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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via  
Google Meet Video Conferencing  
Virtual Attendance  
January 23, 2024**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joshua Greer, Public Member  
(Arrived at 8:36 a.m.)

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

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Chepeus, Executive Director  
Monica Crowley, Administrative Services Officer  
Mindy Richardson PT, Investigator  
Liz Sinish PT, Investigator

**BOARD STAFF ABSENT:**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.:** Dr. Bustillo called the meeting to order at 8:31 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) December 12, 2023 Regular Session**

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. King, to **Approve** the December 12, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. 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			

**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. Michael Coppo

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to **APPROVE** Michael Coppo’s education as substantially equivalent, wave the supervised clinical practice period and allow him to sit for the AZLAW exam.

**Let the record reflect Mr. Greer joined the Board meeting at 8:36 AM**

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				X			
Absent							

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. Minor Augusto Santamaria Alfaro

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **APPROVE** the supervised clinical practice period facility and supervising physical therapists proposed by Minor Augusto Santamaria Alfaro. 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) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the completed Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) and possible licensure of Foreign Educated Physical Therapist applicant.

- a. Nieves Christian Barrera

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to **APPROVE** the supervised clinical practice information and license Nieves Christian Barrera as a physical therapist. 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.** 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) Deana Vasquez

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to **Approve** consent agenda item 5A. 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.**

**C) 23-62 Brandon Poulter, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

Mr. Leone recused himself from the above case.

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

Mr. Poulter was present and addressed the Board

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to **Dismiss** case # 23-62 Brandon Poulter, PT. 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							

**F) 23-70 Warren Li, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Dr. Li was not present. Complainant VB was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **issue an Advisory Letter**. The letter should advise Mr. Li regarding discussions about sensitive financial topics. The motion failed.

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

Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to **Dismiss** case # 23-70 Warren Li, PT. The motion passed.

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

**7) Informal Hearings**

**A) 23-39 Colleen Petras, PT**

Ms. Chepeus called roll of Board members and staff. Dr. Bustillo provided a review of the proceedings and possible outcomes.

Ms. Richardson, Ms. Petras, and SS were sworn in as witness.

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

Ms. Petras and complainant SS were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to issue a **Non-disciplinary order** to include:

- Twelve hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Supervision

To be completed within six months; continuing education courses must be pre-approved, may be completed online, and do not count toward renewal requirements. The motion passed.

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

**Let the Record reflect Mr. Barton left the Board Meeting at 9:46 AM**

**B) 23-30 Jiten Dungarani, PT**

Ms. Chepeus called roll of Board members and staff. Dr. Bustillo provided a review of the proceedings and possible outcomes.

Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sinish, and Mr. Dungarani were sworn in as witnesses

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

Mr. Dungarani and his counsel Ms. Leah Schachar, Esq were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. King to adopt the allegations, and potential violations, as set forth in the investigative report as **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**, including A.R.S. §§ 32-2044(13), 32-2044(20) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-24-304 and 32-2042 as it relates to A.A.C. R4-24-302. 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		

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King, to issue a **Board Order** to include: Nine months’ **Probation** with the possibility of early termination after successful completion of the following terms:

- Eight hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Documentation
- Three hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Billing and Coding

Continuing education courses must be pre-approved, may be completed online, and do not count toward renewal requirements.

**Clinical monitoring** to be performed by a professional monitoring company approved by the Board and to occur on a Monthly basis to include a minimum of 3 records monthly for a period of 3 months to assess Initial evaluation, daily notes, progress notes and discharge summary.

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		

**The Board Recessed from 10:29 A.M. to 10:35 A.M.**

Roll call taken after returning from Recess at 10:35 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus. Mr. Barton was present at the roll call.

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

**A) 23-37 Ryan McGuigan, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Dismiss** case # 23-37 Ryan McGuigan, PT. 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) 23-52 Garrett Reilly, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. Reilly was present and addressed the Board.

Complainant Ms. DeGeyter was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to issue a **Non-disciplinary order** to include:

- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Documentation
- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Clinical coursework to include decision making and differential diagnosis including a geriatrics component

To be completed within six months; continuing education 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	VACANT	VACANT
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							



**D) 23-66 Sean Wyne, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. Wyne was present and addressed the Board.

Complainant Ms. Gallagher was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to issue a **Non-disciplinary order** to include:

- Three hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Coding and Billing to include 97000 codes and 8-minute rule

To be completed within three months; continuing education 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	VACANT	VACANT
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**E) 23-68 Paul Kempton, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

Dr. Bustillo disclosed she previously filed a complaint against Mr. Kempton but that it would not prevent her from being impartial and participating in this matter.

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

Mr. Kempton was present and addressed the Board.

Complainant RB was present and addressed the Board

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Greer to invite Mr. Kempton to an **Informal Hearing** to include all potential violations set forth in the investigative report and to request additional investigation to include an additional four patient records including an initial evaluation, progress notes, and discharge summary if applicable. Two of the records should be in the timeframe of the initial complaint and two more recent records. 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							

**11)Old Business: review, consideration, and action.**

**A) 23-44 Patricia Parks, PT**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding results of Board ordered evaluation

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

Ms. Parks was present and addressed the Board.

Dr. Bustillo 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	VACANT	VACANT
Aye	X	X	X	X	X		
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**Executive Session from 12:20 PM to 12:32 PM**

Roll call taken after returning back from Executive Session at 12:32 P.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to offer a **Consent Agreement** to include:

- Five years of **Probation** with an opportunity to review the terms after 1 year of compliance.
- Within 60 days executing the Consent agreement Ms. Parks should Engage a medical professional approved by the Board to oversee her progress and opine to the Board regarding her ability to safely practice
- Participate in a Recovery program and attend meetings weekly with attendance verified by a sponsor
- Random biological fluid testing for alcohol use at a minimum of once monthly.

If the Consent agreement is not signed Ms. Parks will be invited to an Informal Hearing. 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) 22-25 Jacob Berndl, PT**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Consent Agreement compliance and possible termination

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary of the Board’s.

Mr. Berndl was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Mr. Leone to **Grant** Mr. Berndl’s request for termination of his Consent Agreement. 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							

**12) Board business and reports:**

**A) Board Elections (President, Vice-President, Secretary)**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Board Elections pursuant to A.A.C. R4-24-103

Dr. King nominated Dr. Bustillo for **President**. Dr Bustillo accepted.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Barton to **Elect** Dr. Bustillo as President of the AZ State Board of PT for the 2024 annual Board period. 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. Kelly King nominated herself for **Vice-President**. Dr King accepted. Mr. Barton nominated Mr. Leone for **Vice-President**. Mr. Leone initially accepted but after further discussion, withdrew his acceptance.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Elect** Dr. King as Vice-President of the AZ State Board of PT for the 2024 annual Board period. 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							

Mr. Greer nominated Mr. Leone for **Secretary**. Mr. Leone accepted.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Reelect** Mr. Leone as Secretary of the AZ State Board of PT for the 2024 annual Board period. 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) FSBPT Delegate Election (Delegate and Alternate)**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Election of Board Delegates for FSBPT 2024 meetings

- 1) Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) July 13-14, 2024; Alexandria, VA
- 2) Annual Meeting October 31 – November 2, 2024; Cedar Rapids, IA

Dr. King nominated Mr. Greer for the **FSBPT Delegate for 2024**. Mr. Greer accepted. Mr. Greer nominated Mr. Leone for the **FSBPT Delegate for 2024**. Mr. Leone accepted.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Elect** Mr. Leone as the FSBPT delegate for 2024. 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							

Mr. Greer nominated himself for the **FSBPT Alternate Delegate for 2024**

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Elect** Mr. Greer as the FSBPT alternate delegate for 2024. 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) APTAAZ Practice Committee’s Documentation Self-Assessment Tool**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding providing a link to the APTAAZ Practice Committee’s Documentation Self-Assessment Tool on the Board’s website.

Ms. Chepeus provided an update of the APTAAZ Practice Committee’s Documentation Self-Assessment Tool.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King to add a link to the Board’s website to the APTAAZ Practice committee webpage as well as the Documentation Self-Assessment tool. The Motion also included directing staff to post a disclaimer on the website advising licensees and certificate holders that these resources are being provided as a professional courtesy and that it is their responsibility to ensure that they are always practicing in accordance with the Board’s statutes and rules. 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							

**D) Draft Amendments to PT Compact Commission Rules**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the drafted amendments to the PT Compact Commission Rules

Ms. Chepeus provided an update of the Draft Amendments to PT Compact Commission Rules.

**E) Executive Director’s Report**

- 1) **Update regarding Sunset Review Hearing**  
Review, discussion and possible action regarding the Board's Sunset Review Hearing in front of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference and House Health and Human Services Committee of Reference held January 11, 2024

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary and update regarding Sunset Review Hearing.

- 2) **Update regarding Thentia Cloud**  
Review and discussion regarding the software migration to Thentia Cloud

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding Thentia Cloud.

- 3) **Update regarding Board staff**  
Review and discussion regarding Board staff personnel changes

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding Board Staff.

- 4) **November and December 2023 financials**  
Review and possible discussion

Board members reviewed the financial information for the months of November and December 2023.

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

**a) 84 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**

- i. 31 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 30 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 6 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 0 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 7 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 8 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 2 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

**b) 1 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**

- i. 1 Physical Therapists

ii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistants

**c) 0 Business Entity Registrations**

- i. 0 Newly Issued
- ii. 0 Reinstated

**d) 1 Interstate Telehealth Registrations**

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

Board members reviewed the licenses, certifications, and registrations processed in the months of November & December 2023.

**13) Future Agenda Items**

- N/A

**14) Adjournment**

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King, 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 1:39 P.M.**

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley  
 Administrator Services Officer

Approved by,

Giovanni Leone, PTA



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**Secretary**