

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting April 19, 2023

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on April 19, 2023 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Judith Halverson
Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn “Katie” Brittain
Oday Lavergne
John Marius
Deandra Narcisse-Johnson
Phil Page
Meredith Warner

Absent with Regrets

Tyra Mitchell

Three Advisory Committee members were present either in person or via Zoom.

Present

Jeremy Dye
Naikia Lewis-Wilson
Michael Laudadio

Absent with Regrets

Michael Hildebrand
John De Lara
Chris Franks
Ben McRae
Marie Vazquez Morgan
Lindsey Robinson

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Administrative Assistant Jasmynn Charles were present and Board attorney Jim Raines and Investigator Tani Boullion were present.

Chairman Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the agenda as amended. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the March 2023 minutes as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the matter of case# 2022-I-019 Ginny Daily. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved entering Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to exit Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved approve the consent order for case# 2022-I-019 as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the matter of case# 2022-I-032 Catherine Bowen. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted an unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the consent order in the matter of case# 2022-I-032. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

None.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain provided the board with the quarterly report as follows:

	3rd Quarter Actual	3rd Quarter Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$441,281	\$327,555	\$1,058,771	\$856,275	\$1,071,430
Expense	\$217,349	\$297,566	\$700,578	\$742,825	\$1,061,477
Net Ordinary Income	\$223,932	\$29,989	\$358,193	\$113,450	\$9,953

Executive Director

Mrs. Martin provided the following reports:

Licenses Issued from March 9, 2023 through April 12, 2023

Total: 9

PTs: 7

- Initial: 1
- Reciprocity: 5
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 1

PTAs: 2

- Initial: 1
- Reciprocity: 0
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 1

Compact Report

Issued from January 27, 2023 – March 9, 2023

Initial: 17
Renewal: 4
Total: 21
YTD: 85

2023 Renewals

Eligible: 2705
February: 599 PTs + 234 PTAs = 833

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 15

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 6
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 1
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Criminal Conviction: 5
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 0

Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 2
Informal Conferences: 6
Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0
Appeals: 0
Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 3
Closed Cases: 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board reviewed a proposed answer from the Legislative Committee to licensee’s question as follows and that was discussed at the March 2023 board meeting:

“If a PT is supervising a PTA and that PTA is using a tech to follow with a wheelchair, or assisting with line management in the ICU. Is the PT now supervising 2 people at that point?”

Legislative Committee’s Proposed answer was determined to be a satisfactory response:
The Rule related to supervision ratios of PTAs (Rule 339) states that the number of individuals supervised by PTAs shall be included in the number of individuals supervised by the supervising PT of record for any given day. Therefore, any support personnel that is treating patients through the PT plan of care is under the supervision of the PT for that day. If the PT Tech is not treating patients through the PT plan of care, and they are providing assistance for safety of the patient, then that would not be considered providing PT care and would not be included in the ratio.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.