

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

October 14, 2020

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1014-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Meeting was called to order at 3:37pm and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans- Present • Dr. Nicholas Caylor- Absent • Dr. Margaret Plack- Present • Ana Quinones- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director-Present • Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney- Present • Erin Donnelly, Legal Intern- Present • Mark Donatelli- Board Investigator- Present • David Walker- Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Ashley Balma- Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Nitish Arora, Board Intern- Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nava Szwegold- President of the APTA DC Chapter
OS-1014-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the October 14, 2020 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion to accept the October 14, 2020 open session meeting agenda was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-1014-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed all guests and board members to the October 14, 2020 Virtual Board meeting. She provided the following updates:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health operational status: DC Health remains closed to the public and staff continues to work remotely. • Update the Board regarding the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) realignment. Ms. Aisha Nixon informed the Board that the new Health Licensing Specialist assigned to the Board will be Mr. David Walker. She thanked Ms. Ashley Balma for her service to the Board. • Informed the Board that HRLA staff are currently conducting UAT testing for the new online application platform. • Ms. Nixon updated the Board with the Current Census of active licensees in the District of Columbia. <p><u>Current Census</u> Total Licensees: 1,437 Physical Therapist: 1,335 Physical Therapist Assistants: 1s03</p>	
OS-1014-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Mr. Ajay Gohil provided the Board with updates regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation process on the proposed rulemaking. • Informed the Board of the HORA revision project and recommended that the Board review their scope of practice and be ready to discuss and provide feedback at the first meeting in 2021. 	
OS-1014-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u> Dr. Evans informed that she has been attending the various FSBPT sessions. Also, that she will be voting on behalf of the Board at the FSBPT Delegate Assembly on October 24, 2020.</p>	
OS-1014-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to accept the Open Session minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting with the recommended changes was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-1014-07	<p><u>Telehealth</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p>Background: DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion Made, FYI Only</i></p>
OS-1014-08	<p><u>Upcoming 2020 Renewals (FYI)</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2020 renewal Information</p> <p>Background: The Board of Physical Therapy will launch their upcoming 2020 Renewals this fall. The renewal portal will go live beginning November 1, 2020. The portal will be accessible from the Board's Website https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/159572 .</p> <p>All licensees will be able to visit the website and renew their license and upload their continuing education units to the renewal portal. The Board will accept continuing educations from the following time period February 1, 2019-January 31, 2021.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No formal motion needed. FYI Only</i></p>
OS-1014-09	<p><u>Fall 2020 Board Announcement (FYI)</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2020 fall announcement.</p> <p>Background: The District of Columbia Board of Physical Therapy fall announcement will be distributed within the coming weeks to all active licensees. The announcement will provide licensees an update regarding continuing education, DC Health operational</p>

	<p>status, and other pertinent information.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No formal motion needed. FYI Only</i></p>
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CLOSING	
OS-1014-10	<p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to close the Open Session portion of the meeting was made by Dr. Margaret Plack at 4:28pm. Seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1014-11	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Margaret Plack at 4:53pm. Seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **December 9, 2020**

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