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Executive Director

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting August 15, 2024

Location:
One America Place
301 Main St, Suite 2300
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
July 2024 Minutes
- 4. Officer Reports**
- 5. Special Programs**
Board Member Training, Jim Raines
RPTP Report, Kathie Pohlman
Internship Report: Timeframes for Completing Investigations
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting August 15, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on August 15, 2024 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Danny Lewy
Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn “Katie” Brittain
Phil Page
Oday Lavergne
Lee Rielly
Adam York

Absent with Regrets

Matthew Williams
Deandra “DeeDee” Narcisse

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

Present

Michael Hildebrand

Absent with Regrets

Lindsey Robinson
Jeremy Dye
Naikia Woodrich
Merritt Hebert
Michael Laudadio
John Rocco DeLara
Chris Franks
Marie Morgan

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines and Alyse Latiolais were present. Student Interns Yarianna Sarduy was present. Members of the public present were Kathie Pohlman. Representatives from APTA-LA present were Karl Kleinpeter, President, Cristina Fauchaux, Governmental Affairs, Melanie Talley, Executive Director, APTA-LA, and Amanda Brewer.

Chairman Lewy called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Phil Page moved to amend the August Agenda to include the consent order for case 2023-I-009, Russell Hearne, license# 09007R. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the July 2024 minutes. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Chairman Lewy moved to approved the consent order for 2023-I-009, license # 09007R, Russell Hearne. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Lewy updated the board regarding a recent meeting with the Louisiana Governor's office over Boards & Commissions.

Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain provided the board with an end of year (2023-2024) presentation.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to rename and regroup Restricted Funds as follows:

1. Emergency Reserve (12 months budgeting expenses, updated yearly) \$1,106,055
2. Professional Services and Outreach (strategic planning, reinvestment into licensees, consulting and partnership support in carrying out LPTB mission) \$900,000
3. Office/Technology (lease, updates, one-time expenses, and technology) \$500,000

Chairman Lewy seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to create and manage a policy and procedure to address the management of restricted funds to be presented at the September 2024 board meeting. Chairman Lewy seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to charge the Executive Director to open a third financial banking account that meets all state requirements and maximizes financial return to house restricted funds. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Executive Director

Oday Lavergne moved to update the status of Garret Dinicola to active from probation upon completion of his probation period. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Licenses Issued from July 18, 2024 through August 13, 2024

Total: 78

PTs: 55

- Initial: 49
- Reciprocity: 5
- Provisional: 1
- Reinstatement: 0

PTAs: 23

- Initial: 18
- Reciprocity: 0
- Provisional: 5
- Reinstatement: 0

Physical Therapy Compact Privileges to Practice issued from June 7, 2024 – July 18, 2024

Initial: 3

Renewal: 3

Total: 6

YTD: 111

Home States of Individuals with Compact Privileges in Louisiana – August 6, 2024

Home State	Privilege State	Privilege PTs	Privilege PTAs	Privilege Totals
TX	LA	56 (30.60%)	11 (19.64%)	67 (28.03%)
MS	LA	18 (9.84%)	15 (26.79%)	33 (13.81%)
AZ	LA	13 (7.10%)	2 (3.57%)	15 (6.28%)
CO	LA	11 (6.01%)	2 (3.57%)	13 (5.44%)
KY	LA	10 (5.46%)	3 (5.36%)	13 (5.44%)
TN	LA	8 (4.37%)	4 (7.14%)	12 (5.02%)
VA	LA	10 (5.46%)	2 (3.57%)	12 (5.02%)
AR	LA	2 (1.09%)	8 (14.29%)	10 (4.18%)
MD	LA	9 (4.92%)	0 (0.00%)	9 (3.77%)
NC	LA	7 (3.83%)	0 (0.00%)	7 (2.93%)
WI	LA	7 (3.83%)	0 (0.00%)	7 (2.93%)
SC	LA	4 (2.19%)	2 (3.57%)	6 (2.51%)
MO	LA	4 (2.19%)	2 (3.57%)	6 (2.51%)
OH	LA	4 (2.19%)	1 (1.79%)	5 (2.09%)
WA	LA	4 (2.19%)	1 (1.79%)	5 (2.09%)
OK	LA	2 (1.09%)	1 (1.79%)	3 (1.26%)
IN	LA	3 (1.64%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.26%)
GA	LA	3 (1.64%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.26%)
IA	LA	2 (1.09%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.84%)
NE	LA	2 (1.09%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.84%)
NJ	LA	2 (1.09%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.84%)
MT	LA	1 (0.55%)	1 (1.79%)	2 (0.84%)
DE	LA	0 (0.00%)	1 (1.79%)	1 (0.42%)
UT	LA	1 (0.55%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.42%)
Totals		183	56	239

States Where Louisiana Licensees Hold Compact Privileges - August 6, 2024

Home State	Privilege State	Privilege PTs	Privilege PTAs	Privilege Totals
LA	TX	42 (22.34%)	10 (16.95%)	52 (21.05%)
LA	MS	11 (5.85%)	12 (20.34%)	23 (9.31%)
LA	AR	13 (6.91%)	6 (10.17%)	19 (7.69%)

LA	CO	16 (8.51%)	3 (5.08%)	19 (7.69%)
LA	GA	11 (5.85%)	3 (5.08%)	14 (5.67%)
LA	TN	12 (6.38%)	2 (3.39%)	14 (5.67%)
LA	WA	9 (4.79%)	3 (5.08%)	12 (4.86%)
LA	NC	11 (5.85%)	1 (1.69%)	12 (4.86%)
LA	OR	7 (3.72%)	4 (6.78%)	11 (4.45%)
LA	SC	6 (3.19%)	2 (3.39%)	8 (3.24%)
LA	AZ	3 (1.60%)	5 (8.47%)	8 (3.24%)
LA	OH	4 (2.13%)	2 (3.39%)	6 (2.43%)
LA	VA	5 (2.66%)	1 (1.69%)	6 (2.43%)
LA	MO	5 (2.66%)	1 (1.69%)	6 (2.43%)
LA	NE	5 (2.66%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (2.02%)
LA	OK	4 (2.13%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (1.62%)
LA	MT	4 (2.13%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (1.62%)
LA	IA	3 (1.60%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	IN	3 (1.60%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	KY	3 (1.60%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	MD	1 (0.53%)	2 (3.39%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	NJ	3 (1.60%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	WI	3 (1.60%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.21%)
LA	WV	1 (0.53%)	1 (1.69%)	2 (0.81%)
LA	UT	1 (0.53%)	1 (1.69%)	2 (0.81%)
LA	ND	1 (0.53%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.40%)
LA	SD	1 (0.53%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.40%)
Total		188	59	247

	Purchaser Count *	Privilege Count	Refund Count	Net Revenue
2019	51	52	0	\$2,668.00
2020	112	120	0	\$10,580.00
2021	122	133	1	\$11,500.00
2022	182	202	0	\$18,308.00
2023	190	203	0	\$18,124.00
2024	103	111	0	\$10,212.00

LOUISIANA Revenue Generated Through Compact Privilege Purchases

* Some individuals purchase their first Compact Privilege (CP) for a state and then renew the CP as they renew their home state license during the same year.

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 9

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 1
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction: 3
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 2

Currently open on non-licensees: 2

Complaints Received: 1

Informal Conferences: 0

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 14

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Board Attorney

Attorney Jim Raines gave a new board member code of conduct training presentation.

RPTP Manager

Kathie Pohlman presented an annual report to the board regarding the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the recommended board-recognized providers list. Adam York seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Investigation Timelines: Intern Report

Intern Yari Sarduy presented to the board on the completion of her internship project: Investigation Timeframes.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the Guide for Timeframes of the Disciplinary Process. Chairman Lewy seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to refer the Guide for Timeframes of the Disciplinary Process to legal for review and edit as needed, and bring to the next board meeting for review and vote. Chairman Lewy seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Real Estate

None.

Practice Act

None.

CEU

The committee presented a recommendation to the Board to enter into an agreement with APTA-LA to assuming the responsibilities of reviewing course applications as well as conducting research on risk-based education to further the board's goal of moving toward continued competency, as follows:

APTA LA shall:

- a. Provide administrative and management services for CEU management;
- b. Provide activities that tie directly into LPTB's strategic plan, providing resources and actions that ensure progression towards meeting strategic plan goals, specifically, organizational effectiveness and education and outreach; and
- c. Offer valuable services that are not currently available to LPTB, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1) Auditing course sponsors for compliance with current evidence-based standards for continued competence (with the added value of improving quality of course offerings in the state);
 - 2) Providing robust analysis and reporting to LPTB on the current state of continuing education metrics for licensees in the state, thereby providing meaningful data to LPTB that would allow for data informed policy and decision making;
 - 3) Utilization of process improvement specialists to perform yearly gap analysis to be provided to LPTB (with the added value of engaging in the practice of evaluation and comparison of current performance with the desired or expected performance); and
 - 4) Providing for implementation of meaningful risk-based continuing competency opportunities as well as analyzing and reporting on the outcomes, thereby providing compliance with current evidence-based standards that equate to improvement in safe, effective, and ethical practice, meeting consumer expectations, and harm reduction as well as ultimately reducing Board expenditures on legal fees, discipline and investigations.

Additionally, APTA LA shall be responsible for the administration and maintenance of the CCAS including, but not limited to, submission of continuing education applications, review and application of LPTB continuing education statutes, rules, and policies, dissemination of completed applications for peer review, and communicating approved continuing education activities and accredited providers to be added to the LPTB website. Further, administrative and maintenance responsibilities of the continuing education denial system, yearly audits, and analysis and reporting of continuing education metrics will be performed under this MOU. Finally, APTA LA will provide opportunities for implementing meaningful risk-based continuing competency opportunities as well as analyzing and reporting on the outcomes.

Chairman Lewy moved to enter into an agreement with APTA LA to complete requirements A.-C.1-4 above with a goal transition date of October 1, 2024. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Education and Outreach

Phil Page moved to partner with the APTA-LA to host a statewide meeting in late Jan/early Feb. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to amend previous motion to partner with APTA-LA and host a meeting in 2025 and moved to remove Jan/Feb date on original motion. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Investigative

Adam York moved to add a public member to the investigative committee and fill the position with Phil Page upon expiration of his board term. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Practice Act

Oday Lavergne provided an update to the board from the Practice Act committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlotte Martin requested that the September 18, 2024 board meeting will be rescheduled for September 11, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.