

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014**

**8:45 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Carl DiRobbio**

**Donald Levine**

**Michael Noonan**

**Laurie Scripsack**

**Carol Sepe**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**None**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Amy Coleman, Esquire**

**Linda Phillips, Board Manager**

**Maureen Slowik, Board Manager**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**None**

**1. Establishment of a quorum**

**A meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at**

**9:00 AM on a motion by Carl DiRobbio and seconded by Carol Sepe.  
Motion carried.**

## **2. Presentation of the June 10, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Carol Sepe and seconded by Donald Levine to accept the Open Session minutes of June 10, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented.  
Motion carried.**

## **3. New Business**

- New Confidentiality Agreement Forms were distributed and signed.**
- Report of Annual Meeting for FSBPT – Michael Noonan and Laurie Scripsack provided feedback from this annual meeting, noting that changes were being proposed to the national exam and tracking of CEU's.**
- Review of New Exam Policies for National Exam (NPTE) – As noted above from the attendance of two board members at the annual meeting, there was much discussion to the proposed changes for testing and the possible impact these requirements might have. Some possible changes include provisions to the number of times**

**one can test and tracking tools for CEU's taken. Some changes could begin as early as January 2016.**

- Scope of Practice Questions RE Wound Care – An inquiry was received as to how each State handles wound care practices. After discussion, the Board determined that there was nothing defined in RI's regulations and that the APTA guidelines should be followed.**
- Proposed Change to Practice Act to Allow Temporary Permits for PT/PTAs Licensed in Other States – Currently RI allows ninety days for this and there is no reciprocity. It was agreed that the Board should begin review of the regulations in order to make necessary changes to include the process of “by endorsement”.**

#### **4. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Carl DiRobbio to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal**

**misconduct.**

## **5. Motion to return to Open Session**

**Motion was made by Donald Levine and seconded by Carol Sepe at 10:07 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.**

## **6. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

- Three applications were reviewed and approved.**

## **7. Adjournment**

**The next Board of Physical Therapy meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8:45 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Donald Levine and seconded by Carol Sepe to adjourn at 10:10 AM. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Phillips**

**Linda Phillips, Board Manager**

**Office of Health Professionals Regulation**