

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Minutes

September 11, 2019

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

OPEN SESSION MINUTES September 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 3:36pm

Roll Call:

Joel Hemphill, Board Chair
Margaret Plack, Board Member
Bernardine Evans, Board Member
Nicholas Caylor, Board Member
Ana Quinones, Board Member

HRLA Staff

Aisha Nixon, Executive Director
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney
Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist sitting for Alma White
Mark Donatelli, Board Investigator

OS-0911-01 **AGENDA ACCEPTANCE**

Motion:

Motion made by Margaret Plack to approve the September 11, 2019 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Bernardine Evans.

Joel Hemphill, Margaret Plack, Bernardine Evans, Nicholas Caylor and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0911-02 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting.

Motion:

Motion made by Margaret Plack to approve the July 10, 2019 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ana Quinones.

Joel Hemphill, Margaret Plack, Bernardine Evans, Nicholas Caylor and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0911-03 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Board Chair reported on the following items:

- 2019 FSBPT Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly will be held on October 24-26, 2019, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Board members will inform the Executive Director whether or not they want to attend.
- The Board discussed the interstate licensure compact for the physical therapy and indicated that the Board is leaning toward and in favor of the compact. This is not an official decision. Individuals/organizations who have questions about the compact will need to reach out to American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and other professional association regarding the compact.

OS-0911-04 **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Director provided updates on the following items:

- Ms. Aisha Nixon is now the Executive Director for the Allied and Behavioral Boards.
- Information on the licensure application process (these three phases may take 30-90):
 - Processing (Phase one)
 - Analysis (Phase two)
 - Board Review & Decision (Phase three)
- Information on Renewal and the Board audit process.
- There are 1260 licensed PTs/PTAs (1169 PTs and 91 PTAs)
- Requesting Intern(s) to work on the Workforce Survey.

OS-0911-05 **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Board attorney.

OS-0911-06 **DISCUSSION**

BOARD ACTION:

The Board is to discuss the discontinuation of ProCert and review and determine whether or not to accept CERS as the review agency.

BACKGROUND:

FSBPT informed the board that ProCert will be discontinued as CE reviewer agency. The new Continuing Education Review Services (CERS) will be the new reviewer.

Motion:

No formal motion was made. The Board wants to know which company FSBPT is planning to utilize or recommending for the state board to use. The Executive Director will provide this information at the next board meeting.

OS-0911-07

DISCUSSION:

The Board is to discuss the Law and Regulation – revision for less restrictive supervision of PTA.

BACKGROUND:

The Board approved the request to revise the HORA to remove the requirement for direct supervision of PTA. Until the law is revised, the regulations must remain as they are. However, the Board may want to review the regulations for any additional revisions such as the definition of “supervision” (what is required?).

Motion:

No formal motion was made. Aisha Nixon informed the Board that a subcommittee will be implemented to address the PT and PTA regulations. The subcommittee’s first meeting is expected to be on the 3rd Thursday of November.

OS-0911-08

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board moved 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 Bernardine Evans to close the Open Session portion of the meeting. Seconded by Margaret Plack.

Joel Hemphill, Margaret Plack, Bernardine Evans, Nicholas Caylor and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 9, 2019

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