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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via  
Google Meet Video Conferencing  
Virtual Attendance  
August 22, 2023**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**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) July 25, 2023, Regular Session

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** the July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**B) July 25, 2023, Executive Session A**

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Approve** the July 25, 2023, 2023 Executive Session A Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**C) July 25, 2023, Executive Session B**

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** the July 25, 2023, 2023 Executive Session B Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**A) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist applicants requesting ADA accommodations.**

- 1) Christopher Anderson

The Board reviewed and discussed the above request.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Approve** the request for ADA accommodations. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**B) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist Assistant applicants requesting ADA accommodations.**

2) Christina Kim

The Board reviewed and discussed the above request. Ms. Kim was not present

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Table** the above matter to a future meeting so Ms. Kim can attend. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**C) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist applicants who graduated from foreign educational programs.**

3) 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. Nicles Christian Zaragoza Barrera

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Approve** the Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) facility and supervising therapists. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**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.**

- 1) Fabian Rowe

**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.**

- 1) Zachary Saetio
- 2) Brandon Brashier
- 3) Austin Spiker
- 4) Dominic Evangelista

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

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

**End of Consent Agenda**

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

**G) JM**

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

Mr. Leone stated he knew JM but that it would not prevent him from being impartial and participating in this matter.

Ms. Richardson provided a summary to the Board.

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

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

**E) 23-60 Brittainye Isaacs, PTA**

Initial 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 Dr. Bustillo to send Ms. Isaacs a letter regarding the compact/licensure processes and informing her that she will be asked to attend the meeting that the Board reviews and considers her certificate application. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent							
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**F) 23-61 Christopher Martin, PTA**

Initial 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 Dr. Bustillo to issue an **Advisory Letter** regarding his duty to report in accordance with A.R.S. § 32-3208. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**7) Informal Hearings**

**A) 23-19 Mark Morelli, PTA (9:00 a.m.)**

Dr. King provided a review of the proceedings and possible outcomes.

Ms. Richardson and Mr. Morelli were sworn-in as witnesses.

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

Mr. Morelli was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to adopt the allegations, as set forth in the investigative report, as **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** including A.R.S. §§ 32-2044(5), 32-2044(20) and A.A.C. R4-24-304. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **issue a Board order** to include:

Six months’ **Probation** with the possibility of early termination after successful completion of the following terms:

- Successfully pass the AZLAW jurisprudence exam
- Nine hours of **Continuing education** in the areas of Billing and Supervision
- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the areas of Post-Operative Shoulder Rehabilitation

The continuing education courses must be pre-approved, must be completed in person, and do not count toward renewal requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to include **Documentation** to the nine hours of continuing education for billing and supervision. The continuing education courses must be pre-approved, must be completed in person, and do not count toward renewal requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**A) 22-26 Scott Sloan, PTA**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. Sloan was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Dismiss** case #22-26. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**10) Board business and reports:**

**A) Executive Director’s Report**

**1) Board review of staff’s determination not to open a complaint based upon information submitted by SS.**

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary of the staff’s determination.

SS was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King to not open a complaint in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

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



**Let the record reflect Mr. Greer has left the Board meeting at 9:53 A.M.**

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

**B) 23-11 Cerese Oakley, PT**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Oakley and her counsel Mr. Gary Fadell, Esq., were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Dismiss** case #23-11. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**C) 23-25 Octavia Richardson, PTA**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Richardson and her counsel Mr. Paul Ramos, Esq., were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to issue an **Advisory Letter** regarding her duty to report in accordance with A.R.S. § 32-3208. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent				X			
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**D) 23-47 Jane Born, PT**

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Born and her counsel Ms. Sara Stark, Esq., were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to issue an **Advisory Letter** regarding her duty to report in accordance with A.R.S. § 32-3208. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**H) SW**

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

**Let the record reflect Mr. Greer has joined the Board meeting at 10:33 A.M.**

Roll call taken at 10:33 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary to the Board.

SW was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Open a Complaint** against Stephanie Whitmer, PT and investigate the potential allegations A.R.S. §§ 32-2044(1), 32-2044(3), 32-2044(14), 32-2044(23). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**10) Board business and reports:**

**A) Executive Director’s Report**

- 2) **Update regarding Board member vacancies**  
Review and discussion regarding the current Board member vacancies

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding the current Board member vacancies.

- 3) **Update regarding Business Entity Renewals**  
Review and discussion regarding the Business Entity Renewal Season

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding the Business Entity Renewal Season.

- 4) **June 2023 financials**  
Review and possible discussion

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

- 5) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**  
Review and discussion on approvals granted in July 2023

**a) 49 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**

- i. 20 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 12 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 2 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 1 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 6 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 6 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

**b) 4 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**

- i. 3 Physical Therapists
- ii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistants

**c) 0 Business Entity Registrations**

- i. 0 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 July 2023.

**11) Future Agenda Items**

- Update on FSBPT Alternative Approval Pathway

**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	VACANT	VACANT
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**Meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.**

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley  
Licensing Administrator

Approved by,

Board Meeting 8/22/23  
Giovanni Leone, PTA  
Secretary