Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on December 13, 2017 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman Patrick Cook and board members Craig Prejean, Karl Kleinpeter and JulieAnn Harris. Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Lounsberry was absent. Advisory Committee Members present were Althea Jones and Jon Jeremy Dye. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; board attorneys, George Papale and Courtney P. Newton were present and Stephanie Boudreaux, Compliance Officer of the board office staff was present.

The purpose of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for state administrative control, supervision, licensing, and regulation of the practice of physical therapy in Louisiana. Only individuals who meet and maintain prescribed standards of competence and conduct may engage in the practice of physical therapy. Our Practice Act and Rules promote the public interest.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

AGENDA

The board reviewed the agenda. Craig Prejean moved to approve the agenda as written. JulieAnn Harris seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes. JulieAnn Harris moved to approve the minutes as written. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Patrick Cook motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. The board members were all in favor to move into Executive Session.

The board exited Executive Session.

Patrick Cook moved to add the test for Kratom to the panel selection for individuals who are monitored by the board for substance abuse. JulieAnn Harris seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously accepted the motion.

Craig Prejean moved to accept the consent orders for Steven Schwab, PT (Case 2017-I-032). Chairman Patrick Cook seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously accepted the motion.

Craig Prejean moved to accept the consent orders for Emanuel Antunez (Case 2017-I-036). Chairman Patrick Cook seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously accepted the motion.
Chairman Cook moved to authorize the Executive Director to keep Amanda Lafleur hired at the board office, transitioning to an hourly rate and set and approved by the chairman, treasurer and executive director and to work on duties as determined by the executive director or chairman.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Chairman Report**

There was no report from the chairman at the December meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of September 30, 2017, cash in the bank totaled $184,327.66 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer’s Merchant Bank. Income totaled $36,365.00 and Expenses totaled $53,262.24. The Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled $783,756.84. CD #534 will earn all interest of $3,489.47 at maturity on February 12, 2018. The ending balance as of 09/30/2017 was $303,432.72. CD #054 earned interest of $468.70 in September. The ending balance as of 09/30/2017 was $479,855.42.

As of October 31, 2017, cash in the bank totaled $152,499.27 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer’s Merchant Bank. Income totaled $24,990.00 and Expenses totaled $44,703.20. The Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled $784,210.86. CD #534 will earn all interest of $3,489.47 at maturity on February 12, 2018. The ending balance as of 10/31/2017 was $303,432.72. CD #054 earned interest of $454.02 in October. The ending balance as of 10/31/2017 was $480,324.12.

**Executive Director Report**

Mrs. Martin reported that 24 license applications were approved from October 14, 2017 through December 12, 2017. The average time for licensure is 69 days.

**New Graduate - PT**

1. Joshua Aleman
2. Rachael Brousse
3. Adrienne Carriere
4. Brittany Dale
5. Adarsha Gautam
6. Daniel Le
7. Kristin McCleland
8. Lacey Ozburn
9. Alyssa Pickett
10. Lucas Quebedeaux
11. Lanie Rouly
12. Hillary Sawyer
13. Hali Smith

**Reciprocity – PT**

1. Elizabeth Clark
2. Russell Clark
3. Brooke Henneke
4. Amadna Janszen
5. Cristobal Maya
6. Caitlin Palmer

**Reciprocity – PTA**

1. Megan Ferguson
2. Geoffrey Hart
3. Nathaniel Jeane
4. Jessica Molyet
5. Thomas Mullen

Mrs. Martin notified the board that there were 99 attendees at the group school interviews offered in Lafayette on December 9 and 11, 2017.
Mrs. Martin reported the current complaint summary of activity that occurred since the last meeting:

- Appeals: 1
- Complaints Received: 3
- Informal Conferences: 4
- Consent Orders Accepted: 2
- CRPTP: 1
- Agreement to Abstain: 1
- Closed: 7
- Hearings Scheduled: 0
- Total Open Investigations: 4

**LEGAL REPORT**

Mrs. Newton reported on the FARB RLS conference and CLEAR Webinar that she attended.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LTF:**
There was no report from the legislative task force at the December board meeting.

**CEU Committee:**
The CEU Committee reported that 178 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting and of those, 177 were approved. Of the 177 courses approved, 72 courses were traditional/on-side, 99 were web-based courses, and 6 were a hybrid (live and online portions). Of the 177 courses approved, 164 were clinical in nature, 10 were administrative in nature, and 3 were Ethics. One course was denied at the October board meeting because the course did not meet speaker qualifications. The average turn-around time for approval was 8 days.

The board reviewed the International Alliance of Healthcare Educators course CCPB2: CranioSacral Applications for Conception, Pregnancy and Birthing 2. The board voted unanimously to deny the course because the course did not meet speaker qualifications.

**Rules Revision Committee**
Patrick Cook moved to approve the Rules pending revisions delegated to the committee (JulieAnn Harris, Patrick Cook and Kristina Lounsberry) and legal approval of the committee changes, unless the committee refers the final rule language to the Board for further review. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**
The board voted an unanimously approved appointing Tyra Mitchell, PT, Lora Whiting, PTA and Phillip Page, PT to the Advisory Committee. These new members’ term will begin on January 1, 2018 and will expire on December 31, 2020. The members may serve consecutive terms once their term expires. Althea Jones, PT and Robert Montanaro, PT will no longer serve as Advisory Committee Members following the expiration of their term on December 31, 2017. Joe Guthrie, PT, Ryan Usner, PT, Jon Jeremy Dye, PT, Christopher Franks, PT, Nicholas Butler, PT and Jason Douglas, PT are the other members who will be serving as Advisory Committee Members in 2018.

The board members discussed recent requests for the board to issue a response related specifically to PTA scope of practice issues. The board members requested that Patrick Cook finalize a draft statement to be reviewed at the January board meeting for consideration.
OLD BUSINESS
The board reviewed and approved the 2018 calendar of events for board business.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

Chairman Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Karl Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.