

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
8:43 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl DiRobbio
Donald Levine
*Laurie Scripsack arrived at 9:05 a.m.
Martha Vigneault
Michael Noonan
Wendy Baltzer Fox

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

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, May 24, 2016 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 8:43 a.m. on a motion by Wendy Baltzer Fox and seconded by Donald Levine. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the February 02, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Wendy Baltzer Fox to accept the Open Session minutes of February 02, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Announcements

Alana Rodriguez introduced newly appointed board member, Martha Vigneault to the board. Ms. Vigneault gave the board a brief introduction. Ms. Rodriguez announced to the board that Julie Sacks is the newly assigned legal counsel to the Board.

b. Licensee Information

Ms. Rodriguez provided licensing updates. Since the February 2, 2016 board meeting, the Department has licensed twenty five (25) physical therapists and nine (9) physical therapists assistants.

4. Old Business

a. Dry Needling

Continuing the conversation from the February 2, 2016 board meeting, Ms. Rodriguez informed the Board that through research she found that dry needling is taught at the University of Rhode Island. The board discussed that entry level experience does not make an individual qualified to perform dry needling and certification should be acquired. The board discussed that FSBPT provides dry needling resources and policy report that licensees should follow.

5. New Business

a. Continuing Education Requirements

Ms. Rodriguez gave a brief overview of continuing education completion request. The board requests that evidence of CEU(s) completion be added into the Department standard licensee response letter. The licensee will be required to submit evidence of completion of continuing education of the previous renewal cycle and if available the current cycle. The board will review each situation on a case by case basis. Wendy briefly discussed a jurisprudence examination added to the continuing education requirements in the Rules and Regulations. This topic requires further research and will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

b. Bayada Home Health Care

Bayada Home Health Care requested board CEU approval however the board explained that CEU providers and/or organizations go through Rhode Island American Physical Therapy Association (RIAPTA). The Board approves and recognizes RIAPTA approved continuing education.

c. American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA)

AOPA requested CEU approval however CEU providers and/or organizations must go through the Rhode Island American Physical Therapy Association (RIAPTA). The Board approves and recognizes RIAPTA approved continuing education.

d. FSBPT Voting and Primary Alternate Delegates

Martha Vigneault and Laurie Scripsack have volunteered to attend the FSBPT annual meeting in November 2016. Wendy has inquired to attend the Leadership Forum meeting in July 2016. Ms. Rodriguez will follow up with FSBPT for further information.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Wendy Baltzer Fox and seconded by Carl DiRobbio to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:15 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. 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.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Donald Levine at 9:43 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.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board requested additional information for one (1) application; and proposed action on two (2) cases.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Physical Therapy meeting will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 8:45 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Laurie Scripsack and seconded by Donald Levine to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alana Rodriguez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions