



## **Board of Physical Therapy Meeting Minutes**

To safeguard our communities' physical therapy experience by setting and upholding standards for professional competency and quality of care.

-Mission statement-

Empowering you to move through life.

-Vision statement-

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On June 12, 2023, the Board of Physical Therapy met at Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Avenue SE, Rooms 1 & 2, Lacey, WA 98503 with webinar public access via Zoom. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair  
Rodney Copes, PT, Vice Chair  
Celeste Misko, PT, DPT  
Destini Jammeh, PTA (absent)  
Jeffrey Foucrier, PT, DPT (arrived late)  
Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT  
Vacant, Public Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Allyson McIver, Program Manager  
Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Joan Simmons, Program Support  
Lilia Lopez, AAG  
Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Stephanie Vaughn, Rules Manager  
Marlon Basco, Policy Analyst

### **GUESTS**

Claire Horn  
James Shepherd  
Jori Collier  
Melissa Johnson

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

None

## OPEN SESSION

### 1. Call to Order

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 12, 2023 agenda as presented. The motion passed.

- 1.3. Approval of April 10, 2023 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 10, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

### 2. Open Forum

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

No comments were received.

### 3. Rules Hearing for WAC 246-915-120 – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Dr. Dale

The board held a rules hearing for the proposed change to [WAC 246-915-120](#), foreign educated applicants.

Public testimony received:

- Melissa Johnson, lobbyist for APTA WA, mentioned that the Association submitted written comments to support the changes, and provided verbal support of the proposed rules.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adopt the proposed rules for WAC 246-915-120 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

### 4. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) – DISCUSSTION/ACTION

#### 4.1 Physical Therapy Compact Updates

Dr. Aglubat provided physical therapy compact updates.

#### 4.2 LIF topic solicitation

Dr. Aglubat shared the call for proposals are due within the next couple of weeks.

#### 4.3 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Physical Therapy panelists

Dr. Aglubat shared there is a call for interested parties to reach out regarding the diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging panel at the annual education meeting in Jacksonville, FL in October and recommended those who are interested to reach out to Ms. McIver.

**5. Exception Application Matrix – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board reviewed and considered approving proposed changes to the exception application matrix as a result of the February 2021 Blake Decision.

Ms. McIver provided a brief overview of the 2021 Blake Decision and its effects.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to the exception application matrix as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

**6. Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Rules – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board discussed the intramuscular needling bill that passed in the 2023 legislative session in order to decide whether or not to authorize the department to file a CR-101 for [WAC 246-915](#).

**MOTION:** A motion was made to authorize the department to file a CR-101 for WAC 246-915 for the purpose of implementing the new intramuscular needling law. The motion was seconded and passed.

**7. 2024 Board Meeting Dates - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Ms. McIver shared proposed 2024 board meeting dates and the board voted on whether to adopt the dates. The proposed meeting dates were February 12, April 8, June 10, August 12, October 14, and December 9.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates with the April date being changed from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed.

**8. Correspondence - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board reviewed and discussed correspondence received since the last meeting.

**8.1 Request for List and Labels – Summit Medical Seminars**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the lists and labels request from Summit Medical Seminars. The motion was seconded and passed.

**9. PROGRAM REPORT**

**9.1. Budget report**

Ms. McIver reported on the budget including expenses through April 2023 which had an estimated ending fund balance of negative \$701,608. She shared licensing fee increases went into effect June 1, 2023, which should help the fund balance start an upward trend.

**9.2. Rulemaking update**

Ms. McIver provided an update on the following items:

- Board staff will prepare the CR-103 to be filed for the foreign educated rules regarding the TOEFL requirements. The rule will be effective 31 days after it is filed with the code revisor's office.

- The Health Equity CE rules hearing for [WAC 246-915-085](#) is scheduled for the August meeting.

**9.3. Board member recruitment update**

Ms. McIver shared the vacant public member position is awaiting appointment from the governor's office. She also noted the board received notice that DOH has reorganized several professions and staff effective July 1, 2023. Ms. McIver will remain with the board and there will be a new executive director and program support.

**9.4. Planning for upcoming meetings**

- Rules hearing for Health Equity CE
- Rules workshop for dry needling
- Group photo if the public member position is filled by the August meeting
- Follow up with testing center regarding their policy on water during testing

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

10.1. NPTE candidate satisfaction survey results

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Allyson McIver, Program Manager

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Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair