



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
September 20, 2017

- 4:00 pm** **Call to Order**
Approve Agenda*
- 4:05 pm** **Approve Minutes***
- 4:10pm** **Exit Interview: 2014-I-002***
- 4:25pm** **Executive Session**
Discuss sensitive information related to discipline and attorney client privileged information.
- 5:00pm** **Officer Reports***
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Executive Director's Report
- 5:30pm** **Legal Report***
Complaints Summary
- 5:35pm** **Committee Reports***
Rules Revision Committee
CE Committee
Legislative Task Force
- 6:30pm** **New Business***
- 7:00pm** **Old Business***
- 7:30pm** **Adjourn**

*Public Comment

Public comment is requested prior to each vote (La. R.S. 42:14)

A public comment period shall be held during each board meeting. Persons desiring to present comments shall notify the executive director of the board prior to the beginning of the meeting. However, to assure that an opportunity is afforded to all persons who desire to make comments, the chairman shall inquire at the beginning of the meeting if there are additional persons present who wish to comment. The chairman shall allot the time available for the public comments in an equitable manner among those persons desiring to comment. Each person making public comments shall identify himself and the group, organization, company, or entity he represents, if any. (Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Rule §105.H.)

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MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting September 20, 2017

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on September 20, 2017 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Secretary/Treasurer, Kristina Lounsberry, and board members Elizabeth “Beth” Austin, Patrick Cook, Craig Prejean, Julie Harris and Karl Kleinpeter. Board attorneys, Courtney P. Newton and George Papale were present. Staff members present were Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Danielle Linzer, Licensing Analyst.

Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Lounsberry called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The board reviewed the purpose of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensing, and regulation of the practice of physical therapy in Louisiana. Only individuals who meet and maintain prescribed standards of competence and conduct may engage in the practice of physical therapy. Our Practice Act and Rules promote the public interest.

AGENDA

The board reviewed the agenda. Beth Austin moved to approve the agenda as written. Patrick Cook seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes from the August 2017 board meeting. Patrick Cook moved to approve the minutes as amended. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes.

EXIT INTERVIEW

The board conducted an exit interview with Chet Sternfels (Case 2014-I-002) upon completion of his probationary period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary/Treasurer Kristin Lounsberry motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. The board members were all in favor to move into Executive Session.

The board exited Executive Session.

The board voted unanimously to accept the essay submitted by Garret Woods as required by his consent order (Case 2017-I-021).

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman Report

Kristina Lounsberry welcomed the newly appointed board member, Karl Kleinpeter to the board. The 2017 chairman of the board, Don Cassano, is no longer serving as a board member following the expiration of his term and the replacement of his position. The board members unanimously voted Patrick Cook to serve as chairman of the board for the remainder of 2017. Don Cassano was a member of the legislative task force of the board prior to the expiration of his term. The board voted unanimously to elect Karl Kleinpeter as a member of the legislative taskforce for the remainder of 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer, Kristina Lounsberry reported the financials as of July 31, 2017. The cash in the bank totaled \$226,532.37 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer's Merchant Bank. Total Income totaled \$15,723.00 and ordinary expenses totaled \$48,801.99. The Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled \$782,819.91. CD #534 will earn all interest of \$3,489.47 at maturity on February 12, 2018. The ending balance as of 07/31/2017 was \$303,432.72. CD #054 earned interest of \$452.71 in July. The ending balance as of 07/31/2017 was \$479,387.19.

Lounsberry reported an update on the recent Legislative Audit that took place on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. The board office staff is finalizing the remaining documents to submit to the auditor prior to the September 30 deadline.

The board reviewed and approved updates to the Policy for Expense Reimbursement for board members, advisory members, and board staff. The revised policy defined "board-approved activities".

Executive Director Report

Mrs. Martin reported that nine (9) license applications were approved since the last board meeting from August 21, 2017 to September 15, 2017. Mrs. Martin reported the average time for licensure is 35 ½ days.

New Graduate - PT

1. Beriah Yisrael

Reciprocity – PT

1. Travis Barlow
2. Abby Janszen
3. Carleen McArtor
4. Robert Patterson

Reciprocity – PTA

1. Victoria Land
2. Robyn Slagle
3. Courtney Goble
4. Heather Johnson

Duplicate Wall License Request

1. Scott Higgs

LEGAL REPORT

Mrs. Newton reported the current complaint summary of activity that occurred since the last meeting:

Appeals:	1
Complaints Received:	2
Informal Conferences:	1
Consent Orders Accepted:	0
CRPTP:	0
Agreement to Abstain:	0
Closed:	1
Hearings Scheduled:	0
Total Open Investigations:	7

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

The CEU Committee reported that 68 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting and all 68 courses were approved. Of the 68 courses approved, 33 courses were traditional/on-side, 32 were web-based courses, and 3 courses were hybrid (live and online portions) courses. Of the 68 courses approved, 66 were clinical in nature and 2 was administrative in nature. The average turn-around time for approval was 6 days.

Mrs. Martin notified the board that there were 59 attendees at the Live Jurisprudence Seminar, which took place on September 17th at the LPTA Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Martin reminded the board that the next Live Jurisprudence Seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in Mandeville. Patrick Cook confirmed that he will be in attendance and available to present.

Legislative Task Force

There was no report from the Legislative Task Force.

Rules Revision Committee

The board members reviewed amendments to Subchapter G and Subchapter I of the rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections

The board reviewed candidates to fill three (3) positions on the Advisory Committee. Vacancy needs are in regards to geographic needs and practice settings.

The board reviewed a correspondence from a TX licensed PTA, Nathaniel Jeane requesting to apply in La as a PTA. The board agreed that Mr. Jeane may apply as a PTA in La because he completed a CAPTE program for physical therapy and has safely practiced as a PTA for over 7 years without disciplinary action in TX.

Mrs. Martin requested approval to allow all disciplined licensees to report CEs required by their board order or consent order at the time of renewal, rather than at staggered times throughout the period of suspension and probation. A draft correspondence was reviewed by the board and legal and approved.

A course sponsor requested a fee refund for course review because the course did not have any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant attendees due to Hurricane Harvey. The board approved the request.

Nona Sheridan, PT concerning modern management of Physical Therapy, the Physical Therapist/Client/Patient relationship, and obligations of the PT to use their professional judgement in the implementation of the plan of care. The board asked Beth Austin to call this licensee to discuss her concerns and to draft a response for the board to review at the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Martin shared the drug test policy with the board and shared a notification that the staff drafted to send to all current participants who are enrolled in drug testing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Kristina Lounsberry moved to adjourn the meeting. Beth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.