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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

TIME: 9:02 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

July 19, 2018

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2 State Board of Physical Therapy

3 July 19, 2018

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Physical Therapy was held on Thursday, July
7 19, 2018.

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9 Official Call to Order

10 [Cynthia Potter, PT, Chairperson, officially called
11 the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

12 Chairperson Potter welcomed Christopher Staub and
13 Attorney Tom Davis.

14 Jeffrey R. Elliott was not present at the
15 commencement of the meeting.]

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17 Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting

18 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

19 The next item is the approval of the
20 minutes. Any additions or corrections?

21 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

22 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

23 Any other additions or corrections?

24 If not, is there a motion to approve?

25 MS. GRZYBEK:

1 MS. ROBERTS:

2 What we would need is a motion to elect
3 Cindy Potter as the delegate to
4 represent the Board.

5 MS. GRZYBEK:

6 So moved.

7 MR. ROBB:

8 I'll second.

9 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

10 It's been moved and seconded to elect
11 Ms. Potter as the delegate to the
12 federation. Any discussion? All in
13 favor, say aye. Opposed, no?
14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 [Juan Ruiz, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted matters for
19 discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Ruiz noted a
20 Motion to Deem Facts Admitted and Enter Default that
21 has been withdrawn.

22 Mr. Ruiz discussed continuing education for
23 clinical instruction for PT and PTA students, as well
24 as taking the National Physical Therapy Examination
25 prior to graduation. He referred to two regulations

1 for amendment relating to credit for clinical
2 instruction.

3 Ms. Grzybek suggested not exceeding more than 8
4 hours in a two-year period and creating an online form
5 for the site coordinators to complete. She stated
6 that the licensee would then be given the completed
7 form for verification of hours. The Board would then
8 have a record for audit purposes.

9 Mr. Staub suggested two to three hours per year
10 or a total of six hours over the course of a two-year
11 period would be reasonable, noting that the hours
12 should be applicable to direct access with a total of
13 four credits over two years. He emphasized that the
14 differential diagnosis be the main component in any
15 type of teaching setting.

16 Ms. Campbell suggested providing a limitation to
17 four hours and requiring less than half of the
18 differential diagnosis credits required of direct
19 access certificate holders.

20 Ms. Grzybek requested to include that individuals
21 be APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program Level
22 1 or Level 2 as a suggestion and not mandatory in the
23 regulation.

24 Mr. Ruiz reviewed the regulatory process for
25 promulgating a regulation.

1 Ms. Campbell noted that the Commission
2 Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),
3 which is the accrediting body for PT education,
4 requires 31 or 32 weeks of full-time clinical
5 educational experience defined as 35-40 hours a week.
6 She reviewed clinical experiences for PT students,
7 noting 40 hours, which is 1-contact hour out of the
8 30, looking at an 8-week clinical experience.

9 Ms. Campbell also noted that the accrediting body
10 requires full-time weekly, defined as 35-40 hours a
11 week with flexibility.

12 Mr. Ruiz noted a 1-credit hour per 40 hours of
13 instruction for a max total of 4 credit hours.

14 Ms. Grzybek added, in a 2-year period applicable
15 to general license or direct access license but not
16 both, 4 total for the individual.]

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18 [Jeffrey R. Elliott entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.]

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20 Appointment - Applicant, Lauren Noecker - Request for
21 3rd Attempt

22 [Lauren Noecker addressed the Board to request a third
23 attempt at the physical therapy assistant examination.
24 Ms. Noecker was enrolled in an online prep class for
25 the Board exam, reviewing materials, and purchased

1 score reports to better prepare in areas where she did
2 not do well during the exam.]

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4 Appointment - Applicant, Christopher Tiffany - Request
5 for 3rd Attempt

6 [Christopher Tiffany addressed the Board to request a
7 third attempt at the physical therapy examination.
8 Mr. Tiffany was working on a strategy to be better
9 prepared for a third attempt. He was using the
10 results from ScoreBuilders tests to review issues, to
11 add study tools, and to take an online review course.
12 He will work more with his teachers and found a mentor
13 through his current part-time job.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel (Continued)

16 [Juan Ruiz, Esquire, Board Counsel, discussed the
17 ability for candidates to take the NPTE prior to
18 graduation as a manner of removing barriers to
19 licensure. Mr. Ruiz discussed the need to change the
20 wording in the regulation.

21 Ms. Grzybek was in favor of schools providing a
22 letter to indicate that a candidate was suitable to
23 test.

24 Ms. Campbell stated that the Federation of the
25 State Boards of Physical Therapy actually has an

1 online process for registered candidates. She
2 explained that West Virginia uses the federation
3 portal for verification of a candidate.

4 Ms. Roberts stated individuals would still send
5 an application and transcript to the state for
6 approval.

7 Ms. Grzybek noted the importance of the student
8 concentrating on their clinical rotation and was in
9 favor of a time frame between 60 to 90 days.]

10 MR. RUIZ:

11 Is there a motion to direct Counsel to
12 draft proposed annexes for the Board to
13 review at a future Board meeting
14 concerning the continuing education for
15 clinical instructors and the ability for
16 students to take the NPTE prior to
17 graduation?

18 MS. CAMPBELL:

19 So moved.

20 MS. GRZYBEK:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

23 The motion has been moved and seconded.
24 Any further discussion? All in favor,
25 say aye. Opposed, no? Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [The Board recessed from 10:02 a.m. until 10:10 a.m.]

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5 [A formal hearing was held from 10:10 a.m. until
6 11:17 a.m. in the matter of the Petition for
7 Reinstatement of Licensure of Elizabeth K. Laughlin,
8 PT; File No. 18-65-02814, Docket No. 1060-65-18.]

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10 Report of Commissioner

11 [Katelin Lambert, Deputy Commissioner, on behalf of
12 Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and
13 Occupational Affairs, updated the Board on the
14 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS), noting a new
15 support call center with options to talk to Board
16 staff and a menu option for technical support.

17 Ms. Lambert noted modernized operations with an
18 automated workload and offered a complete presentation
19 in the future.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator

22 [Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator, noted the Case
23 Status Report, 2018 remaining Board meeting dates, and
24 2019 Board meeting dates.

25 Scott Voshell, Vice President, Pennsylvania

1 Physical Therapy Association, questioned fee reduction
2 in licensure. Mr. Ruiz replied Mr. Blackburn was
3 still drafting the fee package.

4 Mr. Voshell questioned whether there has been any
5 movement on contracting out CE approval. Ms. Roberts
6 stated the regulation that allows for ProCert approval
7 had passed as final. She also noted the acceptance of
8 matters approved by the American Physical Therapy
9 Association (APTA) or any of its sections or chapters.

10 Mr. Voshell questioned whether there would be an
11 option for a larger institution to obtain preapproval
12 instead of going through the entire process. Ms.
13 Roberts stated there was no fee to apply for
14 preapproved provider status.]

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16 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
17 11:27 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
18 with Juan Ruiz, Esquire, Board Counsel, and Thomas
19 Davis, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of
20 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board
21 returned to open session at 11:55 a.m.]

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23 MOTIONS

24 MR. RUIZ:

25 The Board was just in Executive Session

1 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
2 on a number of matters currently pending
3 before the Board.

4 Is there a motion to approve the
5 requests to take the examination for a
6 third attempt for Lauren Noecker and
7 Christopher Tiffany?

8 MS. GRZYBEK:

9 So moved.

10 MS. CAMPBELL:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

13 It's been moved and seconded to approve
14 the third request for Lauren Noecker and
15 Christopher Tiffany. All in favor, say
16 aye. Opposed, no? Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MR. RUIZ:

20 Is there a motion to approve the final
21 Adjudication and Order in the case of
22 Gregory Alan Betar II, PTA, File No. 17-
23 65-02738?

24 MR. ROBB:

25 I'll make that motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

2 Is there a second?

3 MS. GRZYBEK:

4 I'll second.

5 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

6 It's been moved and seconded to approve
7 the final Adjudication and Order for
8 Gregory Alan Betar II, PTA. All in
9 favor, say aye. Opposed, no?
10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 [Juan Ruiz, Esquire, Interim Board Counsel, again
14 noted that the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted and Enter
15 Default; File No. 16-65-07749, William J. Hahner, RN,
16 PTA, had been withdrawn from the agenda.]

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18 Adjournment

19 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

20 Is there any further business for the
21 Board?

22 If not, is there a motion to
23 adjourn?

24 MR. ROBB:

25 I'll make that motion.

1 MS. GRZYBEK:

2 I'll second it.

3 CHAIRPERSON POTTER:

4 It's moved and seconded to adjourn. All
5 in favor, say aye. Opposed, no?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [There being no further business, the State Board of
9 Physical Therapy Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.]

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11 CERTIFICATE

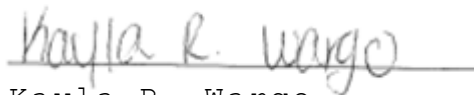
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13 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
14 minutes of the State Board of Physical Therapy
15 meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my
16 supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize
17 the substance of the State Board of Physical Therapy
18 meeting.

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Kayla R. Wargo,

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Minute Clerk

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