



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

January 13, 2021

3:30pm to 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

OPEN SESSION JANUARY 13, 2021

OS-0121-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 3:39pm</p> <p>The January 13, 2021 Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:39pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans – Interim Chairperson • Dr. Nicholas Caylor • Dr. Timothy Vidale • Ana Quinones <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon – Executive Director • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Ajay Gohil – Interim Board Attorney • Mark Donatelli – Board Investigator • Christopher Boone – Board Attorney (absent) <p>Open Session Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Senora Simpson 	
OS-0121-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Vidale made a motion to approve the December 9, 2020 Open Session Agenda with the correction to OS-0121-09 (afford to effort). Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0121-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>The Executive Director welcomed the Board and wished everyone a happy new year. She welcomed back Dr. Timothy Vidale to the Board.</p> <p>Board Staff and the agency were mandated to work from home the remainder of the week due to the situation at Capitol Hill. Some agency staff may return to the agency starting January 21, 2021.</p> <p>Health professionals looking for information about the vaccine should visit https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine . Health professionals with questions about the vaccine should contact covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov . To sign-up to receive the vaccine, licensees should visit https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc .</p> <p>The public health emergency status was extended to March 31, 2021. All executive orders pertaining to the public health emergency (including the licensure waiver) have been extended to March 31, 2021 as well.</p> <p>Informed the Board that the Fall/Winter announcements were distributed to all of the active license.</p> <p>As of today, the Board has a total of 1,467 active licenses which breaks down as follows:</p> <p>PT -1360 PTA -107</p> <p>In addition, 747 licensees have renewed thus far. The renewal period will end on January 31, 2021. Licensees will have an additional 60 day grace period to renew with a late fee.</p>	
OS-0121-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>Christopher Boone has been named as the Board’s new permanent attorney.</p>	
OS-0121-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>Dr. Evans welcomed Dr. Timothy Vidale back to the Board.</p>	

OS-0121-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Caylor made a motion to accept and approve the December 9, 2020 Open Session Agenda without modifications. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0121-07	<p>SCOPE OF PRACTICE REVISION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether to update current scope of practice.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration is currently in the process of updating the Health Occupational and Revisions Act (HORA). All Boards have been encouraged to review and potential update its scope of practice.</p> <p>(12)(A) “Practice of physical therapy” means the independent evaluation of human disability, injury, or disease by means of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions and other standard procedures of physical therapy, and the treatment of human disability, injury, or disease by therapeutic procedures, embracing the specific scientific application of physical measures to secure the functional rehabilitation of the human body. These measures include the use of therapeutic exercise, therapeutic massage, heat or cold, air, light, water, electricity, or sound for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical or mental disability, or preventing the development of any physical or mental disability, or the performance of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions as an aid to the detection or treatment of any human condition.</p> <p>(B) “Practice by physical therapy assistants” means the performance of selected physical therapy procedures and related</p>	

	<p>tasks under the direct supervision of a physical therapist by a person who has graduated from a physical therapy assistant program accredited by an agency recognized for that purpose by the Secretary of the Department of Education or the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation.</p> <p>(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practices, services, or activities of a physical therapy aide who works only under the direct supervision of a physical therapist, and whose activities do not require advanced training in, or complex application of, therapeutic procedures or other standard procedures involved in the practice of physical therapy.</p> <p>https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html</p> <p>No motion was made.</p>	
OS-0121-08	<p>BOARD DELEGATIONS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> As the Board of Physical Therapy (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained.</p> <p>No formal motion made at this time .</p>	

<p>OS-0121-09</p>	<p>INPUT REQUEST FROM FSBPT</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss ways FSBPT could assist the Board.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In an effort to provide better assistance to boards, FSBPT would like to learn more about the major challenges facing the Board. Knowing these challenges, and corresponding needs, will allow FSBPT to carefully prepare in a purposeful manner for the Board Strategic Planning meeting and the Leadership Issues Forum.</p> <p><u>Examples of Top Challenges Identified during the 2019 Leadership Issues Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Legislative challenges (Sun-setting/moving rules through the legislative process) · Information/Educational Resources for various stakeholders on topics impacting licensees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Boundary violations o Impaired practitioners o Moral injury o Healthy practice o Student debt o Dry needling o Billing fraud o Questionable documentation o Telehealth · Foreign Educated Candidates/CWT equivalency requirements · Board Turnover and filling vacancies/Approval process · Staffing resources · PT Compact legislation/implementation · Deregulation pressures · Background checks · Consistency in Disciplinary Actions · Scope of practice issues · NPTE Testing challenges · Supervision of PTAs & other support personnel · Resources for remediation · Ensuring competence on Re-entry to Practice competence · Incorporating Workforce/PTMDS into license renewals <p><u>Questions on Board Needs</u></p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Are there things that you are working on in your state that you need additional information on that FSBPT might be able to provide? · As you continue to deal with the ramifications of COVID-19 in your state, are there process changes that you're considering where FSBPT could be of assistance? · Looking to the future when we can manage COVID-19 more effectively due to vaccines, are there issues that have been sidelined that FSBPT can provide support for? · Are there any other areas where FSBPT could provide help to your state? <p>No formal motion made at this time.</p>	
OS-0121-10	<p>TELEHEALTH</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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.</p> <p>No formal motion made at this time.</p>	
OS-0121-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting 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><u>Motion:</u></p>	

	<p>Dr. Vidale made a motion to close the open session at 5:08pm. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The next open session meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021 at 3:30pm.

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.