

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting March 21, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on March 21, 2024 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Oday Lavergne
Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn “Katie” Brittain
Phil Page
Raven Lyons
Deandra Narcisse

Absent with Regrets

Judith Halverson
Meredith Warner
Tyra Mitchell

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

Present

Michael Hildebrand

Absent with Regrets

Michael Laudadio
Lindsey Robinson
Jeremy Dye
Marie Vazquez Morgan
John Rocco DeLara
Benjamin McRae
Naikia Woodrich
Chris Franks

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Compliance Officer, Stephanie Boudreaux, and Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines was present.

Chairman Lavergne called the meeting to order at 8:59am.

Phil Page moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of the consent order for Roderick Smith, License# A4816 to take place after the discussion of the consent order for Latisha Williams, License# 09078R. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the consent order for 2023-I-056 Latisha Williams as written. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the consent order for 2023-I-036 Roderick Smith as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the February 2024 minutes as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Lavergne provided the board with a report on the latest language on the proposed Practice Act changes.

Treasurer

None

Executive Director

Licenses Issued from February 17, 2024 through March 14, 2024

Total: 7

PTs: 5

- Initial: 1
- Reciprocity: 2
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 2

PTAs: 2

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

Physical Therapy Compact Privileges to Practice issued from February 17, 2024 – March 15, 2024

Initial: 15

Renewal: 5

Total: 20

YTD: 51

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 20

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Criminal Conviction: 10
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 3

Currently open on non-licensees: 2

Complaints Received: 7

Informal Conferences: 0

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 1

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 22

Executive Director Martin provided the board with a report on pending legislation with the state that may be of interest to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees provided the board with updates: Real Estate, Practice Act, and Website.

The board charged the Practice Act committee with beginning the process of starting a Rules update.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Martin provided the board with an update regarding the DOJ's Occupational Licensing Review Program for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Chairman Lavergne informed the board of Ben McRae's resignation from the Advisory Committee and also introduced the resume for Merritt Hebert who applied to fill Mr. McRae's vacant position. The board agreed to appoint Merritt Hebert to the vacant Advisory Committee position.

Chairman Lavergne provided the board with the committee assignments for 2024 for board members:

Committee	Member 1	Member 2	Ex Officio
CEU	Phil Page	Katie Brittain	Oday Lavergne
Practice Act	Phil Page	Raven Lyons	Oday Lavergne
Operations and Outreach	Tyra Mitchell	Deandra Narcisse & Raven Lyons	Oday Lavergne
Real Estate	Meredith Warner		Oday Lavergne
Investigative	Phil Page		
Finance	Secretary/Treasurer		Oday Lavergne

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.