Heick to **Open A Complaint** against Hital Gejjar, PT for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. King	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	VACANT
Aye	X	X	X	X		X	

Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent					X		

E) JB

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

Ms. Richardson provided a summary to the Board.

JB was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Open A Complaint** against Jane Born, PT for failure to report within the 10-day period.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to enter into **Executive Session** to obtain legal advice. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Executive Session -A from 9:17 A.M. to 9:27 A.M.

Roll call taken after returning back from **Executive Session** at 9:27 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

Returning from, Executive Session, Dr. King requested a **friendly amendment** to open a complaint for possible violation of 32-2044(8) and failure to report within the 10-day period. Dr. Bustillo accepts the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Recused							
Abstained							
Absent					X		

B) 23-15 Timothy Fearon, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the Board’s investigation.

Patient LW and Timothy Fearon, PT were both present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to issue a **Non-Disciplinary Board Order** to include:

- 3 hours of **Continuing education** in Ethics
- 6 hours of **Continuing education** in Boundaries, communication, and informed consent

to be completed within 6 months; courses must be pre-approved, may be completed online, and do not count toward renewal requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

10) Board business and reports

A) FSBPT Alternate Approval Pathway Presentation

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the FSBPT Alternate Approval Pathway for exam eligibility.

Jeff Rosa provided the FSBPT Alternate Approval Pathway Presentation.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Heick to direct staff to continue to look into the feasibility of the Board participating in the Alternate Approval Pathway offered by FSBPT. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B) Executive Director’s Report

- 1) **Board Ordered pre-approval of continuing education courses**
Review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint Respondents who are non-compliant with continuing education pre-approval terms.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary to the Board. The Board review and discussed the above agenda item. No action was taken.

- 2) **April 2023 financials**
Review and possible discussion

Board members reviewed the financial information for the month of April 2023.

- 4) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**
Review and discussion on approvals granted in April 2023
 - a) **39 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**
 - i. 21 Physical Therapists Endorsement
 - ii. 2 Physical Therapists Examination
 - iii. 0 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
 - iv. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
 - v. 2 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
 - vi. 5 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
 - vii. 8 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
 - viii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
 - ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse
 - b) **4 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**
 - i. 1 Physical Therapists

ii. 3 Physical Therapist Assistants

c) 16 Business Entity Registrations

- i. 16 Newly Issued
- ii. 0 Reinstated

d) 0 Interstate Telehealth Registrations

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

Board members reviewed the licenses, certifications, and registrations processed in the month of April 2023.

11) Future Agenda Items

- N/A

12) Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley
Licensing Administrator

Approved by,

Giovanni Leone, PTA
Secretary

