



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 27, 2021**

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda\*
- 1:05 pm**      **Request for Reconsideration**  
Gretchen Duplantis (License No. 04772F) in the matter of 2014-I-004, 2019-I-002, and 2020-I-006.
- Executive Session**  
Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.
- 3:05 pm**      **Approve Minutes\***
- 3:15 pm**      **Officer Reports**  
Chairman Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Executive Director's Report
- 3:30 pm**      **Committee Reports**  
CEU Committee  
Rules Committee  
Legislative Task Force  
Education & Outreach Committee
- 3:45 pm**      **2021-2022 Annual Budget Proposal\***
- 4:30 pm**      **Legal Report**
- 5:30 pm**      **Unfinished Business**  
PT Minimum Data Set Question Addition\*
- 6:00pm**      **New Business**  
Advisory Committee 2021\*  
Potential IT Solutions\*  
Officer Elections\*
- 6:45pm**      **Public Comment**
- 7:00pm**      **Adjourn**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting January 27, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on January 27, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Interim Chairman, Judith Halverson, Interim Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, Meredith Warner, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell, and Oday Lavergne. Board member Philip Page was present for New Business. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Marie Vazquez Morgan and Ben McRae. Members of the public were present, including Rudy Gomez, and licensees Monique Serpas, David Qualls, Cristina Faucheux, Brandon Brackeen and Amanda Brewer. Present for a portion of the meeting were licensee Gretchen Duplantis and her attorney Heather Duplantis, Robert “Bobby” Odinet, Hearing Officer, Court Reporter Kim Taylor, and Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell.

Interim Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Oday Lavergne moved to amend the agenda Legal Report to add that Celia Cangelosi will report on a request to release documents from seal related to the Kevin Bias decision. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the amendment to the agenda.

The board members reviewed a request for consideration by licensee Gretchen Duplantis for her board order 2014-I-004, 2019-I-002, and 2020-I-006.

Tyra Mitchell moved that the board enter executive session for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensee Gretchen Duplantis. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit executive session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to deny the request of Gretchen Duplantis to lift the requirement in the findings of fact and conclusion of law dated April 26, 2016 in Case Number 2014-I-004 that she have continuous supervision as defined by Board Rule #123. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. Brandon Brackeen with Bone and Joint Physical Therapy made a public comment about Gretchen Duplantis and his disagreement with the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to grant the request of Gretchen Duplantis for reconsideration and modify the findings of fact and conclusions of law of Board Order dated November 20, 2020 in Case Number 2019-I-002 and 2020-I-006 stating that one year suspension shall be effective as of September 24, 2020. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 board meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

## Officer Reports

Interim Secretary/Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

Executive Director, Charlotte Martin provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

- Next live Jurisprudence virtual offerings will be February 25, 2021 and at the LPTA Spring Symposium.

## Licenses Issued from August 21, 2020 through November 30, 2020

Total: 16

PTs: 12

- New Grads: 1
- Provisionals: 1
- Reinstatement 2
- Reciprocity: 8

PTAs: 4

- New Grads: 3
- Provisionals: 0
- Reinstatement: 1
- Reciprocity: 0

## Complaints Summary

As of January 27, 2021, last reported numbers were from 11/27/2020

Currently open on licensees: 17

- Boundaries: 10
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 2
- Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 3

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Closed Cases: 0

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

## 2021 – 2022 annual budget proposal

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the 2021-2022 annual budget as presented and discussed at the board meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. Public comment was request. There was no public comment. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

## Committee Reports

Interim Secretary/Treasurer Katie Brittain provided the following report on behalf of the CEU committee:

Total Courses Reviewed            479

Total Courses Approved	478		
Traditional	63	Clinical	459
Web-based	415	Administrative	10
Hybrid	0	Ethics	9

Denial: 1 course denied by committee due to course submission documentation not meeting a minimum of 1 hour requirement.

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3.4 Days

Oday Lavergne provided a report on behalf of the Rules committee.

Tyra Mitchell provided a report on behalf of the Legislative Task Force.

Katie Brittain provided a report on behalf of the Education & Outreach committee. Katie requested that the board change the name of the committee to the Operations & Outreach committee. The board members agreed and asked that the staff update the handbook with the name and duties of this committee.

### **Legal Report**

Celia Cangelosi updated the board on a request by the Attorney General that was received by the Board office to remove the seal from the Kevin Bias court documents. The board members unanimously agreed with Celia's suggestion that the board would not oppose the unsealing of the documents, as long as Kevin Bias was not opposed to removing the seal.

Jim Raines reported to the board that he would be working with the Executive Director, Charlotte Martin, on a series of recorded trainings that will be available on-demand to board members, advisory committee members and board staff.

### **Unfinished Business**

Oday Lavergne moved to keep the PT MDS question, "What is your entry-level degree in physical therapy degree?" and to add the question, "Do you hold other degrees that are not directly related to physical therapy?" and to include a dropdown menu, as well as an "other" text field. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. Amanda Brewer offered public comment in agreement with the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board took a 5 minute recess at 4:42pm.

### **New Business**

Katie Brittain moved to appoint Michael Laudadio and Lindsey Robinson to the Advisory Committee to begin service January 28, 2021. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. Amanda Brewer offered public comment and asked if the board could consider consultative role versus an advisory role for the members. Oday Lavergne called the question. John Marius seconded. The board members voted and unanimously approved to stop discussion and vote on the pending motion. Judith Halverson, Katie Brittain, Oday Lavergne, Tyra Mitchell, John Marius, and Dr. Warner were in favor of the motion. Phil Page abstained because he joined the meeting mid-discussion. No board members were opposed to the motion. The motion carries.

Oday Lavergne moved to amend the agenda to allow discussion about a letter that licensee Jaime Caillet, PT, DPT, OCS, Assistant Professor, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

submitted to the board regarding the instruction of dry needling to Doctor of Physical Therapy students in Louisiana. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved amending the agenda.

Interim Chairman, Judith Halverson directed the Rules Committee to take Ms. Caillet's letter under consideration.

Dr. Warner moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract not to exceed \$49,000 with an IT company to provide remote support for remote meetings and other IT support needs. General Counsel is authorized to review and approve the contract. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Phil Page moved to nominate Judith Halverson as Chairman of the Board for the calendar year 2021. Oday Lavergne close nominations. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved. With no other nominations, Judith Halverson was elected by the board to serve as Chairman of the Board in 2021.

Oday Lavergne moved to nominate Katie Brittain as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board for the calendar year 2021. Oday Lavergne close nominations. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved. With no other nominations, Katie Brittain was elected by the board to serve as Secretary/Treasurer in 2021.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.



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**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 17, 2021**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1, members of the Board may participate by teleconference or video conference based upon the fact that there is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency and the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

- (a) Matters that are directly related to the public body's response to the disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. (b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body. (d) Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote.

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)

Zoom Password: 843634

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda\*
- 1:05 pm**      **Request for Amendment to Interim Consent Agreement and Board Order**  
Jose Garcia Interim Consent Agreement and Board Order (2018-I-036). (License No. A09801). Possible amendment to Interim Consent Order for a different evaluator.
- Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1)
- 2:00 pm**      **Approve Minutes\***
- 2:10 pm**      **Officer Reports**  
Executive Director Updates
- 2:15pm**      **Committee Reports\***  
Continuing Education Committee  
Rules Committee: Rule Changes and Other Recommendations for Consideration
- 6:45pm**      **Public Comment**
- 7:00pm**      **Adjourn**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting February 17, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on February 17, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:11pm), Meredith Warner, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell (arrived at 2:00pm), Phillip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell. Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Marie Vazquez Morgan, Chris Franks, and Michael Hildebrand. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux, Rudy Gomez, Rebecca Fails, Jill Stewart, Zach Varn, Jaime Caillet, April Graham, Sam Werner, Matthew Clark, Sydney Babineaux, Billy Foret, Trey Pellerin, Bart Jones, Courtney Blanchard Brown. Present for a portion of the meeting were licensee Jose Garcia and his attorney Nick Cusimano.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

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

The board members reviewed a request for consideration by licensee Jose Garcia to revise his interim consent agreement and board order (2018-I-036).

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensee Jose Garcia. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit executive session. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved to deny the request of Jose Garcia to revise the Interim Consent Agreement and Board Order to allow him to be evaluated by a board-approved provider rather than having to undergo an inpatient psychosexual evaluation and sexual addiction evaluation at a facility approved by the board. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and approved the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Phil Page who abstained from the vote.

Chairman Halverson moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 board meeting. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

#### Officer Reports

Executive Director, Charlotte Martin provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

#### Licenses Issued from January 22, 2021 through February 11, 2021

Total: 16

PTs: 8

- New Grads: 4
- Reinstatement: 1
- Reciprocity: 3

PTAs: 8

- New Grads: 5
- Reciprocity: 3

### **Complaints Summary**

As of January 27, 2021

Currently open on licensees: 18

- Boundaries: 10
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 2
- Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 1

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Closed Cases: 0

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

### **Committee Reports**

Total Courses Reviewed	168
Total Courses Approved	167

Traditional	15	Clinical	160
Web-based	149	Administrative	5
Hybrid	3	Ethics	2

Denial: 1 course denied by committee due to course submission documentation not meeting standards for course content.

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3 Days

The Rules committee presented proposed changes to the Rules. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the Rules Report as revised during the meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. Bart Jones provided public comment. The board voted and unanimously approved the Rules changes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Tyra Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 10, 2021**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1, members of the Board may participate by teleconference or video conference based upon the fact that there is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency and the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

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- (b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
- (d) Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote.

Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda
- 1:05 pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discussion potential litigation involving injunction against non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2)
- 2:00 pm**      **Approve Minutes**
- 2:10 pm**      **Special Program**  
SSA Consultant's Report: Organizational Assessment
- 5:00pm**      **Committee Reports**  
Rules Committee: Rule Changes for Consideration
- 5:30pm**      **New Business**  
Other states are administering the COVID-19 vaccine, with provisions.
- 6:00pm**      **Public Comment**
- 6:30pm**      **Adjourn**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting March 10, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on March 10, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, Meredith Warner, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell (arrived at 2:00pm), Philip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director of the Board; and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Michael Laudadio was present from the Advisory Committee. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux and David Qualls, as well as Rudy Gomez, Consultant for SSA Consultants.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

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

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss potential litigation involving injunction against non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Phil Page moved to exit executive session. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Oday Lavergne moved authorize General Counsel, Jim Raines to have a discussion with the Attorney General’s Office, to determine the appropriateness of sending a Cease and Desist Order to this individual, and to contact other licensing boards to discuss this individual’s unlicensed activity. Dr. Meredith Warner seconded the motion. The board members voted approved the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Tyra Mitchell who was not present for the discussion.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 board meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

### **Special Program**

Rudy Gomez provided a presentation of strategic assessment results utilizing all information and stakeholder input gathered throughout the assessment activities with general observations and recommendations. This summary of assessment results will serve as a jumping off point for a facilitated leadership planning session at a future date.

### **Committee Reports**

The Rules committee recommended additional changes to rule.

Oday Lavergne moved to remove the language “to stimulate trigger points in a patient’s body” from the definition of dry needling in Rule (LAC 46: §123). John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to change update the titles of “center coordinator clinical education” to “site coordinator of clinical education” and to update the title “academic coordinator clinical education” to “director of clinical education” in Rule (LAC 46: §195). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to add the requirement of completing the Minimum Data Set survey as part of the renewal application in Rule (LAC 46: §181). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Phil Page moved to add the requirement of completing the Minimum Data Set survey as part of the reinstatement application in Rule (LAC 46: §187.B.&E.). Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **New Business**

The board members acknowledged that other states have authorized physical therapists and unlicensed individuals to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, with appropriate training and other provisions. The board determined that they will need to be prepared to recommend training, should physical therapists in Louisiana become authorized vaccine administrators.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.



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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 2021**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1, members of the Board may participate by teleconference or video conference based upon the fact that there is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency and the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

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- (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
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Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda
- 1:05 pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1)
- 2:05 pm**      **Approve Minutes**
- 2:15 pm**      **Treasurer's Report**  
Proposed Budget Amendment - 2020-2021
- 3:00pm**      **Online Training**  
*An Overview of Trauma's Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations*
- 4:00pm**      **Adjourn**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting April 14, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on April 14, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell, Philip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director; and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Oday Lavergne moved to amend the agenda to move Executive Session to 4:00pm and to add new business after Executive Session to discuss the RPTP program review and the RPTP program manager contract. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the minutes from the March 2021 board meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the minutes as drafted.

### Committee Reports

Katie Brittain provided an update from the CE committee. The average turn-around time for course approval was 2 days, approving 96 courses total (11 traditional and 85 web-based; 92 clinical, 2 administrative and 2 ethics).

Oday Lavergne provided an update from the Rules committee, including a timeline for the next steps in the rulemaking process. The Occupational Licensing Review Commission approved the LPTB rule changes and the next deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup> with the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Katie Brittain provided an update from the Operations and Outreach committee to inform the board members of the pending deliverables of the Organizational Assessment from SSA. Katie Brittain also provided a recommendation to the board regarding changes to the board’s investigative process. Katie Brittain moved to accept the committee recommendations to improve the board’s investigative processes, beginning phase 1 immediately and reporting to the board in 6 months with recommendations for additional changes to the process, if any. Also, effective immediately, all dismissal decisions shall be brought to the board for approval, effective immediately. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

### Treasurer’s Report

Secretary/Treasurer Katie Brittain provided a treasurer’s report to the board members regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fiscal year performance, year-to-date performance and year-to-date performance compared to the annual budget. The actual income received by the board for the fiscal year, as of March 31, 2021 is \$152,000 higher than budgeted and the actual expenses of the board year-to-date (July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021) are \$133,000 lower than budgeted, resulting in over \$285,000 in positive net income for the fiscal year, as of March 31, 2021.

Secretary/Treasurer Katie Brittain presented potential website improvements, including a private and secure portal to access background check information, review board meeting materials, a reporting tool for complaint data, and a portal to store and access board member resources. To implement the changes, the board would exceed the amount that was approved to pay the website company in the fiscal year 2020-2021. Katie Brittain moved to accept the proposal from the website company to make these improvements in fiscal year 2020-2021. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the proposals from the website company.

### **Special Program**

All presented participated in the training, “An Overview of Trauma’s Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations” to meet the requirement of La R.S. 37:2405.D.(2), which requires training of all board members and staff members in effective communication with complainants, particularly members of vulnerable populations who allege mistreatment by licensees.

### **Executive Session**

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1). Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to go into executive session.

Phil Page moved to exit executive session. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Katie Brittain moved to accept the Participation Agreement for J.C. to enter into the confidential recovery physical therapy program of the board. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to accept the Interim Consent Agreement in case #2021I003 for Christopher Blackstone, License Number PT05051. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the motion.

### **New Business**

Kathie Pohlman presented recommendations for the board-recognized provider list for evaluators and treatment. Katie Brittain moved to accept the updated recommendations from the RPTP manager as our board-recognized provider list for evaluators and treatment. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members unanimously approved.

Katie Brittain reported on the annual performance evaluation of the Recovering Physical Therapy Program (RPTP) manager, Kathie Pohlman.

Katie Brittain moved to enter into a contract with Kathie Pohlman as the manager of the RPTP program for the fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) at an hourly rate of \$110 per hour. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.



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**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 12, 2021**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1, members of the Board may participate by teleconference or video conference based upon the fact that there is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency and the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

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- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda
- 1:05 pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Compliant Cases # 2021I005, 2021I001, and 2021I004.
- 1:45 pm**      **Approve Minutes**
- 1:50pm**      **Special Program: Board Device Training/Orientation**
- 2:00pm**      **Special Program: Facilitated Leadership Planning Session, SSA Consultants**
- 4:45pm**      **Public Comment**
- 5:00pm**      **Adjourn**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting May 12, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on May 12, 2021 held in person at SSA Consultants' Baton Rouge office and virtually via Zoom. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn "Katie" Brittain, John Marius, Tyra Mitchell, Philip "Phil" Page, Oday Lavergne, and Dr. Meredith Warner. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director; Stephanie Boudreaux, CEU Specialist/Compliance Officer; Jim Raines, General Counsel; and Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney were present. Members of the public were present, including Advisory Committee member Lindsey Robinson, three consultants from Duo Supra, and Sara Fontenot of Hub Enterprises.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Phil Page voted to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensees pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1). Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved entering Executive Session.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved exiting Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to authorize the Investigative Committee to draft a letter of concern to the respondent in complaint 2021-I-005 and thereafter close the case. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to adopt the board order presented by board counsel regarding complaint 2021-I-004 which will be signed by the board chair. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the April minutes as written. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the April minutes as written.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAM

The board member participated in a training and orientation of new board laptops for the purpose of increased security and confidentiality in board work.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAM

The board participated in a facilitated leadership planning session with SSA Consultants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Oday Lavergne moved to adjust the agenda to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensees pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1). Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved adjusting the agenda.

In accordance with La R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iv), due to an extraordinary emergency related to a court ruling that occurred today, on May 12, 2021, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session in order to discuss strategy related to ongoing investigation involving the Board in their matter entitled State of Louisiana vs. Philippe Aloysius Veeters, No. DC-19-07235, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved exiting Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to authorize Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney, to take a writ from the court's ruling today in the matter of State vs. Philipe Aloyisius Veeters Docket# DC-19-07235. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Tyra Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The board meeting was adjourned at 4:54pm.



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 30, 2021**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1, members of the Board may participate by teleconference or video conference based upon the fact that there is a gubernatorially declared state of emergency and the agenda of the meeting will be limited to one or more of the following:

- (a) Matters that are directly related to the public body's response to the disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- (b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
- (d) Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote.

Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

**1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda

**1:05 pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Compliant Cases #2021I001 and #2020I019.

In accordance with La R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iii)(aa) to discuss pending litigation involving the Board in their matter entitled State of Louisiana vs. Veeters, No. DC-19-07235, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

**2:00 pm**      **Approve Minutes**

**2:05pm**      **Officer Reports**  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Executive Director

**2:15pm**      **Committee Reports**  
CEU  
Rules  
Legislative Task Force – ACT No. 399  
Operations and Outreach

**3:00pm**      **Special Programs: SSA Recommendations**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

- 4:00pm**      **Public Hearing – Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Rules**  
In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 et seq., and by the authority granted to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board as set forth in La. R.S. 37:2405, a public hearing will be held to afford all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, comments or argument relative to the proposed amendments to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Professional and Occupational Standards, including the following: LAC 46: LIV § 115, 121, 123, 145, 147, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 169, 171,175, 180, 181, 183, 185, 187, 194, 195, 199, 303, 309, 311, 319, 325, 331, 333, 337, 341, 345, 357, 387, 392, 396 and 397. The proposed amendments may be viewed at the following link: [Microsoft Word - May 2021 TOC \(la.gov\)](#)
- 4:45pm**      **Unfinished Business**  
Board Devices
- 4:50pm**      **New Business**  
LPTA Meeting Booth and Jurisprudence
- 4:55pm**      **Public Comment**
- 5:00pm**      **Adjournment**

\*Public Comment (Rule 105.H., La R.S. 42: 14)

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting June 30, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on June 30, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:11pm), John Marius, Phillip “Phil” Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell were present. Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Marie Vazquez Morgan, Chris Franks, and Jon “Jeremy” Dye. Members of the public were present, including licensee Cristina Faucheux, Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants, licensee Jaime Caillet, and Duo Supra IT support members: William Olson, Paula Servin, and Nate Sousek.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

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

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Complaint Cases # 2021I001 and 2020I019, as well as pending litigation involving the Board in their matter entitled State of Louisiana vs. Veeters, No. DC-19-07235, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Oday Lavergne moved to exit executive session. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

Phil Page moved to dismiss Case 2021-I-001. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to accept the Consent Order agreement for licensee Chasity Popillion, Physical Therapist License Number 09186. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the minutes as written. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes as written.

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Katie Brittain updated the board on the financials for April and May 2021.

#### Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Charlotte Martin updated the board on the FY 2021-2022 website proposal priorities.

Mrs. Martin then provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

### **Licenses Issued from May 11, 2021 through June 28, 2021**

Total: 91

PTs: 82

- New Grads: 17
- Reinstatement: 1
- Reciprocity: 10
- Provisional: 54

PTAs: 9

- Provisional: 7
- Reciprocity: 2

### **Complaints Summary**

Currently open on licensees: 20

- Boundaries: 12
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 1
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 2

Informal Conferences: 0

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 3

Closed Cases: 1

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Total Courses Reviewed 98

Total Courses Approved 98

Traditional	20	Clinical	91
Web-based	77	Administrative	4
Hybrid	1	Ethics	3

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3 Days

There were no updates from the Rules Committee or the Operations and Outreach Committee.

General Counsel of the Board, Jim Raines presented on behalf of the Legislative Task Force regarding Act 399.

Oday Lavergne moved to authorize the Executive Director of the Board and the General Counsel of the Board to enter into discussion with the Attorney General's Office regarding an interest in potentially entering into a contract for services related to Act No. 399. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAM**

Rudy Gomez with SSA Consultants presented a final report on the Organizational Assessment.

Phil Page moved to move Unfinished Business up to 3:25 on the agenda. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Executive Director Charlotte Martin and William Olson and Nate Sousek from Duo Supra presented to the board about the new board devices.

Phil moved to agenda the agenda to move up new business to 3:48. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Phil Page moved to authorize the purchase a Booth at the LPTA meeting for \$500 to hand out updated Practice Act and Rule booklets, an information sheet about the Rule changes, and to answer questions about the Rule changes. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The board offered the opportunity to hear comments from the public regarding the rules that were submitted to the State Register for approval. There were no public comments on the rules.

Oday Lavergne moved to close the window for public comment on the rules. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 11, 2021**

**Location: Zoom\***

Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

- 1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda
- 1:05 pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Compliant Cases #2020I017 and #2019-I-018.
- To discuss potential litigation involving injunction against a non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2).
- 2:10 pm**      **Approve Minutes**
- 2:15pm**      **Officer Reports**  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Executive Director
- 4:15pm**      **Committee Reports**  
CEU  
Rules  
Legislative Task Force  
Operations and Outreach
- 5:00pm**      **Task Force Reports**  
Discipline Task Force  
IT Task Force  
Office Facility and Real Estate Task Force  
Public Policy and Government Relations Task Force
- 5:15pm**      **Unfinished Business**  
Jurisprudence and Booth at APTA-LA: COVID Update
- 5:20pm**      **New Business**
- 5:25pm**      **Public Comment**
- 5:30pm**      **Adjourn**

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# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting August 11, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on August 11, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain (arrived at 1:06 pm), John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell, and Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer were present. Celia Cangelosi, Prosecuting Attorney, and Jim Raines, General Counsel were present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Jason Douglas. Members of the public were present, including Duo Supra IT support member: William Olson.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Oday Lavergne moved to amend the agenda to move case #2019-I-018 to be discussed in open session. John Marius seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved the agenda.

Oday Lavergne moved that the board enter executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Compliant Case #2020-I-017. To discussion potential litigation involving injunction against a non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2). Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved. The board members moved into Executive Session.

Dr. Warner moved to exit Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and approved.

Dr. Warner moved to accept the Consent Order agreement for licensee Christian Stafford, Physical Therapist License Number 08847 in response to case #2020-I-017. John Marius seconded the motion.

Oday Lavergne moved to amend the Consent Order so that all reimbursement for costs will be paid in full within 120 days. Chairman Halverson seconded the motion. The board voted and the amendment failed.

The board voted on Consent Order agreement for licensee Christian Stafford, Physical Therapist License Number 08847 in response to case #2020-I-017. All voted aye except for Oday Lavergne who voted nay. The Consent Order was approved.

Charlotte Martin presented the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case #2019-I-018. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the recommendation to dismiss. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the Minutes from the June 30, 2021 meeting. Oday Lavergne moved to accept the Minutes as written. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes as written.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain updated the board on the financials since the last meeting. The board was also updated on the end of the year FY 2020-2021 report.

### Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Charlotte Martin presented to the board regarding foreign-trained physical therapists seeking licensure via reciprocity.

Dr. Warner moved that the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board recognize the state of Texas' physical therapy initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists as substantially equivalent to Louisiana's initial licensure requirements. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and all voted aye except Oday Lavergne voted nay. The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved that New York's initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists are not substantially equivalent to Louisiana's initial licensure requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Chairman Halverson moved to authorize the application review committee review licensure applications, as necessary, and bring recommendations to the Board, as necessary. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Dr. Warner moved to direct Celia Cangelosi to apply Rule 199 (LAC 46: LIV §199) language that will be effective on August 20, 2021 retroactively for the three individuals who were non-compliant with the 2021 CEU Audit. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin then provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

### **Licenses Issued from May 11, 2021 through June 28, 2021**

Total:

PTs: 10

- Reciprocity: 5
- Provisional: 5

PTAs: 31

- Provisional: 4
- Reciprocity: 2
- New Grad: 25

### **Complaints Summary**

Currently open on licensees: 19

- Boundaries: 12
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 2
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 2
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 1  
 Informal Conferences: 2  
 Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0  
 Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 1  
 Closed Cases: 2

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 46  
 Total Courses Approved: 46

Traditional:	22	Clinical:	46
Web-based:	24	Administrative:	0
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	0

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 5 Days

The CEU committee presented a request from a course sponsor requesting a refund on the course review fee. Oday Lavergne moved that the board extends the course approval through 2023. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

### Rules Committee

The committee proposed reinstating the JP Exam Review Committee. The board appointed Phil Page and Tyra Mitchell to the committee.

Dr. Warner moved that the Alternative Approval Pathway be adopted. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

### Legislative Task Force

The board discussed the name of the committee and agreed rename it the Legislative & Public Policy Committee.

### Operations & Outreach Committee

Katie Brittain gave an update to the board from the last meeting.

## **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Each task force, Discipline, IT, Real Estate, and Government Relations gave an update on their latest meetings.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Executive Director Charlotte Martin requested to allow the Jurisprudence at the Fall LPTA meeting to be virtual and the board agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 11, 2021**

**Location: Zoom\***

Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

- 1:30pm Call to order**  
Approve the agenda
- 1:40pm Executive Session**  
To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Compliant Cases #2021-I-010 and #2020-I-004, and 2019-I-002 & 2020-I-006.
- 2:20pm Approve the Minutes**
- 2:30pm Officer Reports**  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Executive Director
- 3:30pm Committee Reports**  
CEU  
Rules  
Legislative  
Operations & Outreach  
Jurisprudence Exam Review
- 4:30pm Task Force Reports**  
Discipline  
Public Policy & Government Relations  
IT  
Office Facility and Real Estate
- 5:00pm Unfinished Business**
- 5:05pm New Business**
- 5:10pm Public Comment**
- 5:15pm Adjourn**

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# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting October 13, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on October 13, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, Phil Page, Tyra Mitchell, John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell were present. Jim Raines, General Counsel was present. Members of the Advisory Committee were present including Ben McRae, Marie Vazquez Morgan, Jeremy Dye, and Lindsey Robinson. Members of the public were present, including Christina Faucheux, Gretchen Duplantis, Heather Duplantis, and Ryan Nogot.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

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

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

Oday Lavergne moved to accept the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case 2021-I-010. Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to accept the investigative committee’s recommendation to dismiss case 2021-I-017. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to change Gretchen Duplantis’s, cases 2020-I-006 and 2019-I-002, license status from suspended to probation. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to adjust agenda to discuss licensee Ryan Nogot, case 2020-I-004 when the licensee arrives for his exit interview, as required by the terms of his consent order. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the minutes for the August 11, 2021 meeting. Phil Page moved to accept the minutes as written. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board members conducted an exit interview with licensee Ryan Nogot, per the terms of his Consent Order. Oday Lavergne moved to change Ryan Nogot’s(case 2020-I-004), license status from probation to active. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Halverson congratulated three board members on being appointed for a second term. Katie Brittain was reappointed to the board effective September 7, 2021 to serve through September 6, 2024. Phil Page was reappointed to the board effective September 18, 2021 to serve through September 17, 2024. Dr. Meredith Warner will be reappointed to the board effective October 15, 2021 to serve through January 4 2024.

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain provided the board with an update on the first quarter of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A report was also given on the findings from this year's legislative audit.

### Executive Director's Report

## Licenses Issued from August 3, 2021 through October 11, 2021

Total: 128

PTs:

- Initial: 69
- Reciprocity: 14
- Reinstatement: 1
- Provisional: 14

PTAs:

- Provisional: 14
- Reciprocity: 15
- Reinstatement: 1

## Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 21

- Boundaries: 12
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 1
- Substance Abuse: 2
- Malpractice: 1
- Unprofessional Conduct: 3
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 5

Informal Conferences: 2

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 1

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 0

Closed Cases: 2

Appeals: 0

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 246  
Total Courses Approved: 246

Traditional:	33	Clinical:	241
Web-based:	213	Administrative:	5
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	0

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 4.3 Days

Jurisprudence Review Committee:

Phil Page informed the board of the Jurisprudence Exam Review committee’s next meeting to be held on October 20, 2021.

Rules Committee

No updates.

Legislative & Public Policy Committee

No updates.

Operations & Outreach Committee

Charlotte Martin provided the board with an update from the committee’s last meeting.

**TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Each task force, Discipline, IT, Real Estate, and Government Relations gave an update on their latest meetings.

The Discipline task force presented the board with a contract for provide hearing officer services to the board. Oday Lavergne moved to enter a contract with Amy Groves Lowe at Taylor Porter to provide hearing officers services to the board. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The board discussed the rule change for Rule §199 for handling satisfaction of the CEU audit and non-compliance of the CEU audit. Oday Lavergne moved to authorize the Executive Director to determine satisfactory compliance and non-compliance with the CEU audit in accordance with Rule §199. Meredith Warner seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchel seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**November 10, 2021**

**Location: Zoom\***

Zoom Registration: [Click Here](#)

- 1:00pm**      **Call to Order**  
**Approve Agenda**
- 1:05pm**      **Approve Minutes**
- 1:15pm**      **Executive Session**  
To discuss strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) in the matter of complaint case 2021I004.
- 1:30pm**      **Officer Reports**  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Executive Director
- 1:45pm**      **Committee Reports**  
CE Committee
- 2:30pm**      **Task Force Reports**  
Discipline TF
- 2:45pm**      **New Business**  
Provisional Licensees
- 3:15pm**      **Unfinished Business**
- 3:20pm**      **Public Comment**
- 3:30pm**      **Adjourn**

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- (b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
- (d) Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote.

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting November 10, 2021

#### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on November 10, 2021 held virtually. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, Tyra Mitchell, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Board, Jessica Alwell, and Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer were present. Jim Raines, General Counsel was present. Members of the Advisory Committee present were Lindsey Robinson and Jason Douglas. Members of the public present were Lauren Whisenand.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Phil Page moved to approve the agenda as posted. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board members reviewed the October 2021 minutes. Phil Page moved to approve the amended minutes as written. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body, pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2) in the matter of Compliant Case 2021-I-004. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved to move into Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to exit Executive Session. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and approved.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

##### Chairman’s Report

Chairman Halverson reported to the board that Shaina Goudeau resigned from the Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2022. Chairman Halverson recommended the board leave the one seat open in case there may be a specific need to fill throughout the year as opposed to doing a call for resumes at this time.

##### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain updated the board on the CPA meeting that she and Charlotte Martin had with the board’s contracted CPA since the last board meeting.

Chairman Halverson asked the board for a board member to volunteer to do the monthly bank reconciliation review in order to maintain the board staff’s checks and balances on roles. Oday Lavergne volunteered for the role.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Charlotte Martin presented the board with the investigative committee's recommendation to dismiss compliant 2021-I-014. Phil Page moved to accept the recommendation and dismiss the complaint. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin then provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

**Licenses Issued from October 12, 2021 through November 5, 2021**

Total: 50

PTs: 15

- New Grads: 8
- Reciprocity: 4
- Provisional: 1
- Reinstatement: 2

PTAs: 35

- Provisional: 0
- Reciprocity: 4
- New Grad: 31
- Reinstatement: 0

**Complaints Summary**

Currently open on licensees: 25

- Boundaries: 13
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 2
- Substance Abuse: 3
- Malpractice: 1
- Unprofessional Conduct: 2
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- CEU Non-Compliance: 2

Currently open on non-licensees: 2

Complaints Received: 5

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 1

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 0

Closed Cases: 1

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 272

Total Courses Approved: 272

Traditional:	33	Clinical:	255
Web-based:	239	Administrative:	14
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	3

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 4 Days

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain presented to the board regarding a CPR course submitted for review. The board discussed and agreed that CPR courses, in general, do rise to the level required in Rule §195 to be considered for CEU credit. The CEU Committee will move forward with reviewing the course submitted to the Board to determine if it is eligible for approval.

### **TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Chairman Halverson provided an update from the Discipline Taskforce

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Halverson presented the board with discussion regarding Rule §172, which is the Rule for CAPTE Graduate Applicants Pending Examination. The board asked the Rules Committee to review Rule §172 for potential recommendations for changes in the future.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.



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## Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

### AGENDA Regular Board Meeting December 8, 2021

- 8:00am**      **Call to Order**  
**Agenda Review/Approval**
- Consideration of Consent Order (2016-I-038) in the matter of José Garcia**  
Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of José Garcia (2018-I-036).
- 9:30am**      **Minutes Review/Approval**
- 9:40am**      **Discussion of Recovering Physical Therapy Program (RPTP) participants (J.S. and J.C.) completion. Discuss violations of a non-licensee in Louisiana.**  
Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) and to discussion potential litigation involving injunction against non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2).
- 10:40am**     **Officer Reports**
- 11:10am**     **Committee Reports**
- 11:40am**     **Task Force Reports**
- 12:10am**     **New Business**
- 12:15am**     **Unfinished Business**
- 12:20am**     **Public Comment**
- 12:30pm**     **Recess**
- 1:00pm**      **Administrative Hearing: License Applicant Ifthikar Ahmad**  
Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of license applicant Ifthikar Ahmad.
- 3:30pm**      **Adjourn**

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting December 8, 2021

### APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on December 8, 2021 held in person at the board office in Lafayette. A quorum of members were present including Chairman, Judith Halverson, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn “Katie” Brittain, John Marius, Dr. Meredith Warner, Tyra Mitchell, Phil Page, and Oday Lavergne. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director and Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer were present. Board attorney’s Jim Raines and Celia Cangelosi were present.

Chairman Judith Halverson called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Phil Page moved to approve the agenda as posted. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) in the matter of José Garcia (2018-I-036). John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

The Garcia Order Exhibit 1 was added to the case 2018-I-036 case record in globo.

The board moves to reject the Consent Order in the case of Confidential Complaint number 2018-I-036 as written and will accept it with the following changes and subject to approval by the Respondent.

Globally throughout the document edit the word “therapy” to “therapist” in reference to physical therapy assistant.

Edit page 5 paragraph 20 to read December 4, 2020.

Edit page 9 paragraph 3 to read “During the probationary period Respondent shall have no contact with physical therapy patients under the age of 18.

Edit page 9 paragraph 4 to read “During the probationary period...”

Edit page 10 paragraph 5 to read “During the probationary period...”

Edit page 10 paragraph 7 to add the following language after the words “15<sup>th</sup> day of the month”: The payment set forth in this paragraph shall survive and shall not be extinguished in the event Respondent files for and is granted a judgement of bankruptcy by a court of competent jurisdiction. Also, add the word “also” between the words “is” and “a” in the last sentence.

Edit page 11 paragraph 14 to strike the word “investigative,” add an apostrophe to the word “board” and strike the word “members.”

Oday Lavergne moved to accept all changes to the Consent Order and present changes to the Respondent. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and approved amending and proposing the amended Consent Order to the Respondent. Phil Page abstained from the vote.

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting. Phil Page moved to approve the minutes as written. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the minutes.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(1) for two individual who have completed the Confidential Recovering Physical Therapy Program, and to discuss potential litigation involving injunction against non-licensee pursuant to La R.S. 42: §17(A)(2). John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Dr. Warner moved to exit Executive Session. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Judith Halverson moved to approve the completion of the RPTP Program for participant J.S. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Judith Halverson moved to approve the completion of the RPTP Program for participant J.C. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Halverson presented the board with a question from a licensee regarding the use of EMRs and the Patient Care Conference. The licensee asked, does the patient care conference need to be in one document, containing both the PT and PTA signatures on the same document? Or is it okay to be documented on two separate documents: one signed by the PT and one signed by the PTA, as long as both are referenced in the note and both include all details necessary in the documentation. The board reviewed the questions and determined that the rule should be followed and an audit of the patient records should be able to clearly show compliance with the Rule.

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain presented the board with the latest financial report.

Dr. Warner moved to reinvest the funds from CD 978, which are maturing in December, in a three-month certificate of deposit, to mature in March 2022, and to increase the amount of the CD to \$829,783.28 at time of investment. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

### Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Martin provided a report to the board consisting of the following updates.

### **Licenses Issued from November 8, 2021 through December 2, 2021**

Total: 21

PTs: 19

- Initial: 12
- Reciprocity: 3
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 4

PTAs: 2

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

### Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 25

- Boundaries: 13
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 2
- Substance Abuse: 3
- Malpractice: 1
- Unprofessional Conduct: 2
- Criminal Conviction: 1
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 1
- CEU Non-Compliance: 2

Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 2

Informal Conferences: 8

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 3

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 1

Closed Cases: 2

Monitoring Report of those who are currently disciplined was provided to the board.

Mrs. Martin informed the board that there would be information about the upcoming licensee dashboard updates on the next live Jurisprudence to be offered in January 2022.

Mrs. Martin updated the board that staff is working with the web vendor Covalent Logic to update the continuing education reporting function on the CMS. Until the changes are implemented, there will not be a CEU report at the board meeting. The changes are to improve reporting and decrease antiquated reporting processes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### CEU Committee

Total Courses Reviewed: 731

Total Courses Approved: 731

Traditional:	113	Clinical:	689
Web-based:	618	Administrative:	27
Hybrid:	0	Ethics:	15

Average Turnaround Time for Approval: 3 Days

Operations & Outreach Committee

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain informed the board that the committee completed and discussed the results of the BAR tool. The next step is for the committee to develop a strategic plan using the results of the BAR tool.

**TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Government Relations & Public Policy

The taskforce is finalizing recommendations to the board.

Discipline

Assistant Executive Director Jessica Alwell is working with the taskforce to develop an assessment for stakeholder feedback.

Staff updated a form used during the investigative process to include a checkbox to indicate that the model disciplinary action guidelines were used.

Real Estate

The taskforce is continuing research into an office space for when the current lease expires.

IT

The taskforce provided the board with recommendations for investments that would improve office security, technology, and resources. The taskforce provided a budget that includes phones, security cameras, internal video production equipment, and a specific budget for IT investment into a future boardroom. The taskforce also recommended the board form a standing website committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Halverson presented the board with recommendations for 2022 committee assignments. The following are board member committee volunteers for 2022:

Operations & Outreach: Tyra Mitchell and Katie Brittain

Legislative: Oday Lavergne and Tyra Mitchell

Rules: Phil Page and Oday Lavergne

Continuing Education: Katie Brittain and Phil Page

Website Committee: Phil Page

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**APPLICANT HEARING**

The board held a hearing for Iftikhar Ahmad.

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a licensee pursuant to La R.S. 43: §17(A)(1) in the matter of Iftikhar Ahmad. John Marius seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

It was noted that the appeal from New York state on behalf of Mr. Ahmad and granted by the exam vendor FSBPT resulted in Mr. Ahmad to be able to attempt the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for a 7<sup>th</sup> attempt on July 24, 2019 which resulted in a passing score.

Phil Page moved to issue a board order and license Iftikhar Ahmad a physical therapy license by reciprocity. Oday Lavergne seconded the seconded the motion. The board voted and approved. Dr. Warner and Tyra Mitchell abstained the vote.

Katie Brittain moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.