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Board of Physical Therapy Business Meeting Minutes December 08, 2025

Department of Health 111 Israel Rd SE Tumwater, WA 98501 Room 166

Members Present: Kathryn Dale, Physical Therapist, Chairperson; Jeffrey Foucrier, Physical Therapist, Vice-chairperson; Jennifer Aglubat, Physical Therapist; Celeste Misko, Physical Therapist; Nhi Reighter, Physical Therapist Assistant; Samantha Hoover, Physical Therapist

Staff Present: Allyson McIver, Program Manager; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Lilia Lopez, Senior Counsel; Madissen Schatz, Assistant Program Manager; Jennifer Armitage, Administrative Assistant; Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney; Shelly Bates, Staff Attorney; Haylie Kang, Policy Analyst; Brandis Brandt, Credentialing Supervisor.

Guests and Other Participants: Melissa Johnson, American Physical Therapy Association WA Representative

1. Call to Order

On Monday December 8th, at 10:03 a.m., Chairperson Dale officially called the meeting to order.

1.1. Introduction

Following the call to order, Chairperson Dale facilitated introductions, allowing board members and department staff to be acknowledged. Attendees joining virtually also had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Dale presented the proposed agenda, seeking approval from the board. An amendment was requested to include a list and labels request from Independence Rehab LLC. No objections were raised, and a motion to approve the agenda including the amendment was initiated by Dr. Foucrier, Dr. Misko seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

1.3. Approval of September 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The board considered approval of the minutes from the previous meeting and board retreat held on September 29th, 2025. Dr. Foucrier moved for approval, Dr. Misko seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

2. Open Forum

Melissa Johnson with the APTA shared a summary of the two bills the association will be focusing on during the 2026 legislative session. House bill 1589 will be brought back from the last legislative session and has to do with provider contracting. The second bill would add physical therapists and occupational therapists to the list of attending providers to allow for direct access to care for worker's comp claims. Ms. Johnson invited questions from the board.

3. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

3.1 Compact Commission updates

Dr. Aglubat shared that the Compact Commission's educator modules are now available. The educator modules are designed to help physical therapy and physical therapist assistant programs introduce students to the compact.

3.2 Annual Education Conference report-out

The board discussed the FSBPT Annual Education Conference that the board and staff attended in October in Spokane, Washington. The discussions highlighted the importance of staying on top of AI trends and regulatory challenges around AI, reducing licensure barriers, and board presence on social media. Board and staff expressed appreciation for the opportunity to collaborate and network with other jurisdictions.

4. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Elections

Chairperson Dale facilitated nominations and elections for the 2026 Board of Physical Therapy leadership positions.

4.1 Vice Chair

Dr. Aglubat nominated Dr. Foucrier for the Vice Chair position for 2026, and Dr. Foucrier accepted the nomination. Chairperson Dale motioned to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Chairman

Dr. Foucrier nominated Dr. Aglubat for Chairman position for 2026, and Dr. Aglubat accepted the nomination. Chairperson Dale motioned to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Winter Newsletter

The board reviewed the draft newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out by the end of the year. Dr. Foucrier moved for approval, Dr. Aglubat seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Healthy Practice Resource Tool

The board discussed the FSBPT healthy practice resource tool and considered if physical therapists and physical therapist assistants could count the certificates of completion towards their CE required under WAC 246-915-085. The board concluded that the healthy practice

resource tool would qualify for CE credit under WAC 246-915-085. The board also considered ways to help spread the word about this new healthy practice resource tool and determined that while the board does not advertise or pre-approve continuing education courses, we would like to share this as a resource for therapists in upcoming newsletters and on our webpage.

7. Future Rules Planning

The board discussed the FSBPT Model Practice Act crosswalk tool and if it would be a meaningful exercise. Dr. Aglubat shared some comparison analyses she prepared for the discussion and offered them as a starting point to completing the crosswalk tool. The board and staff decided to break the crosswalk tool into smaller sections for each board member, Ms. McIver and Ms. Schatz, to complete before the next board meeting. Board and staff will each report their findings to the board at the February 2026 meeting and consider tying it into the rules review.

8. Student Presentation Tracking and Updates

Ms. McIver shared with the board that community outreach through student presentations was a frequent topic of discussion at the FSBPT Annual Education Conference and discussed some updates to the presentation review process.

8.1 The board will consider a presentation tracking system.

Ms. McIver shared that while the board has been doing student presentations for years, we have never tracked our presentations, so we don't have a good understanding of who we are reaching out to, and who is missing. Ms. McIver asked that any board members who do student presentations to please report the date and school to program staff for tracking purposes.

8.2 The board will consider outreach to the PT/PTA programs to raise awareness of the student presentation.

Ms. McIver shared an updated student presentation outreach letter that the board had drafted and approved during a previous board retreat. The board considered approving staff to send the letter to the CAPTE accredited PT and PTA programs in Washington state with the addition of a QR code to survey programs and determine if there is an interest in an asynchronous student presentation that could be used in the event a board member is not available to present to a class. Dr. Aglubat moved to approve, Dr. Foucrier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8.3 The board will review the new QR code and audience feedback survey.

The board reviewed the updated QR code leading to the student presentation feedback survey and approved board staff to add it to the end of the student presentation so we can gather feedback from the audience. Dr. Foucrier moved to approve, Dr. Misko seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Correspondence

The board amended the agenda to review a last-minute lists and labels request.

9.1 Lists and Labels request.

The board reviewed an application for lists and labels from Independence Rehab LLC. The board reviewed the application and determined the applicant did not meet the requirements as a professional association or an educational institution. Dr. Foucrier motioned to deny the request. Dr. Aglubat seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Program Report

Ms. McIver and Ms. Santiago provided information and updates to the board.

10.1 Budget Report

Ms. McIver provided the budget report, the report reflected the timeframe of July 01, 2025, through October 31, 2025. The starting fund balance was \$629,121 and the ending balance was \$660,170.

10.2 Helms updates

The 3rd and final phase of implementation is expected to take place in March 2026. This final phase will move the disciplinary process into the new system.

10.3 Rulemaking Updates

The 1724 rules will be going live December 31, 2025. The JP exam has been removed and added to continuing education (CE) requirements. The FAQ page will be updated to explain the changes, talking points will be distributed internally, and a GovDelivery message will be sent out closer to the implementation date.

10.4 Board member recruitment updates

Nhi Reighter, PTA and Samantha Hoover, PT were recently appointed to the board. The public member position remains vacant. An updated recruitment package for this position has been submitted to the Governor's office.

10.5 Planning for upcoming updates

Planning for upcoming meetings: clarify the expired and inactive license requirements through our FAQ page, consider rulemaking to update the PT compact effective date, Review FSBPT crosswalk tool results, open public meeting act (OPMA) and Robert's Rule of Order trainings, legislative session review, and an AI discussion.

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 PT compact status report

11.2 NPTE Q3 Satisfaction survey results

12. Adjournment

Chairperson Dale adjourned at 11:55 am

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