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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES via  
Hangout Meet Video Conferencing  
May 25, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Cornwall, PT PHD, FAPTA, President  
Kelly King, PT, DPT, Vice President  
Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, OCS, CLT, Secretary  
Nushka Remec, PT, MS, PCS; Professional Member  
Michael S. Clinton, CPA; Public Member  
Joshua Greer, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Peggy Hunter, PTA, CLT; Professional Member

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

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

**1) CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.;** Dr. Cornwall called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. (A recording of the meeting is available through the Board Office)

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

**2) Review and Approval of Draft Minutes**  
A) April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the above minutes.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **Approve** the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

**3) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION and ACTION**

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

1. Braden Collins

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. King moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. 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	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

2. Timna Roney

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist 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. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							

Abstained							
Absent		X					

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

1. Karen Castro

Dr. King moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant 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	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

2. Melissa Cleveland

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant 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. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

3. Ross Kelley

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant 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. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

#### 4. Tychele Smith

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant upon Receipt of Passing Scores on the NPTE/AZLAW and Final Transcript. 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	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

#### 5. Alejandra Madrid

Dr. King moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant 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	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

#### 6. Susan Romero

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board to **Approve** the above Application for Physical Therapist Assistant 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. Remec	Mr. Greer	Dr. Cornwall	Dr. Bustillo
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

- C) Review of and Possible Action on Application for Physical Therapist Assistant/Physical Therapist Licensure from Applicant Requesting ADA Accommodations.
1. Rachel Piotrowski
  2. Nicole Lockwood

Mr. Greer moved the Board to **Table** the above 2 Agenda items until after the ADA accommodations presentation. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

- D) Review of and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure – Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs Not U.S. Accredited. Review of Education, Determination of Supervised Clinical Practice Period, and Possible Licensure.
1. Tyler Schnorf

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application. Mr. Schnorf has worked in the US since 2018.

Dr. Bustillo moved the Board finds Mr. Schnorf Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs not U.S. Accredited substantially equivalent and issue 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.

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							
Absent		X					

2. Giovanni Macapagal w/a GMC

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application. Mr. Macapagal has worked in the US since 2020.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board finds Mr. Macapagal Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs not U.S. Accredited substantially equivalent and issue 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.

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							
Absent		X					

3. Niveditha Krishnamurthy

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application. Ms. Krishnamurthy has worked in the US since 2015.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board finds Ms. Krishnamurthy Foreign Educated Graduates of Programs not U.S. Accredited substantially equivalent and issue 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.

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							
Absent		X					

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

B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Initial Review:

- 1) Case No. 21-01; Danielle Ruff, PT

Ms. Richardson provided a summary of the case for the Board. Ms. JL alleges that on 2/6/2019, Ms. JL declined physical therapy services on this date after initiation of care (after 5 minutes) due to excessive noise and distractions. Ms. JL alleges that she was billed for this date of service when she alleges no services were provided.

Ms. Ruff was present and was represented by Ms. Ann McClellan. They Both provided opening statements to the Board. Patient JL was also present and provided opening statements to the Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case and asked questions of Ms. Ruff.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to forward the case to an **Informal Hearing**. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

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

A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Informal Hearing:

- 1) Case No. 20-43; Jessica Johnson, PT (9am)

Ms. Johnson was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The Board members and Board staff introduced themselves. Ms. Johnson introduced herself. Dr. Cornwall read a summary of how the hearing would be conducted and reviewed the possible outcomes of the hearing. Dr. Donahue and Ms. Johnson were sworn-in as witnesses. Dr. Donahue read the allegations against Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson provided an opening statement.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case and asked questions of Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson provided a closing statement.

The Board deliberated.

Dr. Cornwall guided the Board through each allegation for discussion. Following discussion on the allegations Mr. Greer moved the Board adopt the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Arizona Board of Physical Therapy is that body politic created and empowered pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2001 *et seq.* to administer the laws of the State of Arizona relating to the practice of physical therapy.

Respondent holds License No. LPT-030224 to practice as a physical therapist in the State of Arizona.

Respondent failed to renew her license on or before August 31, 2020.

Respondent reinstated her license on November 9, 2020 after practicing 69 days without a license.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**A.R.S. §32-2027(A)** “A licensee or certificate holder shall renew the license or certificate pursuant to board rules. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a licensee or certificate holder who fails to renew the license or certificate on or before its expiration date shall not practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant in this state.”

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							
Absent		X					

The Board discussed possible disciplinary action against Ms. Johnson license. Following discussion Mr. Greer moved the Board adopt the following Board Order:

**Probation**

The Arizona Board of Physical Therapy hereby orders that Respondent, holder of License No. LPT-030224, is placed on probation for three (3) months with a possibility of early termination. The probation may be extended or other enforcement actions taken in the event Respondent is found in violation this Order or violates the Arizona Physical Therapy Practice Act. Respondent may petition the Board for early termination of probation if the Board determines all requirements of the Order have been met. The Board orders Respondent to comply with the following terms and conditions:

**Continuing Education**

Respondent shall take and complete continuing education in the areas listed below within three (3) months from the effective date of this order. Respondent must submit to Board staff for approval prior to beginning the continuing education courses, a syllabus of each course. Respondent shall provide documentation to Board staff that the course was completed prior to any termination of probation is considered.

- a. Respondent shall take and complete a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education in the area of Ethics. Course(s) may be taken on-line.

**Jurisprudence Exam**

Respondent shall take and pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination (AZ Law) within three (3) months from the effective date of this order.

**Civil Penalty**

Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$460.00 dollars.

**Notification to Employer(s), Patients and Third-Party Payers**

Respondent shall submit evidence of having notified her employer(s) of the administrative suspension of her license from September 2, 2021 through November 9, 2021. Respondent shall submit evidence of having notified all patients treated during the period of unlawful practice because of the administrative suspension of his certificate. Respondent shall submit evidence of having notified all third-party payers of those patients treated during his unlawful practice because of the administrative suspension of her license. Respondent shall submit evidence of having notified all employers, she was employed by from September 2, 2021 through November 9, 2021, of those patients treated during her unlawful practice because of the administrative suspension of his certificate.

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

B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action for Initial Review:

2) Case No. 21-06; Allison Sloben, PT

Dr. Donahue provided a summary of the case for the Board. Ms. Sloben obtained Compact Privilege No.: 04329T on 2/1/21 prior to passing the AZ Law exam on 2/14/21.

Ms. Sloben was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Sloben provided an opening statement to the Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case and asked questions of Ms. Sloben.

Following review and discussion Dr. Bustillo move the Board to **Dismiss**. Motion **Failed** for no 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to **Table** the above case to allow Ms. Sloben to voluntary surrender her Compact Privilege within 30 day or case will be forwarded to a Formal Hearing. 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	
Nay							X
Recused							

Abstained							
Absent		X					

3) Case No. 21-10, Laurie Harper, PT

Dr. Donahue provided a summary of the case for the Board. Ms. Harper obtained Compact Privilege No.: 04641T on 3/19/21 prior to passing the AZ Law exam on 5/7/21.

The Board reviewed and discussed the case.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to **Table** the above case to allow Ms. Harper to voluntary surrender her Compact Privilege within 30 day or case will be forwarded to a Formal Hearing. Mr. Clinton seconded the motion.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to enter into **Executive Session** to obtain legal advice and to review confidential records. Dr. King seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried.

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							
Absent		X					

**Executive Session -A from 9:55 A.M. to 10:10 A.M.**

Roll call taken after returning back from **Executive Session** at 10:10 A.M. by Dr. Donahue.

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							
Absent		X					

**5) BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

- 2) Data Set Committee Update
  - i. Ms. Peggy Hiller, PT; Chair

Ms. Hiller provided an update of the above agenda item. No action was taken or needed.

3) Telehealth Law and Rules R4-24-107 modification:

- i. Authorizing statute: A.R.S.§32-2003(A)(5)
- ii. Implementing Statute: A.R.S.§36-3606(A)(3)
- iii. Fees
- iv. Timetable

The Board reviewed and discussed the above agenda item.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to approve the proposed Telehealth Law and Rules R4-24-107, A.R.S.§32-2003(A)(5), A.R.S.§36-3606(A)(3) and fees \$100 -initial / \$80 -renewal and submit to the Secretary of State. Dr. King seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried.

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							
Absent		X					

4) 80 Individuals Licensed April 1, 2021- April 30, 2021

- (1) 18 Physical Therapists Endorsement
- (2) 2 Physical Therapists Examination
- (3) 6 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- (4) 16 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- (5) 1 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition

B) April 2021 Financials

Dr. Donahue provided an update of the above agenda items. No action was taken or needed.

**Let the record reflect Ms. Richardson has left the Board Meeting at 10:29 A.M.**

**The Board Recessed from 10:30 A.M. to 10:36 A.M.**

A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

1) In-service: ADA accommodations

(1) Dr. John Hosterman, PhD; Chief of Disability and Accessibility Services, Paradigm Testing (10:30 am)

Dr. Hosterman provided an ADA accommodations presentation. The Board reviewed and discussed the above agenda item and asked questions of Dr. Hosterman. No action was taken or needed.

**3) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION and ACTION**

C) Review of and Possible Action on Application for Physical Therapist Assistant/Physical Therapist Licensure from Applicant Requesting ADA Accommodations.

1) Rachel Piotrowski

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to **Deny** the above applicant’s request for ADA Accommodations. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

2) Nicole Lockwood

The Board reviewed and discussed the above application.

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **Deny** the above applicant’s request for ADA Accommodations. Dr. Bustillo seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion are withdrawn.

Mr. Greer moved the Board to **Table** to the above applicant’s request for ADA Accommodations to allow Ms. Lockwood time to provide additional information and bring back to our next Board Meeting. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent		X					

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Cornwall moved the Board to **Adjourn**. 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
Nay							
Recused							
Abstained							
Absent					X		

**Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.**

Prepared by,

Monica Crowley  
Licensing Administrator

Approved by,

Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, OCS, CLT  
Secretary