Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
June 17, 2026

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on June 17, 2026 at 214 Jefferson St, Suite 102, Lafayette, LA 70501. A quorum of Board Members was present, including Chairman Danny Lewy, Secretary/Treasurer Oday Lavergne, Claude Tremblay, Lee Rielly, Adam York, Michael Hildebrand, and Ben Gaines.

From staff, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director, and Angela Green, Administrative Assistant were present. Board attorney Alyse Latiolais was present. Members of the public present were Amanda Brewer, Katie Brittain, David Qualls, and Cristina Faucheux.

Chairman Lewy called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Chairman Lewy requested for any amendments to the agenda. As there were none, the agenda was adopted.

Chairman Lewy requested for any amendments to the May 2026 minutes. As there were none, the May 2026 minutes were adopted.

OFFICER REPORTS

A Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director's reports were presented. They are included in the minutes as an addendum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lee Rielly presented a CE Committee report. It will be included in the minutes as an addendum.

LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Alyse Latiolais presented the board with a report regarding the draft rules revisions recommendations. Chairman Lewy referred he recommendations to the Practice Act committee for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Martin updated the board regarding the status of licensee Matthew Bridges's consent order for case 2023-I-032.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize Board staff to update the status of license# A10023 Matthew Bridges, Case 2023-I-032 from probation to active upon the successful completion of all consent order requirements. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly presented the board with proposed updates to the CE Policy.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the recommended updates to the CE Policy. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly presented the board with two CE courses recommended by the CE Committee for denial.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to deny the course titled "Group Therapies for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" due to the course content not being easily recognizable as pertinent to the physical therapy profession and not directly relating to the skills and knowledge required to implement the principles and methods of physical therapy. Lee Rielly seconded the motion.

Public comment was given by Katie Brittain and Amanda Brewer.

The board voted. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne and Michael Hildebrand voted nay. Claude Tremblay, Adam York, and Ben Gaines voted aye. The course was denied.

Lee Rielly moved to deny the course titled "Iliopsoas Mastery: Unlocking Lower Back & Hip Relief" due to the course including content of undetermined clinical utility and thus failing to meet the eligibility criteria established by LAC 46:LIV.191(A) and LAC 46:LIV.195(A)(2021), as well as the instructional format of the course does not provide for the assessment and confirmation that course participants can safely and competently apply the course content in patient/clinical management. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne seconded the motion.

Public comment was given by Katie Brittain.

The board voted. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne and Michael Hildebrand voted nay. Claude Tremblay, Adam York, and Ben Gaines voted aye. The course was denied.

Mrs. Martin presented the board with a request to amend the FY 25-26 contract amount for law firm Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson.

Lee Rielly moved to amend the FY 25-26 contract for Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to increase the current contract amount by $30,000, making the contract total $230,000. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion.

Public comment was given by Amanda Brewer and Katie Brittain.

The board voted and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)(4), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.

Lee Rielly moved to enter Executive Session. Ben Gaines seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne stated that the board returned from Executive Session. Chairman Lewy called the meeting back to order.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the request for a continuance of the hearing for summary suspension for Case 2025-I-048 through 2025-I-056, 2025-I-058 through 2025-I-075, 2025-I-077 through 2025-I-098, 2026-I-001 through

2026-I-005, 2026-I-007, 2026-I-008, 2026-I-010, 2026-I-011, 2026-I-013, 2026-I-015 through 2026-I-020, 2026-I-022, 2026-I-024, and 2026-I-029. Secretary/Treasurer seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to rate the Executive Director as exceptional performance regarding on her performance evaluation and award a seven percent raise for this year. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted held a role call vote and all members voted aye to approve the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional public comment.

Chairman Lewy adjourned the meeting at 11:34am.