



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

May 12, 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 MAY 12, 2021

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| OS-0521-01 | <p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The May 12, 2021 Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:35pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans – Interim Chairperson • Dr. Timothy Vidale • Ana Quinones • Dr. Nicholas Caylor <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon – Executive Director • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Tamika Wells – Health Licensing Specialist • Christopher Boone – Board Attorney • Emilia Moran – Board Investigator (sitting in for Mark Donatelli) • Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer <p>Open Session Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jaise Stevens • Dr. Carole Lewis • Dr. Jaisie Stephens | |
| OS-0521-02 | <p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to approve the March 10, 2021 Open Session Agenda without modifications. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |

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| <p>OS-0521-03</p> | <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>DC Health remains in a telework posture. Board Staff continues to process applications in a timely matter while working remotely. The Processing Center continues allowing in-person appointments for individuals to submit applications. To schedule an appointment, individuals should use the scheduling link on the Board’s website.</p> <p>DC Health is moving forward with plans for staff to return to the office on July 12, 2021. As plans are solidified, the Board and the public, will be updated.</p> <p>On May 13, 2021, DC Health will introduce its online application portal. As part of the launch, paper applications will be removed from the Board’s website. Applicants who submit paper applications prior to May 13, 2021, will be processed following the paper-based application process.</p> <p>In addition, Ms. Nixon informed the Board that she will be transitioning to the Board of Medicine and Chiropractic. She thanked the Board for all their support and continued hard work. Ms. Nixon will inform the Board once the position is posted.</p> <p>The Board of Physical Therapy’s current licensure census is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Therapy – 1146 • Physical Therapy Assistant – 85 | |
| <p>OS-0521-04</p> | <p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>The Board Attorney informed the Board about a new law that was passed by the Council of the District of Columbia. The law aims to reduce barrier returning citizens encounter when attempting to return to the workforce.</p> | |
| <p>OS-0521-05</p> | <p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Ms. Nixon for her steadfast leadership while serving as the Executive Director for the Board. The Chairperson also reminded everyone that May in National Mental Health Awareness Month. The Chairperson encouraged all licensees and physical therapy patients to practice self-care and recognize signs of burnout.</p> | |

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| OS-0521-06 | <p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to accept the April 14, 2021 Open Session Agenda without modifications. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0521-07 | <p>DISCUSSION – APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE DELEGATE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss who will serve as the Alternate Delegate at the 2021 FSBPT Delegate Assembly.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Dr. Evans is scheduled to serve as the Board’s primary delegate at the 2021 Virtual FSBPT Delegate Assembly will take place October 22-23, 2021. All FSBPT members are required to submit the name of an alternate delegate.</p> <p>No motion needed. Ms. Quinones will serve as the Alternate Delegate.</p> | |

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| <p>OS-0521-08</p> | <p>DISCUSSION – USE OF SELECTIVE SHARP DEBRIDEMENT</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss whether the use of selective sharp debridement falls under the current scope of practice for PT licensees can use this modality in their practice.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board received inquiry from a licensee about whether the use of selective sharp debridement is in the scope of practice.</p> <p>No Motion needed. The Board has identified that this form of treatment is in the current scope of practice. The Board has stated that licensees should be certified and/or have experience using this form of treatment. It is not for inexperienced licensees.</p> | |
| <p>OS-0521-09</p> | <p>SCOPE OF PRACTICE REVISION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether to accept the recommended updates to the scope of practice definition.</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> | |

(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.

(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.

<https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html>

<https://www.fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information>

<http://www.visalaw.com/wpcontent/uploads/2014/10/ptchart.pdf>

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Caylor to move the recommendations forward. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.

Vote:

Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| OS-0521-10 | <p>ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and determine whether to approve the draft assessment fee schedule.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to accept the assessment fee schedule as amended. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0521-11 | <p>FSBPT ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS (CAPTE ONLY)</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review the Alternate Approval Process for CAPTE accredited Institutions provided by FSBPT and provide feedback to the proposed process.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Previously, the Board reviewed the matter and with the recent shifts to the Board, staff thought it would be best to bring the matter back for review. 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><u>Discussion:</u> Changes to the approval process would require regulatory changes. The Board will discuss when they begin to review the regulations for updates.</p> <p>No motion needed.</p> | |

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| OS-0521-12 | <p>CEU REVIEW – MOVEMENT LINK SERIES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Columbia Physical Therapy in Motion submitted a request to have the CEU course approved for use by the Board’s licensees. The use of the course is pending review in Maryland and Virginia.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the use of the Movement Link Series. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0521-13 | <p>CEU REVIEW – BEST OF PILATES ON TOUR</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Balanced Body submitted a request to have the CEU course approved for use by the Board’s licensees. The course has been approved by the Maryland board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the use of the Movement Link Series. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |

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| OS-0521-14 | <p>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Caylor to approve the May 12, 2021 Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0521-15 | <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> Motion made by Dr. Caylor made a motion to close the May 12, 2021 Open Session meeting at 5:25pm. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Caylor, Ms. Quinones, Dr. Vidale and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |

The next open session meeting scheduled for June 9, 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.

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| FYIOS-0521-10 | <p>TELEHEALTH – FYI NO ACTION NEEDED</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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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