

**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board  
MINUTES      APPROVED**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Secretary/Treasurer, Don Cassano, and board members Danny Landry, Elizabeth “Beth” Austin, Dr. Gerald Leglue and Patrick Cook. Advisory Committee Members present were Christopher “Chris” Franks and Robert Montanaro. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Board Attorneys, Courtney P. Newton and George Papale were also present.

Don Cassano called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

The board reviewed and approved the Agenda as written. The board members reviewed and approve Minutes as written.

Don Cassano motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss sensitive information related to disciplined licensees. Patrick Cook seconded the motion and the board went into Executive Session.

Exited Executive Session

**Officer Reports**

**Chairman’s Report**

There was no report of the Chairman

**Secretary/Treasurer’s Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Cassano reported cash in the bank totaled \$229,685.04 at the end of February. Total Income for February 2016 totaled \$114,301.54 and ordinary expenses totaled \$61,888.79. The CD at Lakeside Bank earned \$99.04 in interest between 2/01/2016 – 2/29/2016. The ending balance as of 2/29/2016 was \$201,910.27. The CD matures on April 15, 2016. The other CD at Lakeside Bank matured on January 15, 2016 in the amount of \$517,214.34. This CD was reinvested in Business First Bank at \$300,000. The CD at Business First Bank earned \$287.50 in interest between 2/01/2016 – 2/29/2016. The ending balance as of 2/29/2016 was \$300,287.50. The CD matures February 2017. The remaining amount from the matured CD was deposited into FM Bank and will be reinvested in combination with the funds in the CD that matures April 15, 2016.

The Board reviewed the current operating budget and the projected operating budget for fiscal year 2016-17. In both years the Board is operating in a deficit. The Board discussed the last fee increase, which occurred in 2002, and did not include any increase in initial license application or continuing education sponsor fees. The Board voted unanimously against operating in a deficit in fiscal year 2016-17. Dr. Leglue motioned to increase initial fee by \$50 (from \$200 to \$250), renewal by \$25 per year or \$50 per biennial renewal period (from \$115 per year to \$140 per year, or from \$230 per biennial renewal period to \$280 per biennial renewal period), the continuing education sponsor review fee for coursework less than 8 hours by \$50 (from \$50 to \$100), and continuing education sponsor review fee for coursework more than 8 hours by \$75 (from \$75 to \$150). The motion was seconded by Beth Austin. Approved unanimously.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### *Licensing*

8 Licenses Issued since the last board meeting.

- 4 PTs Reciprocity
- 1 PT Examination
- 1 PT Reinstatement
- 2 PTAs Reciprocity

### *Renewals*

705 Renewals since last board meeting

943 Renewals since February 1

2188 Expected to Renew in 2016

1245 Remaining to Renew in 2016

Mrs. Martin updated the board that she would be sending a letter to all of the licensees who have an even year birth year and who have not renewed their license, unless they have notified the board of intention to not renew. The letter will serve as a reminder to renew and request a response if they do not intend on renewing.

### *University of St. Augustine Graduates*

Mrs. Martin updated the Board that the University of St. Augustine graduates' Registrar sent information to the board with an incorrect date related to graduation and completion of didactic requirements for six upcoming graduates of the DPT program across several campuses. Mrs. Martin will send a letter to the students notifying them that they are ineligible for the examination in Louisiana.

Mrs. Martin notified the Board of the upcoming LSU Shreveport Interview and Jurisprudence seminar scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2016.

## **Legal Report**

Mrs. Newton reviewed the FSBPT Response to NPTE Policy Recommendations that the Board provided to FSBPT.

## **Rules Review and Recommendations:**

The Board reviewed Rules 187, 189, and 199. Following a review of the Rules.

Other legal matters: Complaint Summary

Current Investigations: 11

Complaints Received in March: 2

Informal Conferences Scheduled: 2

Hearings Planned: 4

Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 0

Closed Cases: 3

## **Disciplinary Action Exit Interview: Dana Altazan**

Dana Altazan presented to the Board and successfully completed an exit interview of her probation.

## **Committee Reports**

### **LTF Committee**

Don Cassano reported that the LTF has reviewed Bills filed this Regulatory Session and has nothing to report at this time to the Board.

### **CEU Committee**

Alyson Briody, DPT requested a waiver of the \$170 late fee to renew her license in April at the rate of \$230 due to a live CEU continuing education course sponsor canceling a course and leaving Ms. Briody in a deficit for live continuing education requirements to renew this year. The board members voted and Don Cassano, Danny Landry, Gerald Leglue and Patrick Cook were in favor of waiving the late fee, since this was out of the licensee's control. Beth Austin voted against. Mrs. Martin will notify the licensee that she may renew in April without an additional \$170 late fee.

Jarrad Faulk, PT requested an exemption pursuant to Rule 198 for natural disaster. He is requesting that he complete 2 hours of Ethics online and that the board accept these hours as live courses for the purposes of renewing his license. The board unanimously agreed to grant an exception.

### **New Business**

#### **Correspondence**

Jeff Hebert, PT asked if the Board plans to update the Practice Act to allow written confirmation of the PT/PTA patient care conference, specifying the date and time by both the PT and PTA on separate documents. Mrs. Martin reviewed the Correspondence with the Board and they are aware of the request.

#### **Old Business**

No old business

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment

The board meeting adjourned at 8pm

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

10:00am      Formal Administrative Hearing #2014-I-004