



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing  
Administration**

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**March 10, 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 MARCH 10, 2021**

OS-0321-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The March 10, 2021 Open Session meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bernardine Evans – Interim Chairperson</li> <li>• Dr. Timothy Vidale: Absent</li> <li>• Ana Quinones</li> <li>• Dr. Nicholas Caylor</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Nixon – Executive Director</li> <li>• David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist: Absent</li> <li>• Ajay Gohil – Interim Board Attorney</li> <li>• Mark Donatelli – Board Investigator</li> <li>• Christopher Boone – Board Attorney</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Session Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Senora Simpson</li> <li>• Dr. Jaise Stevens</li> </ul>	
OS-0321-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Quinones to approve the March 10, 2021 Open Session Agenda without modifications. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0321-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>DC Health remains in a telework posture. Board staff continue to process applications in a timely matter. The Processing Center has begun allowing in-person appointments for individuals to submit applications as of January 25, 2021. To schedule an appointment, individuals should see the link on the Board’s website. Appointments will be available on Mondays and Wednesday from 9am to 1pm.</p> <p>The public health emergency status was extended to May 20, 2021. All executive orders pertaining to the public health emergency (including the licensure waiver) have been extended to May 20, 2021 as well. Health professionals looking for information about the vaccine should visit <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a> . Health professionals with questions about the vaccine should contact <a href="mailto:covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov">covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov</a> . To sign-up to receive the vaccine, licensees should visit <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc</a>.</p> <p>As of today, 1,209 active licensees under the Board’s authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PT – 1,125</li> <li>• PTA- 84</li> </ul> <p>As of today, 1,156 licenses were renewed. Licensees have until March 31, 2021 to renew their licensee with the \$85 late fee.</p> <p>Online licensure portal may be available to the public in April 16, 2021.</p>	
OS-0321-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Mr. Boone informed the Board that he will be on leave during the April meeting and Ms. Vongjaroenrat will cover the meeting.</p>	
OS-0321-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Dr. Evans informed the Board that she and Dr. Vidale attended the CMS where they attend several sections that discussed the future of the profession.</p>	

<p>OS-0321-06</p>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>            Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>            Motion made by Ms. Quinones to approve the February 10, 2021 Open Session minutes without modifications. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b>            Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0321-07</p>	<p><b>DELEGATED AUTHORITIES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>            The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b>            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><b><u>Motion:</u></b>            Motion made by Dr. Caylor to accept the Delegated Authorities as presented without modifications. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b>            Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0321-08</p>	<p><b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE REVISION</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>        Review and discuss whether to update current scope of practice.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b>        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><b>(12)(A)</b> “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>(B)</b> “Practice by physical therapy assistants” means the performance of selected physical therapy procedures and related 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><b>(C)</b> 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><a href="https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html">https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information">https://www.fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information</a></p>	
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OS-0321-09	<p><b>ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and determine whether to approve the draft assessment fee schedule.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> To assist the Board with its work, Board Staff drafted an assessment fee schedule for the Board to review. The schedule features the Board’s most frequently assessed matters.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to table the matter until the April meeting. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0321-10</p>	<p><b>CEU REVIEW - ACHIEVING ACTIVITY-BASED INTERVENTION FOR STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Rifton Equipment submitted a request to have the CEU course approved for use by the Board’s PT licensees. The course has been approved by the Maryland board.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to approve the “Achieving Activity-Based Intervention for Students with Multiple Disabilities” course. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0321-11</p>	<p><b>CEU REVIEW – PEDIATRIC INCONTINENCE AND PELVIC DYSFUNCTION</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DSD PT Consulting, PLLC submitted a request to have the CEU course approved for use by the Board’s PT licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to deny the approval of the “Pediatric Incontinence and Pelvic Dysfunction” course. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0321-12	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to close the Open Session at 5:28 PM. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Caylor, 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 April 14, 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

FYIOS-0321-01	<p><b>TELEHEALTH – FYI NO ACTION NEEDED</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DC Health has created an inter-professional 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>	
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