

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 14, 2012

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:45 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: Board members not in attendance:

Michael Noonan Laurie Scripsack

Carol Sepe Donald Levine

Renee C. Van Couyghen

Carl C. DiRobbio, MD Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

The meeting is called to order at 8:45 am. Board members review Open Session agenda and Executive Session agenda.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Carol Sepe, 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 8:55 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:45 am. On motion of Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive 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 June 12, 2012 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes made by Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Michael Noonan; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes. The minutes of the Executive Session held on June 12, 2012 were presented. Board member Michael Noonan notes an inaccuracy regarding a name and makes a motion to make the clerical correction, the motion is seconded by Carol Sepe and unanimously passed.

Michael

Noonan makes a motion to accept the amended Executive Minutes, seconded by Dr. DiRobbio, it was unanimously passed.

Members discuss the potential need to extend the Grad Status period beyond 90 days to accommodate advanced professional training including but not limited to a Fellowship or Residency, this is supported by the APTA. The board administrator advises this would require amending the law, members suggest that may not be necessary. It is determined to ask Atty. Tom Corrigan, board counsel to be in attendance at the next meeting to advise the board on this matter.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Administrator, Health Professions