

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

June 10, 2014

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the above date in Room 104, 3 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 Carl DiRobbio, MD

Laurie Scripsack Donald Levine

Carol Sepe

Staff Members in attendance:

Maureen Slowik

Amy Coleman, Esquire

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 8, 2014 were reviewed. On a motion by Laurie Scripsack, seconded by Michael Noonan, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The credentialing for the Annual Meeting for the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) on September 18-20, 2014 had been completed. Laurie Scripsack will serve as our delegate and Michael Noonan and will serve as the back-up delegate.

We had been asked a question by Marlene Tarshish via email whether or not the removal of staples is considered as part of the scope of practice for physical therapists. The Board does not have an opinion on this practice.

Question from the Ohio PT Board as to whether or not our State has any rules governing advertising for physical therapy services. We do not.

Question from a student, Anna Skaggs, who is competing for a Fulbright Scholarship and a Boren Fellowship: If she completed all of her course work and graduation requirements would we allow her to sit for the NPTE even though she is not technically graduated? She must be considered a student in order to complete for these scholarships. We would not offer her a graduate physical therapy certificate, but we would allow the exception and let her test.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by 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 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.

Adjournment of Executive Session and Return of Open Session

On a motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Laurie Scripsack, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Executive Session and to keep all matters discussed therein confidential, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-45-5 (1) of the Rhode Island General Laws as amended. The Executive Session was adjourned and returned to Open Session.

Return to Open Session

Adjournment

Motion by Carol Sepe, seconded by Michael Noonan, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Slowik

PT Board Manager

Health Professions Regulation