



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference Attendance**

On August 1, 2022, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair
Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT, Vice Chair
Rodney Copes, PT
Jeffrey Foucier, PT, DPT
Destini Jammeh, PTA
Dana Johnson, Public Member

GUESTS

Angela MacCabe
Dhruvi Shah
Jackie Barry
Melissa Johnson
Robin Schoenfeld
Shelley Jones
Teddy Garcia

STAFF PRESENT

Megan Maxey, Acting Executive Director
Allyson McIver, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Noelle Chung, AAG
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board and staff
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 1, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion passed.

- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

1.4. Board discussion/vote on how long to continue virtual board meetings

Ms. McIver reminded the board that decisions on whether to meet in person must be made based on reasonable safety. She shared determinations by other entities, including the Washington Medical and Nursing Commissions, Osteopathic Board, and a poll done at the LIF Conference of other jurisdictions.

Ms. Chung mentioned a notification sent today of the Governor's announcement of an intention to rescind some of the COVID-19 proclamations, some of which affect healthcare professionals and settings, but that this is not the same as rescinding the statewide COVID-19 state of emergency declaration. With the declaration still in place, the amendment to the OPMA still applies whereby a board meeting can be completely virtual or hybrid if the board determines it should do so because of reasons of reasonable safety. She informed the board that, while the state of emergency declaration is in place, the determination can be made on a meeting-by-meeting basis or can apply to future meetings if circumstances meet board-specified criteria. The Board discussed whether it could hold meetings entirely in-person with reasonable safety while the COVID-19 declaration of emergency is in place.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to determine in person, virtual, or hybrid meetings be made on a case-by-case basis dependent on reasonable safety. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to hold the October 2022 board meeting and retreat as a hybrid meeting with the board and staff in person with the option for the public to attend virtually. The motion passed.

2. OPEN FORUM

A question was asked for a copy of the governor's announcement. The link was shared in the chat box.

3. LIF CONFERENCE SUMMARY AND REPORT

Dr. Dale and Ms. McIver shared their experience and key take away points from the LIF conference that took place in Alexandria, Virginia on July 22 – 23, 2022.

4. FOREIGN TRAINED APPLICANT LICENSURE PROCESS REVIEW

Ms. McIver presented the current application review process for foreign trained applicants and shared a proposed application process to the board. The board discussed if they want to make any changes or updates to the procedure.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed updated foreign trained application and internal review process. The motion passed.

5. PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT BYLAWS DISCUSSION

Dr. Aglubat shared the proposed edits and updates to the PT compact bylaws.

Dr. Dale asked board members to provide any comments and/or recommendations to send to the compact in response.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

6.1. Budget report

Ms. Maxey updated the board on the budget which includes expenses through June 2022. The budget showed revenue at an upward trend, however, with the upcoming travel and transition to in-person/hybrid board meetings, it is expected that expenses will increase.

6.2. Rulemaking update

Ms. McIver updated the board that the CR101 is working through the internal review process to be officially filed with the office of the code revisor with the goal to have it ready for board review at the October meeting.

6.3. Staffing Update

Ms. McIver shared with the board that interviews are underway for a permanent Executive Director formerly filled by Renee Fullerton. She also shared applications for professional board members have been received and interviews will begin mid-August. Dr. Dale and Mr. Copes will be on the interview panel.

Ms. McIver shared public member, Dana Johnson is terming out in September, and this is her last board meeting. The recruitment notice for the position has been posted. Ms. McIver and the board thanked Ms. Johnson for her work and dedication to the board and people of Washington. She will be missed.

6.4. Planning for upcoming meetings

Dr. Dale informed the board nominations and elections of Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be done at the October meeting. She also encouraged the board to read the assessment resource on the FSBPT website and to review the information on the model practice act to prepare for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. McIver mentioned the mission and vision statement development will be included on the board retreat agenda. She asked the board to contact her if they would like to add additional items to the agenda.

Public member, Lisa Johnson asked about a decision package regarding increasing physical therapy licensing fees. Ms. Maxey will contact the Budget office and get additional information to present in a future meeting.

6.5. Other

Mr. Copes mentioned he will be in San Diego and expressed his interest in visiting the military base where the PT trainings are facilitated. McIver will provide a contact name to Mr. Copes.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the consent agenda (informal items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. The motion passed.

Allyson McIver, Program Manager

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair