

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

May 13, 2020

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0513-01	<p>The Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:30pm and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans, Board Chairperson-Present • Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Board Member- Present • Dr. Margaret Plack, Board Member- Present • Ana Quinones, Board Member- Present • Carol Walls, Board Consumer Member-Absent <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Myers, Associate Director-Present • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director-Present • Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney-Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist-Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Lewis • Lisa Grimmer • Nara Szwergold
OS-0513-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>Motion: The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. Motion made by Nicholas Caylor to accept the May 13, 2020 agenda. Seconded by Ana Quinones. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0513-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, Aisha Nixon informed the board and visitors that the Department of Health and most staff are working remotely from home to ensure the department is in compliance with CDC Guidelines and social distancing efforts. All Board meetings for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration will be conducted via the Cisco WebEx Platform until further notice. Ms. Nixon informed the board and visitors that the Mayor has extended the current stay at home order until June 8, 2020 with efforts to help contain the spread of the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) • Associate Director, Frank Meyers was introduced to the Board. Mr. Meyers informed the Board of recent realignment in the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. In addition, he provided the Board with a brief overview of his role as the new Associate Director. • Licensure Census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Therapists: 1,261 • Physical Therapist Assistants: 99 	
OS-0513-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Attorney, Panravee Vongjaroenrat informed the board that she has been in touch with the Vincent Gray Staff, and they expect some upcoming changes in legislation. 	
OS-0513-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u> No Report</p>	
OS-0513-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Nicholas Caylor to approve the Open Session minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting with amendments. Seconded by Ana Quiones. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0513-07

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWALS

Board Action:

To determine whether to waive the live/face to face continuing education requirement.

Background:

The Board of Physical Therapy requires that for every renewal period that licensees complete forty (40) continuing education units (CEUs), with twenty (20) being online and twenty (20) being in person courses. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing has been a key focus of the CDC and Corona Virus Task Force to helping eliminate the spread of the virus. Many licensees have reached out to the board regarding having the board consider online courses for CEUs so they can continue with the social distancing efforts.

Motion:

Motion was made by Margaret Plack to approve for licensees to have the ability to complete all forty (40) CEUs online/ distance learning. The motion was seconded by Nicholas Caylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0513-08

TELEHEALTH

Board Action:

To review the current telehealth guidelines as it relates to scope of practice and supervision of students, interns, and physical therapy assistants.

Background:

In March of 2020, The Mayor and Director of the Health Department issued a Telehealth Waiver for Health Care Professionals in good standing with another state or jurisdiction permission to provide telehealth services to residents residing in the District of Columbia due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing efforts of reducing the spread of the virus.

Motion:

Motion was made by Nicholas Caylor to allow for PTs and PTAs licensed in the District to engage in telehealth practice including providing supervision via communication technology, provided that licensees comply with the applicable standards of care and privacy mandates as well as the provisions included in this policy statement. This motion was seconded by Margaret Plack. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0513-09	<p><u>FSBPT ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS (CAPTE ONLY)</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the Alternate Approval Process for CAPTE accredited Institutions provided by FSBPT and provide feedback to the proposed process.</p> <p>Background: Currently there is a standard pathway of licensure approval for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants. The FSBPT has created a new approval process in which State Boards and Jurisdictions may follow for licensure of applicants of CAPTE accredited institutions only.</p> <p>Motion: Motion was made by Margaret Plack to accept the alternate approval process for CAPTE accredited institutions provided by FSBPT. The motion was seconded by Nicholas Caylor. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0513-10	<p><u>FAQ</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review and provide feedback regarding frequently asked questions.</p> <p>Background: The team has been given the opportunity to create a FAQ section on the Board's current webpage. This FAQ section will allow applicants and licensees the ability to get information in a timely manner. The FAQ section consist of questions that our Health Licensing Specialist are frequently asked.</p> <p>Motion: No motion was made. This FAQ was for informational purposes only.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MOTION TO ADJORN

OS-0513-09

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.

Motion:

Motion made by Nicholas Caylor to close the Open session portion of the meeting and move to the Executive session portion of the meeting.

Seconded by Ana Quiones. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack, Ana Quiones Voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020

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