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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via
Google Meet Video Conferencing
Virtual Attendance
February 27, 2024**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT, President
Kelly King, PT, DPT, 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
Monica Crowley, Administrative Services Officer
Mindy Richardson PT, Investigator
Liz Sinish PT, Investigator

BOARD STAFF ABSENT: Phoenix Bryant, Licensing Specialist
(Arrived at 8:45 a.m.)

1) **CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.:** Dr. Bustillo 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) January 23, 2023 Regular Session

Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **Approve** the January 23, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B) January 23, 2023 Executive Session -A

Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. King, to **Approve** the January 23, 2023 Executive Session -A Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. Bustillo	Dr. King	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) Bradlee Lester
- 2) Daniel Casey
- 3) Zachary Fellows
- 4) Morgan Martinez

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

- 1) 23-43 Hetal Gajjar, PT

Dr. Bustillo removed Mr. Daniel Casey’s application from the above consent agenda for separate consideration.

Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King, to **Approve** consent agenda item 5A(1), (3) and (4) and 5C. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Let the record reflect Phoenix Bryant joined the Board meeting at 8:45 AM

Daniel Casey

Dr. Bustillo pulled the above application because the Board received last minute court documents related to a disclosure Mr. Casey made on his application.

Mr. Casey was present and address the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to approve Mr. Casey’s application for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. The motion passed unanimously.

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

End of Consent Agenda

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

B) Michael Coppo Physical Therapist Applicant

Reconsideration of the Board’s previous vote regarding a supervised clinical practice period for Mr. Coppo, a foreign educated applicant for physical therapist licensure. If the Board requires Mr. Coppo to complete a supervised clinical practice period, the Board may also review, discuss, and take possible action regarding approving the Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) facility and supervising therapists proposed by Mr. Coppo.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary of the above application to the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to Rescind last month’s motion to wave a Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) for Mr. Coppo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **Require** Mr. Coppo to complete a Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) of 500 hours to be completed within 6 Months. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to **Approve** the Supervised Clinical Practice Period facility and supervising physical therapists proposed by Mr. Coppo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

7) Informal Hearings

A) 22-46 Jamie Grom, PTA (9:00 a.m.)

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

Ms. Richardson and Ms. Grom were sworn in as witness.

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

Ms. Grom was present and addressed the Board.

The Board deliberated.

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 Supervision and documentation associated with 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 unanimously.

Vote	Dr. Bustillo	Dr. King	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) 23-77 Jillane Floryance, PTA

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Floryance was not present nor was she represented by counsel.

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to invite Ms. Floryance to an **Informal Hearing** to include all allegations and potential violations set forth in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B) 23-78 Mandy Aldous, PT

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Aldous and her attorney Mr. Dennis Wilenchik, Esq. were present and addressed the Board.

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

- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Documentation

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

Abstained							
Absent							

C) 23-86 Suzanne Legg-Matthews, P T

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Legg-Matthews and her attorney Mr. Mike Goldberg, Esq. were present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. King, to issue a **Non-disciplinary Consent Agreement** to include:

- The continuing education requirements (40 hours) which is what Colorado would have required had she maintained her Colorado license.

To be completed within six months; continuing education courses must be pre-approved, may be completed online, and do not count toward renewal requirements. If the Consent agreement is not signed, Ms. Legg-Matthews will be invited to Informal Hearing. The motion passed unanimously

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

The Board Recessed from 10:52 A.M. to 11:01 A.M.

Roll call taken after returning from Recess at 11:01 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus. Mr. Barton was present at the roll call.

D) 23-87 Katrina Cecil-Denton, PT

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Cecil-Denton was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **Dismiss** case # 23-87 Katrina Cecil-Denton, PT. The motion passed unanimously.

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

E) 23-92 Joseph Castillo, PTA

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. Castillo experienced technological issues preventing him from acknowledging his presence.

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to invite Mr. Castillo to an **Informal Hearing** to include all potential violations set forth in the investigative report. Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo and Mr. Leone both withdrew their motion.

Mr. Castillo resolved his technological issues and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to issue an **Advisory Letter** reminding him of his 10-day duty to report in accordance with A.R.S.§ 32-3208. The motion passed unanimously.

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

F) RA

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

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

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

G) KF

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a complaint

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

KF was present and addressed the Board

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

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

10)PT Compact matters: review, consideration, and action.

A. Victoria Adams, PT

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding compliance with jurisprudence requirements and PT Compact privileges

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary to the Board.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **Deny** the request for exemption and inform Ms. Adams she must comply with the AZ jurisprudence requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. King experienced technical difficulties and abstained from this vote.

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

A. 21-31 & 22-28 Steven Kempton, PT

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding, monitoring reports, therapy report, and compliance with Consent Agreement including the possibility of lifting the Stay of Revocation the Board may also consider Mr. Kempton’s request to modify the terms of his Consent Agreement regarding his chaperone.

Mr. Leone recused himself from the above case.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary of Mr. Kempton’s compliance with his Consent Agreement.

Mr. Kempton was present, addressed the Board and answered question.

The Board discussed with Mr. Kempton his request for modifications to his Consent Agreement.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **Table** the request for modifications of his consent agreement until such time as Mr. Kempton returns to the Board with additional information regarding prospective chaperones and chaperone educational programs. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Aye	X	X		X	X		
Nay							
Recused			X				
Abstained							
Absent							

The Board Recessed from 12:54 P.M. to 1:01 P.M.

Roll call taken after returning from Recess at 1:01 P.M. by Ms. Chepeus. Mr. Leone was present for the roll call.

12)Board business and reports:

A. Arizona APTA Chapter presentation regarding their 2024 legislative agenda

Representatives from the AZ chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association will present the Association’s legislative agenda for the 2024 Fifty-Sixth Legislature – Second Regular Session

Kayla Black provided a presentation to the Board and answered Board questions.

B. Rules Committee Appointed Member Resignation

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the resignation of and possible new appointment of one Rules committee member.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary to the Board.

Dr. Peggy Hiller provided feedback regarding the possible new appointment of one Rules committee member.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo, seconded by Dr. King, to **fill** the vacancy on the rules committee with Helene Fearon, PT. The motion passed unanimously.

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

C. Executive Director's Report

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

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding Board staff personnel changes.

- 2) **Health professional disciplinary actions letter from Governor Hobbs**
Review and discussion and possible action regarding the health professional disciplinary actions letter from Governor Hobbs

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding Health professional disciplinary actions letter from Governor Hobbs.

- 3) **January 2024 financials**
Review and possible discussion

Board members reviewed the financial information for the month of January 2024.

- 4) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**
Review and discussion on approvals granted in January 2024

a) **82 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**

- i. 16 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 52 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 2 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 1 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 0 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 3 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 7 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

b) **5 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**

- i. 4 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 January 2024.

13) Future Agenda Items

- The practice of physical therapy via Telehealth as it relates to the general supervision requirements.
- Consideration of modifying Mr. Kempton’s Consent Agreement as it relates to the chaperone requirements.
- Rules Committee reports to the Board

14) Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.M.

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley
 Administrator Services Officer

Approved by,

Giovanni Leone, PTA

Board Meeting 2/27/24

Secretary