



Mark Cornwall, PT, PHD, FAPTA  
President

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
1470 W. ADAMS ST., STE 2450, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007  
(602) 274-0236  
www.ptboard.az.gov

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via  
Hangout Meet Video Conferencing  
April 28, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Cornwall, PT PHD, FAPTA, President  
Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, OCS, CLT, Secretary  
Nushka Remec, PT, MS, PCS; Vice President  
Kelly King, PT, DPT, Professional Member  
Peggy Hunter, PTA, CLT; Professional Member  
Michael S. Clinton, CPA; Public Member  
Joshua Greer, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

N/A

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
PRESENT:**

Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Donahue, PT, DPT, Executive Director  
Monica Crowley, Licensing Administrator  
Veronica Cardoza, Administrative Services Officer  
Judy Chepeus, Customer Service Representative  
Mindy Richardson, PT, Investigator

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.;** Dr. Cornwall called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. (A recording of the meeting is available through the Board Office)

Roll Call – The following Board Members were present: Dr. Cornwall, Dr. Bustillo, Ms. Remec, Mr. Greer, Dr. King, Ms. Hunter and Mr. Clinton.

**2) Review and Approval of Draft Minutes**

- A) March 24, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the above minutes.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to approve the March 24, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Ms. Remec seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye		X		X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained	X		X				
Absent							

**B) April 1, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes**

The Board reviewed and discussed the above minutes.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to approve the April 1, 2020 Special Meeting with the suggested changes. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X		X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained			X				
Absent							

**3) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION and ACTION**

**A) Applications for Licensure and Certification**

- 1) Review, Consideration and Approval of Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure with Documentation Related to Disclosure on “Personal Information” Section of the Application.

Kasey Andrews
---------------

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to approve the above Application for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X			X	X	X
Nay			X	X			

Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Brittlyn Bonas

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to approve the above Application for Physical Therapist Licensure upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. Dr. King seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remece	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

- 2) Review, Consideration and Approval of Applications for Physical Therapist Assistant Certification with Documentation Related to Disclosure on “Personal Information” Section of the Application

Jeremy Jones

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to approve for a Provisional certification of the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant Certification; upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript a full Active certification will be issued. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remece	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**B) Review of and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure – Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs Not U.S. Accredited**

- 1) Review of Education, Determination of Supervised Clinical Practice Period, and Possible Licensure

Kevin Gonzales

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. King moved the Board to find Mr. Gonzales credential evaluation substantially equivalent and approve the above application for Physical Therapist Licensure. Mr. Clinton seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**4) COMPLAINTS, HEARINGS, INVESTIGATIONS and COMPLIANCE**

**C) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Initial Review**

- 1) Case No. 19-43; Adi Halili, PT

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the case for the Board. The Board opened complaint #19-43 after review of complaint from Ms. CS. Ms. CS alleges that Mr. Halili failed to release her Physical Therapy treatment records to her care providers.

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board to **Dismiss** Case No. 19-43. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X		X	X	X
Nay				X			
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

2) Case No. 19-31; Shari Allen (Neiberg), PT

Ms. Allen was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the case for the Board. The Board opened complaint #19-31 after review of complaint #18-21 Christopher Martin, PTA, concerning treatment and documentation for patient JN. The Board alleges Ms. Allen (Neiberg) engaged in substandard care, failed to maintain adequate records, provided treatment beyond the point of reasonable benefit, and failed to secure her electronic signature.

Ms. Allen submitted a written response and was there to answer any question the Board had for her.

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board to forward the above case to an **Informal Hearing**. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

B) Review, Discussion and Action for Informal Hearing: (9:03 A.M.)

1) Case No.19-10, Hans P. Lettner, PT

Mr. Lettner was not present.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to table until May Board Meeting. Mr. Clinton seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

C) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Initial Review

3) Case No. 19-30; Ashley Ramirez (Phillips), PT

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the case for the Board. The Board opened complaint #19-30 after review of complaint #18-21 Christopher Martin, PTA. The Board alleges that for patients JN and PS, Ms. Ramirez engaged in substandard care, failed to maintain adequate records, provided treatment beyond the point of reasonable benefit, and failed to secure her electronic signature.

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Dr. King moved the Board to forward the above case to an **Informal Hearing** and add additional allegation **A.R.S. §32-2044(6) and A.R.S. §32-2044(13)**. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remece	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

4) Case No. 19-29; Lisa Hall, PT

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the case for the Board. The Board opened complaint #19-29 after review of complaint #18-21 Christopher Martin, PTA. The Board alleges Ms. Hall engaged in substandard care, failed to maintain adequate records, provided treatment beyond the point of reasonable benefit, and failed to secure her electronic signature for three patients, BO, JN and PS.

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Ms. Hunter moved the Board to forward the above case to an **Informal Hearing** and add additional allegations **A.R.S. §32-2044(6) and R4-24-304**. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remece	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

D) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Board Order Modification:

1) Case No. 19-12; Robert McEntire, PT

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Dr. King moved the Board to **grant** Board Order Modification and approve online documentation course. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

2) Case No. 18-40; Tracy Hill, PT

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **grant** Board Order Modification and approved request to complete 6 hours of geriatric evaluation and 6 hours of documentation utilizing on-line courses. Dr. King seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

4) **COMPLAINTS, HEARINGS, INVESTIGATIONS and COMPLIANCE**

B) Review, Discussion and Action for Informal Hearing

2) Case No. 19-32; Ralph Morales, PTA

Mr. Morales was present and was not repented by legal counsel. The Board members and Board staff introduced themselves. Mr. Morales introduced himself. Dr. Cornwall read a summary of how the hearing would be conducted and reviewed the possible outcomes of the hearing. Ms. Richardson and Mr. Morales were sworn-in as witnesses.

Dr. Donahue read the allegations against Mr. Morales.

Mr. Morales provided an opening statement.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case and asked questions of Mr. Morales.

Mr. Morales provided a closing statement.

The Board deliberated.

Dr. Cornwall guided the Board through each allegation for discussion. Following discussion on the allegations Dr. King moved the Board adopt the following Findings of Fact:

**Engaging in the performance of substandard care by a physical therapist assistant, including exceeding the authority to perform tasks selected and delegated by the supervising licensee regardless of whether actual injury to the patient is established.**

Ms. Remec seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion failed by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye			X	X	X		
Nay	X	X				X	X
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

Ms. Hunter moved the Board to **issue a Non-Disciplinary Order** include 6 hours of CEU's in the area of online documentation course to be completed within 6 months. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X			X	X
Nay				X	X		
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

- A) Review, Discussion and Action for Formal Hearing: Review, Discussion and Potential Action for Consent Agreement in Lieu of Formal Hearing
  - 1) Case No. 18-17; Daren T Povar, PT (10:24 A.M.)



Mr. Povar was present and was represented by Ms. Sara Stark. Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General was representing the State of Arizona.

Ms. Stark provided an opening statement to the Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case

Mr. Clinton moved the Board to **accept the Consent Agreement** in Lieu of the Formal Hearing. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

D) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Board Order Modification:  
 3) 16-58; Erica VanPoorten, PT

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to **grant** Board Order Modification and approved request to complete 6 hours of Orthopedic Diagnosis and Treatment and 6 hours of Documentation utilizing on-line courses. Dr. King seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

4) 18-13; Aaron Temple, PT

The Board reviewed and discussed the above case.

Dr. King moved the Board to **grant** Mr. Temple’s request to complete the CEU’s identified in Board Order 18-13 utilizing on-line courses. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X		X	X	X		X
Nay		X				X	
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**5) BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

A) Review, Discussion and Potential Action:

- 1) Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding AAC R4-24-303(C) during COVID-19 state of emergency.

Dr. Donahue provided a summary of the above topic. The Board reviewed and discussed the above agenda item.

Jim Farris with AT Still University, Holly Carroll and Rebecca Carpenter with Pima Medical all provided statements regard the above topic.

Dr. King moved the Board to request waiver from HHS for AAC R4-24-303(C) during COVID-19 state of emergency with the 3 parameters that were discussed. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye			X	X	X		X
Nay	X	X				X	
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

B) Review, Discussion and Potential Action:

- 1) April 2020 Newsletter

Dr. Donahue provided a summary and an update of the above agenda item. The Board reviewed and discussed the above agenda item.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **Approve** the Newsletter. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

C) Review and Discussion

1) February 2020 Financials

Dr. Donahue provided an updated of the above topic. No action was need or taken.

D) Discussion

1) New hire

i. Judy Chepeus- Customer Service Representative for the Board

Dr. Donahue provided an updated of the above topic. Ms. Chepeus introduced herself. No action was need or taken.

E) Review and Discussion:

1) Provisional Licensure/Certification

i. 44 Physical Therapists

ii. 27 Physical Therapist Assistants

Dr. Donahue provided an updated of the above topic. No action was need or taken.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. King moved the Board to adjourn. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried by roll call.

Vote	Mr. Clinton	Ms. Hunter	Dr. King	Ms. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent							

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.**

Board Meeting 04/28/20

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley  
Licensing Administrator

Approved by,

Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, OCS, CLT  
Secretary