

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 13, 2011

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Michael Noonan

Donald Levine

Renee C. Van Couyghen

Carol Sepe

Carl C. DiRobbio, MD

Board members not in attendance:

Laurie Scripsack

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Via the FSBPT online message board, the State of Georgia, Board of PT seeks input on the practice of dry needling by PTs. They are drafting rules on this practice. RI Board Members direct the administrator to contact our colleague boards of both Georgia and Maryland to request a copy of their work product, or draft regs on this matter. A board member suggests RI State Law addressing the practice of Acupuncture should also be reviewed.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Renee Van Couyghen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:40 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:25 am. On motion of Dr. Donald Levine, seconded by Michael Noonan, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The minutes of the open session held on October 11, 2011 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented was made

by Michael Noonan, seconded by Carl C. DiRobbio, MD; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on October 11, 2011 were presented. On motion by Donald Levine, seconded by Carl C. DiRobbio, MD, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Carl C. DiRobbio, MD, seconded by Michael Noonan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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