



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference Attendance**

On June 14, 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, DSc, Chair
Destini Jammeh, PTA
Dana Johnson, Public Member
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice Chair
Chrisandra Osborne, PT, DPT

STAFF PRESENT

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Ross Valore, Policy Analyst

GUESTS:

Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, APTA-WA
Jackie Barry, APTA-WA
Monica Mohl
Amanda Adamson, PT

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, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda – The June 14, 2021 agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The April 5, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

- 2.1 Dr. Aglubat and Ms. Fullerton gave an update on the FSBPT Board Member and Administrator training they attended on May 6-8, 2021. FSBPT announced they will be offering a second training, similar format and information, August 28-30, 2021. There will be no cost to attend and anyone interested is invited to attend.
- 2.2 PT Compact Updates/Issues
Dr. Wodka shared with the board that two additional states have joined the compact; State of Indiana and State of Kansas, making it a total of 34 states.

2.3 Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) requested feedback on the Standards and Required Elements for accredited physical therapy programs. The board members shared that they will individually offer feedback by the deadline date of June 20, 2021.

3. 2022 MEETING DATES – The board set meeting dates and locations for the 2022 calendar year.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept the following 2022 board meeting dates and locations. February 7 – Webinar/Tumwater, April 4 – Kent, June 13 - Spokane, August 1 – Webinar/Tumwater, October 3 - Tumwater, and December 12 – TBA. The motion passed.

4. SIGNATURE DELEGATION

The board reviewed and discussed the Signature Delegation Policy/Procedure as part of the disciplinary boards and commissions periodic review of signature delegation. The signature delegation allows staff to sign on behalf of the board after the board makes an underlying decision.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the signature delegation form as presented. The motion passed.

5. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS

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

5.1 Motivations Inc. – Educational organization

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the application from Motivations Inc., Educational organization to receive lists and labels. The motion passed.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

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

6.1 Budget Report

Ms. Fullerton reviewed the budget with the board as of May 31, 2021. The overall trend of expenses outpacing revenue continues. The spending is exceeding the allotment for the biennium for expert witnesses, attorney general’s office support, and other legal areas due to several disciplinary 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.

6.2 Legislative meet-me-call update

Dr. Aglubat informed the board that the meet-me-calls are no longer taking place, as of April 2021. Ms. Fullerton shared that they will be implementing one of the bills that did pass, ESSB 5229 Health Equity for Continuing Education. She explained that the

department is looking at going through the rule making process but advised the board that it would not be able to take place until after September 1, 2021.

6.3 Board member recruitment update

Ms. Waidely shared that eighteen applications were forwarded from the Governor's office to fill the three available positions. Dr. Wodka, Dr. Osborne and Dr. Aglubat have all reached the end of their terms. Dr. Aglubat is eligible for reappointment and an application requesting reappointment has been submitted. Dr. Dale and Dr. Wodka have volunteered to be on the interview committee.

6.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

The board discussed and approved the 2022 board meeting dates in agenda item number three above.

6.5 Other

Ms. Fullerton advised the board that a decision package was submitted last year requesting to increase the board from six to seven members. Also, a consideration to increase the board rate of pay to a class-five, which would change the daily rate from \$50 to \$250. While the decision package did not go through last year, the department will be putting it forward again this year for consideration.

The board allowed public comment:

Jackie Barry, APTA-WA, asked for updates regarding the delays with licensing at the Department of Health (DOH). Ms. Fullerton explained the process within the department and the issues they ran into with systems that were not built for all staff to telework, as what happened due to COVID-19. There had been quite a bit of turnover, but the departments affected most have made changes and doing their best to increase staff. Other issues that add to delays is the need to process the FBI background checks that are a requirement for the PT profession.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager

Kathryn Dale, PT, DSc, Chair