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Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

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AGENDA
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
October 18, 2017

- 4:00 pm** **Call to Order**
Approve Agenda*
Approve Minutes*
- 4:15 pm** **Executive Session**
Discuss sensitive information related to discipline and attorney client privileged information.
- 5:00 pm** **Officer Reports***
Chairman's Report
Secretary/Treasurer's Report
Executive Director's Report
- 6:00 pm** **Legal Report***
Legal Professional Development Training
- 7:30 pm** **Committee Reports***
Legislative Task Force
Continuing Education Committee
Rules Revision Committee
- 9:00 pm** **New Business***
- 9:30 pm** **Old Business***
- 10:00 pm** **Adjourn**

***Public comment periods are allowed at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. (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 Board 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 October 18, 2017

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on October 18, 2017 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman, Patrick Cook, Secretary/Treasurer, Kristina Lounsberry, and board members, Craig Prejean and Karl Kleinpeter. Board Member Julie Ann Harris was absent. Advisory Committee Members present were Nicholas Butler and Ryan Usner. Board attorneys, Courtney P. Newton and George Papale were present. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Amanda Lafleur, Director of Operations, and Stephanie Boudreaux, Compliance Officer were also present.

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.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

AGENDA

The board reviewed the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to approve the agenda. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes from the September board meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to approve the minutes as written. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Cook 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.

Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to accept the consent order for licensee Angela Archer (Case 2017-I-023). Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously accepted the consent order.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman Report

Chairman Cook reported that board member, Beth Austin resigned from the Board effective October 9, 2017 for personal reasons. Austin was a member of the Continuing Education Committee of the Board prior to her resignation. Austin served on the Board since 2013 and was a nominee of the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA). Chairman Cook reported that the Board now has five active members and two vacancies; one (1) position open to a PT who is appointed from a list of names submitted by the LHA, and one (1) position who is a physician who is appointed from a list of names submitted the Louisiana State Medical Society. The next board member term to expire is Kristina Lounsberry, who will expire in 2018.

Chairman Cook reported that the Advisory Committee currently has eight (8) active members, and two (2) members will complete their service at the end of 2017. Pursuant to Rule §109.B, the Advisory Committee shall not to exceed nine (9) members and are responsible for assisting Board Members in the review of applicant qualifications for licensure, conducting applicant interviews, reviewing CEU activities and courses, and other duties deemed necessary by the Board. The Board will review the applicants' resumes and vote at the December Board meeting.

Chairman Cook shared with the board new procedures to streamline investigations and discipline actions. Cook recommended that the Board enter into a contract with substance abuse expert, Kathie Pohlman and an investigator. The board members took into consideration Chairman Cook's recommendation and unanimously agreed.

The Board reviewed proposed dates of board activities for the 2018 calendar year. Chairman Cook recommended reducing the number of Board Meetings next year to seven (7). This would help to decrease the amount of funds that are spent on per diems and travel expenses. Board Attorney Newton recommended more training opportunities offered to board members at the meetings to improve competency and offer a better understanding of Board procedures and purpose. Chairman Cook requested exploring opportunities to increase transparency on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry reported on the financials for the month of August 2017. As of August 31, 2017, cash in the bank totaled \$197,268.97 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer's Merchant Bank. Total Income totaled \$30,415.00 and ordinary expenses totaled \$59,886.96. The Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled \$783,288.14. CD #534 will earn all interest of \$3,489.47 at maturity on February 12, 2018. The ending balance as of 08/31/2017 was \$303,432.72. CD #054 earned interest of \$402.40 in August. CD #054 will mature on May 25, 2018. The ending balance as of 08/31/2017 was \$479,855.42.

Executive Director Report

Mrs. Martin reported that 40 license applications were approved since the last board meeting from September 16, 2017 to October 13, 2017. Mrs. Martin reported the average time for licensure is 85 days.

New Graduate - PT

1. Kenneth Jenkins

New Graduate - PTA

1. Kenneth Jenkins
2. Corey Ankersen
3. Blaine Austin
4. Carley Barbin
5. Grace Blackwelder
6. Matthew Bolfa
7. Nicole Burrow

8. Alex Cart
9. Blake Dausat
10. Jordan Delaney
11. Evelyn Desselle
12. Megan Ford
13. Jose Garcia
14. Ian Goodwin
15. Joseph Greco
16. Tyler Hernandez
17. Shayne Higginbotham
18. Odie Hughes

19. Courtney Ivey
20. Eric Labat
21. Timothy Landry Jr
22. Penny Lane
23. Colleen Mastascuso
24. Jonathan Reed
25. Jonathan Reyes
26. Shawna Ruble
27. Madison Strain
28. Broque Thomas
29. Kallie Vidrine

30. Jerrell Zeno

Reciprocity – PT

- 1. Amber Ambrose
- 2. Amanda Arnold
- 3. David Dishauzi

- 4. Kaitlin Guillory
- 5. Katherine Sandknop
- 6. Niraj Vora
- 7. Valerie Williams

Reciprocity – PTA

1. Sara Eaker

Reinstatement – PT

- 1. Andrew Stout

LEGAL REPORT

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

Total Open Investigations:	9
Appeals:	1
Complaints Received:	4
Informal Conferences:	2
Consent Orders Accepted:	0
CRPTP:	0
Agreement to Abstain:	0
Closed:	1
Hearings Scheduled:	0

Board attorneys, Papale and Newton conducted a Legal Professional Development Training on the administrative hearing process pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee:

The CEU Committee reported that 142 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting and all courses were approved. Of the 142 courses approved, 45 were traditional/on-side, 93 were web-based, and 4 courses were a hybrid of live and online. Of the 142 courses approved, 120 were clinical in nature, 18 were administrative in nature, and 4 courses were ethics in nature. The average turn-around time for approval was 4.5 days.

Mrs. Martin notified the board that there were 61 attendees at the Mandeville Jurisprudence, which was presented by Patrick Cook on October 10th. Mrs. Martin reminded the board that the next traveling Jurisprudence seminar will be held on November 16th in Monroe and Julie Ann Harris will be attending on behalf of the board members.

The board reviewed the CEU Exemption request that was submitted by licensee, J. Manuel due to personal hardship. The licensee requested a complete waiver of CEUs for the 2018 renewal period. Secretary/Treasurer Lounsberry moved to approve the CE exemption for clinical continuing education coursework requirements and allowing the licensee to complete the jurisprudence and ethics requirements online. Karl Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Legislative Task Force

The Task Force had no report for this Board Meeting.

Rules Revision Committee

The board members reviewed amendments to Subchapters B and D, §145, and §§330 – 331 of the Rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondences

The board reviewed a question from Lacey Brunson regarding vestibular certification that is offered for PTA's. Brunson asked the board if vestibular certified PTA's can treat patients with vestibular techniques. The board discussed the question and determined that more research is needed at this time.

The board reviewed an email from Kelsey Hankins who requested more information on the laws for PTA's and joint mobilizations in the state. Hankins asked the board for direction on the grades and types of joint mobilizations that PTAs are able to perform in the state. The board discussed the question and determined that more research is needed at this time.

The board members will readdress PTA scope of practice in response to both correspondences at the December Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Newton provided a legal opinion to the board regarding the advance payment by Board for drug tests, alcohol tests, or substance abuse evaluations. The board staff will inform all individuals currently monitored for substance abuse of the legal opinion and request written acknowledgement that the board does not provide advanced payment for drug tests, alcohol tests, substance abuse evaluations, or rehabilitations for licensees for licensees so ordered.

The board members reviewed the correspondence from Nona Sheridan, PT that was reviewed at the September board meeting and assigned to board member Beth Austin. Mrs. Martin confirmed that Austin did not respond to Sheridan prior to resigning from the board. The board asked Mrs. Martin to draft a response in writing for the board to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Chairman Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.