

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
8:48 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donald Levine
Laurie Scripsack
Michael Noonan
Wendy Baltzer-Fox

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Carl DiRobbio

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 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 8:48 a.m. on a motion by Laurie Scripsack and seconded by Donald Levine. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 02, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Donald Levine and seconded by Laurie Scripsack to accept the Open Session minutes of June 02, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Application Review Process

Alana Rodriguez informed the board that the Department has gone through some organizational changes and that Sarah Harrigan is the new Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions. Alana expressed that Sarah is actively seeking board recruitment and will be working with board managers individually to discuss board composition.

b. Licensee Information

Alana updated the board that since our June 2, 2015 board meeting that 74 PT/PTA(s) have been licensed.

c. FSBPT 2016 NPTE Eligibility Requirements

Alana discussed with the board the new changes to the FSBPT exam occurring in 2016. As of January 1, 2016 any candidate who has already tested 6 times will no longer be allowed to test unless jurisdiction chooses to appeal the policy.

d. Application Review

Alana informed the board that the Director of Health has granted the authority back to the Department to license applications. However in the case of an application in question or disciplinary action, the application will be brought to the board for review.

4. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Wendy Baltzer Fox to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:59 a.m. 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. 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 Michael Noonan and seconded by Wendy Baltzer Fox at 9:42 a.m. 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

- The board proposed action on (1) case.

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Physical Therapy meeting will be held November 3, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Laurie Scripsack to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Office of Health Professionals Regulation