



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference Attendance**

On April 5, 2021, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT
Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair
Destini Jammeh, PTA
Dana Johnson, Public Member
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

GUESTS:

Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, APTA-WA
Jackie Barry, APTA-WA
Andrew Roberts, PT
Danielle Carragher, PT
Carl Christensen

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda – The April 5, 2021 agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The February 8, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. PT COMPACT RULES HEARING

The Board of Physical Therapy held a rules hearing regarding a change in the effective date of the rules of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission adopted by reference in WAC 246-915A-010(2), and was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the new effective date of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission rules adopted by reference in WAC 246-915A-010(2), “Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants,” as proposed. The motion passed.

The PT Compact Rules Hearing adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

3. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) UPDATES

3.1 PT Compact Updates/Issues

Dr. Wodka presented the board with updates from the meeting he attended regarding the PT compact. There are currently thirty-two states that are part of the PT Compact.

4. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) 2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The board nominated Dr. Aglubat as the delegate, and Ms. Jammeh as the alternate delegate to represent the board at the 2021 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly in October 22-23, 2021, which will be held virtually.

5. NEWSLETTER

The board reviewed the newsletter and approved it to be sent out through GovDelivery with the requested update to the PT Compact article regarding the number of states that have joined the PT compact. Three new states have joined the PT compact since the article for the newsletter was written.

6. CONTINUING COMPETENCY RULES

The board discussed the comments received regarding the draft changes made to WAC 246-915-085 - Continuing Competency.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the draft changes and move forward with filing the CR-102 for WAC 246-915-085 – Continuing Competency. The motion passed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The board discussed three communications received since its last meeting.

- Information requested regarding the scope of practice working in an outpatient setting.

The board agreed they did not immediately see anything that would be prohibited but that the PT scope of practice must always be kept in mind. Ms. Waidely will respond with clarification to Sonny Therapy Group concerning the information requested regarding the scope of practice working in an outpatient setting.

- Question regarding the active practice requirement found under WAC 246-915-040 Licensure by Endorsement.

The board considered whether being licensed in another state with ‘substantially equivalent requirements’ is enough to qualify an applicant for licensure by endorsement even after a period of time of being out of active practice, and concluded that it was.

- An inquiry was received about CE waivers given the lack of volunteer hours for retirees during the pandemic.

The board indicated that waivers could be requested under WAC 246-12.

8. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS

The board reviewed the following public disclosure requests to receive lists and labels of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants:

- 8.1 AdvantageCEUs, LLC
- 8.2 RussoCME
- 8.3 Seattle Manual Therapy
- 8.4 TalkPath Live

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the following applications to receive list and labels: AdvantageCEUs, LLC, RussoCME, and Seattle Manual Therapy. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to deny the list and labels request from TalkPath Live as neither an educational organization or professional association. The motion passed.

9. PROGRAM REPORT

The following information was provided to the board by the Program Manager and Executive Director.

9.1 Budget Report

Ms. Fullerton reviewed the budget with the board as of February 28, 2021. The overall trend of expenses outpacing revenue continues. The spending is exceeding the allotment for the biennium for expert witness, Attorney General Office support and other legal areas due to several cases that have gone to hearing. The department is planning to begin work on a cost driver document to better understand the fiscal trends in the profession. Ms. Fullerton met with the administrator of the PT Compact to learn more about potential costs of participation in the Compact and gave an update to the board.

9.2 Legislative meet-me-call update

Dr. Aglubat gave an update to the board on the calls she participated in regarding the following legislative bills:

- ESSB 5229 Concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals.
- ESHB 1196 Concerning audio-only telemedicine.
- SB 5169 - 2021-22 Concerning provider reimbursement for personal protective equipment during the state of emergency related to COVID-19.

9.3 Planning for upcoming meetings

- Recruitment for PT board members
- Rules Update

9.4 Other

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Board of Physical Therapy

Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair
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