



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

On October 3, 2022, the Board of Physical Therapy met at Capital Event Center, Capital Region ESD 113, 6005 Tye Dr. SW, Mason Room, Tumwater, WA 98512 with webinar public access only via Zoom. 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

GUESTS

Jackie Barry
Melissa Johnson
Kelly Vanhove
Robin Schoenfeld
Kimberly Mode
Amy Welch
Dan Anton

STAFF PRESENT

Megan Maxey, Acting Executive Director
Allyson McIver, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Ashley Maxwell, 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 10:02 a.m.

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

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 3, 2022 agenda as presented. The motion passed.

- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- 1.4. Board discussion/vote to decide if the next board meeting will be in-person or hybrid
Ms. McIver reminded the board the Washington declaration of emergency ends
October 31, 2022.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to hold the December 2022 meeting in-person, and to offer the option for board members, staff, and the public to attend virtually. The motion passed.

2. OPEN FORUM

The public was provided an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance regarding physical therapy practice.

Comments shared included:

- Concerns and discomfort with the continued mask mandate.
- Melissa Johnson with APTA WA along with the WA Chiropractic Association sent a letter to Dr. Shah asking when mask mandates are going to be relaxed and as they move away from the mask mandate, what conversation is the DOH having regarding that. She shared APTA WA would like to be a part of the conversation.
- Concern and challenges to obtain licensure due to their 1989 scores from a different state and Washington state's requirement of at least 70% score.

3. CONTINUING COMPETENCY RULES

Ms. McIver provided an overview of ESSB 5229, Concerning Health Equity Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals. The board discussed the continuing competency rule, WAC 246-915-085, and the need for rule revisions in accordance with ESSB 5229.

MOTION: A motion was made to authorize DOH staff to file a CR-101 for WAC 246-915-085 for the purpose of revising the rule consistent with ESSB 5229. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The board held elections for the chair and vice chair positions for the board of physical therapy to go into effect January 1, 2022.

Mr. Copes nominated Dr. Dale to the position of board chair.

Dr. Aglubat nominated Mr. Copes to the position of board vice chair.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to elect Dr. Kathryn Dale to the position of Chairperson. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to elect Mr. Rodney Copes to the position of Vice Chairperson. The motion passed.

5. RULES DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOP - WAC 246-915-120

5.1. Ms. McIver presented a brief summary of rulemaking goals based on prior board discussions.

5.2. The board held a rules workshop to examine and consider revising WAC 246-915-120 – Foreign educated applicants. The board discussed possible amendments to the language.

Comments received included:

- Request for board and staff to speak into the microphone so the public can hear the discussion.
- Request for clarification of what equivalent standards are being used for 1989 scores in order to obtain licensure by endorsement and how is substantially equivalent defined.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to remove the word first in sections 1 and 5 in WAC 246-915-120. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to continue the discussion on WAC 246-915-120 at the December 2022 board meeting. The motion passed.

6. LIST AND LABELS APPLICATION REVIEW

The board reviewed two requests for lists and labels.

6.1. Professional Therapy Seminars

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the list and labels request from Professional Therapy Seminars. The motion was seconded and passed.

6.2. Therapeutic Association

MOTION: A motion was made to deny the list and labels request from Therapeutic Association because Therapeutic Association does not meet the applicable definition of an educational organization or professional association. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. HELMS UPDATE AND TIMELINE

Ms. McIver provided a brief summary and shared an update and timeframe for the new DOH licensing systems, HELMS.

8. PROGRAM REPORT

8.1. Budget report

Ms. Maxey reported on the budget, including expenses through August 2022. She reminded the board of the increase in fees for next spring and stated a stakeholder meeting will be scheduled soon.

8.2. Rulemaking update

Ms. McIver noted that the CR101 for WAC 246-915-120 was filed on August 23, 2022.

8.3. Staffing Update

Ms. McIver shared that recruitment notices have been posted for public member positions. Interviews for professional positions have been completed and recommendations sent to the governor's office for review and appointment.

8.4. Planning for upcoming meetings

- Further discussion on WAC 246-915-120

8.5. Other

None

9. 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.

9.1. LIF Conference 2022 final report

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m. The motion passed.

Allyson McIver, Program Manager

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair