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

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT, President
Kelly King, PT, DPT, Vice President
Joshua Greer, Public Member
Joshua Barton, Public Member
John Heick, PT, DPT, PhD
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Giovanni Leone, PTA; Secretary
- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL PRESENT:** Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Chepeus, Executive Director
Monica Crowley, Administrative Services Officer
Phoenix Bryant, Licensing Specialist
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: Consent Agenda:**
 - A) May 21, 2024 Regular Session
 - B) May 21, 2024 Executive Session A
 - C) May 21, 2024 Executive Session B
 - D) May 21, 2024 Executive Session C

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. Heick, to **Approve** the consent agenda consisting of the May 21, 2024 regular session and executive sessions A, B, and C meeting minutes. The motion passed.

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

- E) June 25, 2024 Regular Session
- F) June 25, 2024 Executive Session A

Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to **Approve** the consent agenda consisting of the June 25, 2024 regular session and executive sessions A meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Vote	Dr. Bustillo	Dr. King	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	VACANT
Aye	X			X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained		X					
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) Douglas Wisdom
- 2) Michael McDermott

Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to **Approve** the consent agenda consisting of the items in 5A. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Recused							
Abstained							
Absent			X				

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

A) 24-12 Allison Henry, PT

Continuation of initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Ms. Henry was present and addressed the Board.

Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to **Dismiss** case 24-12 Allison Henry, PT.

Patient GV joined the meeting and addressed the Board. GV was informed that there was a motion on the table.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

7) Informal Hearings

A) 24-02 Michael Smelser, PTA

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

Ms. Sinish and Mr. Smelser were sworn in as witnesses.

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

Mr. Smelser was present and addressed the Board.

Complainant BW was present but was experiencing technical difficulties. BW submitted statements via email which was read into the record by Dr. Sinish.

The Board deliberated.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo, to adopt **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** set forth in the Investigative report regarding A.R.S. §§ 32-2044(5), 32-2044 (13), and 32-2044(20) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-24-304. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. Bustillo	Dr. King	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. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King, to issue a Board Order to include:

Probation for nine months with the possibility of early termination after successful completion of the following terms:

- Three hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Billing and Coding
- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Documentation
- Six hours of **Continuing education** in the area of Orthopedic courses for the lumbar spine and hip
- Successfully pass the AZLAW jurisprudence examination

All terms shall be completed within nine 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	Dr. Heick	VACANT
Aye	X	X		X	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent			X				

The Board Recessed from 9:49 A.M. to 9:56 A.M.

Roll call taken after returning from recess at 9:56 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

B) 23-44 Patricia Parks, PT

Ms. Chepeus completed a roll call of Board member and staff.

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

Ms. Chepeus, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Parks were sworn in as witnesses.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary for the Board.

Ms. Parks was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to offer Ms. Parks an opportunity to sign her consent agreement. If not signed by Friday July 26, 2024, the Board directed staff to issue the consent agreement as a Board order adopting all findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

A) 23-84 Noah Abrahams, PT

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Mr. Abrahams’ signed monitoring agreement.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary regarding Mr. Abrahams’ signed monitoring agreement.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Barton, to approve Mr. Abrahams’ contract with Copperstate monitoring company. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B) 23-68 Paul Kempton, PT

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Mr. Kempton’s proposed consent agreement.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary regarding Mr. Kempton’s proposed consent agreement.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King, to table this matter until the August 27, 2024 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

12) Board business and reports:

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to 38-431.03(A)(3).

A) Update regarding the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum (“LIF”)

Review and discussion regarding FSBPT LIF held July 13-14, 2024 in Arlington, VA

Dr. King and Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum (“LIF”) held July 13-14, 2024 in Arlington, VA.

B) Executive Director’s Report

1) Renewal season updates; oral report

Review and discussion regarding the renewal season in process through August 31, 2024.

Ms. Chepeus provided an update regarding the current license/certificate renewal period.

2) June 2024 financials

Review and possible discussion

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

3) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**
 Review and discussion on approvals granted in June 2024

a) **54 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**

- i. 15 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 27 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 0 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 1 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 0 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 6 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 4 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

b) **0 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated and Reactivated**

- i. 0 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 month of June 2024.

13) Future Agenda Items

- N/A

14) Adjournment

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **Adjourn**. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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Absent			X	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley
Administrator Services Officer

Approved by,

Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT
President