



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing  
Administration**

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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

**3:30pm to 5:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting Notice**

*Currently, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public emergency.*

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

**OPEN SESSION SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

OS-0921-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The September 8, 2021 Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:39pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bernardine Evans, Chairperson – Present</li> <li>• Ana Quinones – Present</li> <li>• Dr. Timothy Vidale – Present</li> <li>• Dr. Nicholas Caylor - Absent</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Nixon – Executive Director (outgoing)</li> <li>• David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Joanne Drozdoski – Board Attorney</li> <li>• Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer</li> <li>• LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director (incoming)</li> <li>• Frank Meyers – Associate Director, Office of Professional Licensing</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Session Guests:</b> None</p>	
OS-0921-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the September 8, 2021 Open Session Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0921-03</p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The outgoing Executive Director, Ms. Nixon, introduced the incoming Executive Director, Ms. Herndon to the Board. DC Health’s operational status remains unchanged. Staff have returned to the agency and are working 3-days a week in the office and 2-days a week remotely. Members of the public are still able to come to the Processing Center to submit payments and/or documents without an appointment. Members of the public must wear masks when coming to DC Health.</p> <p>The licensure waiver expired on July 25, 2021. Individuals who were working in the District of Columbia under the waiver have until September 23, 2021 (60-days) to finalize their work in the District of Columbia or become licensed in the District of Columbia. The revisions to the Board’s HORA section are almost complete. The Board Attorney will follow up with the Board to confirm final proposals.</p> <p>The FSBPT Annual Meeting will take place from October 21 – 23, 2021. Dr. Evans will represent the Board as the newly installed Chairperson for the Board and Ms. Quinones will serve as alternate delegate. The meeting will be virtual.</p> <p><b><u>Licensure Census as of September 8, 2021:</u></b>  Active PT licenses - 1204  Active PTA licenses - 88</p> <p>The Board’s continuing education audit will begin next week. Licensees randomly chosen will receive an audit notice via email. Licensees will have 30-days to respond. Those who do not respond will receive a second and final notice to their home address on file with the Board.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-04</p>	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Provided an overview of DC Health’s vaccine requirement for all licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-05</p>	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Ms. Nixon for her service with the Board. September 22 is National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. The DC Office of Aging will have events throughout the District of Columbia</p>	

	to inform the public. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) September 10-14, 2021 will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. APTA will hold multiple events during the celebration.	
OS-0921-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the July 14, 2021 Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-07	<p><b>DISCUSSION- CHANGE TO MEETING TIMES AND DATES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss times and dates for the Board’s meetings.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board’s staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the meetings are conducting within DC Health hours of operations.</p> <p><b>Tabled. No action taken.</b></p>	

<p>OS-0921-08</p>	<p><b>SUSPENSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Determine whether to extend the suspension of face-to-face continuing education requirements.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> On May 13, 2020, the Board issued Policy Statement 20-001: <i>Suspension of Face-To-Face Continuing Education Requirement</i>. The policy was applicable during the licensure term from February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2021. Accordingly, PTs and PTAs could fulfill their CE requirement with CE programs or activities obtained via remote methods, distance learning, or home studies, including pre-recorded online presentations.</p> <p><b><u>Motion 1:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to extend the current suspension of face-to-face continuing education requirements until January 31, 2023 and will discuss at the December 2022 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-09</p>	<p><b>REMOTE SUPERVISION GUIDANCE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Determine whether to extend the remote supervision guidance previously issued by the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> On May 13, 2020, the Board issued Policy Statement 20-002: <i>Guidance on Remote Supervision During The COVID-19 Emergency</i>. The policy was applicable to physical therapy practice and supervision between February 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Accordingly, PTAs were granted the ability to work remotely and receive supervision remotely.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Ms. Quinones to extend the remote supervision guidance previously issued by the Board until July 31, 2022 and will discuss at the June 2022 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-10	<p><b>REVIEW – DRAFT FALL/WINTER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> <p><b>No action taken.</b></p>	
OS-0921-11	<p><b>CEU REVIEW</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> Pinnacle Training &amp; Consulting Systems submitted a request to have their CEU course approved for use by the Board’s licensees. According to Pinnacle Training &amp; Consulting Systems, the course is approved by the California and North Carolina boards for 1.5 CEUs.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to request additional information to continue the review of the application. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0921-12</p>	<p><b>CEU REVIEW – EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CARPAL INSTABILITY</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> Capital Hand Therapy Association submitted a request to have their CEU course approved for use by the Board’s licensees. The course is worth one CEU and has no previous board approvals.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the course submitted by the Capital Hand Therapy Association. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0921-13</p>	<p><b>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Vidale to approve the September 8, 2021 Open Session agenda with two modifications. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones, and Dr. Evans voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0921-14	<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. Vidale to close the open session meeting at 5:23pm. Seconded by Ms. Quinones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> 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 October 13, 2021 at 3:30pm.**

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