

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

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, August 16, 2016
8:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl DiRobbio
Laurie Scripsack
Martha Vigneault
Michael Noonan
Wendy Baltzer Fox

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Donald Levine

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, August 16, 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 8:45 a.m. on a motion by Michael Noonan and seconded by Wendy Baltzer Fox. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the May 24, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martha Vigneault and seconded by Laurie Scripsack to accept the Open Session minutes of May 24, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Webfile Repository

Ms. Rodriguez informed the Board that the Department is in the process of establishing a webfile repository which will allow board managers to upload board matter documents onto the web. Board members will have access to the webpage and members can review the materials prior to the meeting to prepare to discuss materials at the board meeting. Instructions will be provided to board members when made available.

b. Licensee Information

Ms. Rodriguez provided licensure updates to the Board and reported that this year thus far the Department has licensed 54 Physical Therapists and 38 Physical Therapist Assistants. There are currently a total of 891 active Physical Therapists and 457 Physical Therapist Assistants in the state of Rhode Island.

4. Old Business

a. Jurisprudence Examination

As a follow up to the May 24, 2016 board meeting, regarding jurisprudence examination, Ms. Rodriguez reported that according to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, there are currently 29 states that require a jurisprudence exam for PT(s) as part of state licensure. Ms. Rodriguez informed the board that if the board were to

consider this, such revision will require statutory change and explained the statutory change process. At this time no decision was made.

5. New Business

- a. Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) in Alexandria, Virginia on July 30-31, 2016 update from Wendy Baltzer Fox
Wendy Baltzer Fox attended the Leadership Issue Forum and provided to the board information that was discussed at the Leadership forum. She discussed the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact and its current status in 4 states (Oregon, Tennessee, Arizona, Missouri) which have passed legislation to join the Compact. The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact will not activate until 10 states pass legislation to join the Compact.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Michael Noonan and seconded by Carl DiRobbio to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:18 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 Laurie Scripsack at 10:27 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 approved one (1) National Physical Therapy Examination Appeal request; and proposed action on one (1) case.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Physical Therapy meeting will be TBD 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 10:27 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alana Rodriguez".

Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions