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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via
Google Meet Video Conferencing
Virtual Attendance
October 29, 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: John Heick, PT, DPT, PhD (Arrived at 8:37 a.m.)

**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 8:30 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: Consent Agenda:**
 - A) October 1, 2024 Regular Session
 - B) October 1, 2024 Executive Session -A

Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. Greer, to **Approve** the consent agenda consisting of the regular session and executive session A meeting minutes from the October 1, 2024 Board meeting. The motion passed.

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	

End of Consent Agenda

4) Applications for Licensure and Certification:

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

1) Aileigh Wilken

Ms. Wilken was present and addressed the Board.

Let the record reflect Dr. Heick joined the Board meeting at 8:37 A.M.

Following review and discussion, Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Heick, to **Approve** Aileigh Wilken’s request for ADA accommodations of time and a half and separate room. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **Approve** the supervised clinical practice period facility and supervising physical therapists proposed by Hebah Amireh. The motion passed unanimously.

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

b. Melissa Warren

Dr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Leone, to **Approve** the supervised clinical practice period facility and supervising physical therapists proposed by Melissa Warren. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote	Dr. Bustillo	Dr. King	Mr. Leone	Mr. Greer	Mr. Barton	Dr. Heick	VACANT
Aye	X	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) Derek Wilson
- 2) Brady Kurtz

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) Sean Covert
- 2) Kelly Foster

C) Cases recommended for termination of Board Order.

- 1) 23-30 Jiten Dungarani, PT

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

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

End of Consent Agenda

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

A) 24-20 William Brown, PT

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. Brown was present and addressed the Board. Complainant EA was not present.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. Heick, to **Dismiss** with an advisory letter related to documentation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B) 24-19 Keith MacIlroy, PTA

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

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

Mr. MacIlroy was present and addressed the Board. Complainant Kandra Flora was not present.

Let the record reflect Phoenix Bryant left the Board meeting at 9:53 A.M.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Leone moved, seconded by Dr. Heick, to **Dismiss** case # 24-19, Keith MacIlroy, PTA. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board Recessed from 10:15 A.M. to 10:27 A.M.

Roll call taken after returning from recess at 10:27 A.M. by Ms. Chepeus.

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

- A) 23-68 Paul Kempton, PT
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding proposed monitoring contract

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary regarding Mr. Kempton’s signed monitoring contract.

Mr. Kempton and his attorney, Ms. Teresa Sanzio, Esq., attended the meeting but did not address the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to **Approve** Mr. Kempton’s contract with Copperstate Professional Monitoring. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- B) 24-05 Georgia Holguin, PTA
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding adding A.R.S. § 32-2044(7) as an alleged violation

The Board was reminded that at its August 27, 2024 meeting, it remanded case 24-05 Georgia Holguin, PTA

to Formal Hearing. Board staff requested that the Board consider adding A.R.S. § 32-2044(7) as a possible violation to the Complaint and Notice of Hearing.

Ms. Holguin was not present.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Greer moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to add A.R.S. § 32-2044(7) as a possible violation to the Complaint and Notice of Hearing in case 24-05 Georgia Holguin, PTA. The motion passed unanimously.

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

C) 22-45 Robert Palmer, PTA

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding non-compliance with Board Order

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of Mr. Palmer’s compliance with his Board Order.

Mr. Palmer was present and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Open** a complaint against Robert Palmer, PTA citing an alleged violation of A.R.S. § 32-2044(1). The motion passed unanimously.

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

12) Board business and reports:

A) Executive Director’s Report

1) Arizona pathways to practice

Review and discussion regarding physical therapy practice options in Arizona and

pathways to practice.

Ms. Chepeus provided a summary and answered the Board’s questions regarding physical therapy practice options in Arizona and pathways to practice.

Let the record reflect Phoenix Bryant rejoined the Board meeting at 11:20 P.M.

- 2) Updates regarding Probe and PBI course offerings
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding current Probe and PBI courses available for practitioners.

Ms. Chepeus provided an update to the Board regarding professional remediation options, offered by Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) and PBI Education and answered the Board’s questions.

- 3) Potential supervision terms while on probation
Review, discussion, and possible action on adding a student supervision restriction provision to all disciplinary actions that include monitoring and or supervision requirements

The Board considered whether to add a student supervision restriction provision to all disciplinary actions that include monitoring and or supervision requirements.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Dr. King to **Table** this discussion to a future 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	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

- 4) September 2024 Financials
Review and possible discussion

Board members reviewed the September 2024 financials.

- 5) Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations
Review and discussion on approvals granted in September 2024
 - a) 79 Licenses Newly Issued

- i. 37 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- ii. 16 Physical Therapists Examination
- iii. 2 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- iv. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- v. 2 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- vi. 7 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- vii. 15 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- viii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

b) 23 Licenses Reinstated and Reactivated

- i. 15 Physical Therapists
- ii. 8 Physical Therapist Assistants

c) 5 Business Entity Registrations

- i. 5 Newly Issued
- ii. 0 Reinstated

d) 3 Interstate Telehealth Registrations

- i. 1 Newly Issued PT
- ii. 2 Newly Issued PTA

Board members reviewed the licenses, certifications, and registrations processed in the month of September 2024.

13) Future Agenda Items

- N/A

14) Adjournment

Dr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Heick, 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	X	X	
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

Board Meeting 10/29/24

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley
Administrator Services Officer

Approved by,

Giovanni Leone, PTA
Secretary