



Jeff Landry
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State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals

Charlotte F. Martin, M.P.A.
Executive Director

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting January 26, 2024

Location: Board Office

2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508

Time: 8:30am

1. Call to Order

2. Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes

December 2023 Minutes

3. New Business

CEU Exemption Request

4. Administrative Hearing: Complaint Case# 2022-I-006 & 2022-I-009 (Cody Leblanc, License# 08870R)

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

5. New Business

2024 Officer Elections

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting January 26, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on January 26, 2024 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Judith Halverson
Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn “Katie” Brittain
Oday Lavergne
Raven Lyons
Deandra Narcisse
Tyra Mitchell
Philip Page

Absent with Regrets

Meredith Warner

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

Present

Jeremy Dye

Absent with Regrets

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

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Compliance Officer, Stephanie Boudreaux, Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer, and Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines, Amy Lowe, and Larry Roedel were present. Investigator Tani Bouillion was present. Court Reporter Kim Taylor was present. Members of the public present were Kim Cook, Ronald Hughes, Angeline Hughes, Keegan Benoit, Russell Hearne, Gino Lane, Paige Bailey, and Joseph Pritchard, Cody Leblanc, James Sudduth, and John Fourcade.

Chairman Halverson called the meeting to order at 8:37am. Deandra Narcisse arrived for the meeting at 8:59am.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed an exemption request from a licensee for the 2024 renewal period. The licensee requested an exemption due to personal hardship to have no late fee in order to continue taking courses in the month of April.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the request. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

An Administrative Hearing was held in the matter of Cody LeBlanc, Cases #: 2022-I-006 & 2022-I-009. Transcript available upon request documenting all action taken by the board. Board Order is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer elections. Chairman. Phil Page nominated Oday Lavergne for Chairman. Deandra Narcisse nominated Tyra Mitchell for Chairman. Roll call votes for Tyra Mitchell: Deandra Narcisse, Raven Lyons and Tyra Mitchell. Roll call votes for Oday Lavergne: Phil Page, Judith Halverson and Oday Lavergne. Katie Brittain abstained from voting. The chairman, Judith Halverson voted for Oday Lavergne. Oday Lavergne will be the chairman for 2024.

Treasurer: Phil Page nominated Katie Brittain for Treasurer. Oday Lavergne nominated Tyra Mitchell for Treasurer. Tyra Mitchell declined the nomination. Katie Brittain was unopposed as Treasurer and will serve in that role for 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Tyra Mitchell seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 11:58pm.



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Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting February 21, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508

Virtual Attendance: [Zoom Registration](#)

Time: 1:00pm

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
January 2024 Minutes
- 4. Consideration of Motion to Stay Suspension in the matter of Case# 2022-I-006 & 2022-I-009, Cody Leblanc, PT License #: 08870R**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42: §17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 5. Office Reports**
Consideration of the 2024-2025 Budget
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. Consideration of Consent Orders in the matter of Case #2023-I-018 Ashley Phillips, License #: 07848 and Case # 2023-I-60 Donna Redmon, License #: A7007**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting February 21, 2024

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

Present

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

Absent with Regrets

Judith Halverson
Meredith Warner
Tyra Mitchell

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

Present

Chris Franks

Absent with Regrets

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

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Compliance Officer, Stephanie Boudreaux, Licensing Analyst, Danielle Linzer, and Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines and Larry Roedel were present. Court Reporter Kim Taylor was present. Members of the public James Sudduth, Cristina Faucheux, and Julie Lavergne were also present.

Chairman Lavergne called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the agenda as written. Deandra Narcisse seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the January 2024 minutes as written. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to enter Executive Session for consideration of a motion to stay suspension for case# 2022-I-006 and 2022-I-009 Cody Leblanc. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the proposal provided to the board by Mr. Sudduth. The Board authorizes Larry Roedel to prepare an amended order that reflects the proposal accepted by the board and the amended order will be circulated to the appropriate parties by the close of business, February 22, 2024. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Attorney James Sudduth withdrew the request for stay on behalf of his client, Cody Leblanc.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to enter Executive Session in the matter of consent order 2023-I-060 Donna Redmon. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

Phil Page moved to accept the consent order for 2023-I-60 Donna Redmon as written. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the consent order for 2023-I-018 Ashley Phillips as written. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

None.

Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain presented the quarterly financial report.

Executive Director

Licenses Issued from January 19, 2024 through February 16, 2024

Total: 30

PTs: 24

- Initial: 12
- Reciprocity: 10
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 2

PTAs: 11

- Initial: 4
- Reciprocity: 1
- Provisional: 0
- Reinstatement: 1

Physical Therapy Compact Privilege to Practice issued from December 8, 2023 – February 16, 2024

Initial: 26

Renewal: 19
Total: 45
YTD (2024): 30

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 22

- Boundaries: 2
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 3
- Substance Abuse: 2
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Criminal Conviction: 9
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 6

Currently open on non-licensees: 3

Complaints Received: 7
Informal Conferences: 0
Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 2
Appeals: 0
Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 3
Letter of Concern: 14
Closed Cases: 17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to adjourn the meeting. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.



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AGENDA Regular Board Meeting March 21, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Consideration of Consent Order in the matter of Latisha Williams, License# 09078R, Case# 2023-I-056**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42: §17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 4. Approve Minutes**
February 2024 Minutes
- 5. Officer Reports**
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting March 21, 2024

APPROVED

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

Present

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

Absent with Regrets

Judith Halverson
Meredith Warner
Tyra Mitchell

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

Present

Michael Hildebrand

Absent with Regrets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

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

Treasurer

None

Executive Director

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

Total: 7

PTs: 5

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

PTAs: 2

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

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

Initial: 15

Renewal: 5

Total: 20

YTD: 51

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 20

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

Currently open on non-licensees: 2

Complaints Received: 7

Informal Conferences: 0

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 1

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 22

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

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



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AGENDA Regular Board Meeting April 17, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
March 2024 Minutes
- 4. Board Order Decisions: Catherine Bowen, Donna Redmon, Jeffrey Reeves**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)., the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 5. Officer Reports**
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting April 17, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on April 17, 2024 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Oday Lavergne
Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn “Katie” Brittain
Phil Page
Raven Lyons
Lee Rielly

Absent with Regrets

Deandra Narcisse
Meredith Warner
Tyra Mitchell

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

Present

Absent with Regrets

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

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

Chairman Lavergne called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Phil Page moved to amend the agenda to add Summary Suspension of Angela Brewer, License Number A8915R. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to update the status of Catherine Bowen at the completion of her consent order. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approved the documentation provided by licensee Donna Redmon’s employer as satisfactory to comply with her board order and allow the board staff to reinstate her license. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept Jeffrey Reeves voluntary surrender of his license. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to accept the summary suspension of Angela Brewer due to violation of her consent order. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Lavergne provided the board with a report on the bill in the legislature and that it would not be moving forward this year.

Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain presented the board with the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

Phil Page moved to accept the 2024-2025 budget as presented. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted an unanimously approved.

Executive Director

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

Total: 4

PTs: 4

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

PTAs: 0

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

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

Initial: 6

Renewal: 4

Total: 10

YTD: 61

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 19

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 2
- Substance Abuse: 1
- Malpractice: 0

- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction: 10
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 3

Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 1

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 1

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 20

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investigative

The investigative committee presented recommendations to the board.

Phil Page moved to authorize the Investigative Committee to approve changes in status if unanimous vote is achieved for disciplined licensees, in the event that the board does not have an available quorum, when the licensee has met all terms of the order. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve guidelines for punitive action. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the criteria for punitive action. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Continuing Education

The continuing education committee presented policy changes to the board.

The committee presented 3 exemption requests from licensees regarding renewals to the board.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the CE policy as amended. Phil Page seconds the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to deny the refund of the late fee for licensee Aimee Ahrons due to personal hardship. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to deny the CEU exemption for licensee Travis Cowley due to personal hardship. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the CEU exemption for licensee ShaGlenda Livingston due to military duty. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Website Committee

The committee provided the board an update regarding the expected completion of the expense form for board and advisory committee members.

Real Estate

The committee provided the board with an update regarding the search for a new office space.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Martin provided the board with information on upcoming expiring contracts as well as new amendments for legal contracts.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into new contracts for legal, RPTP Manager, website, IT, and accounting services. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the amendments required by Louisiana State Police to amend all existing legal contracts in order to comply with background check requirements. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted an unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Chairman Lavergne called the meeting back to order at 12:07. The board discussed a pre-application determination request from a current PTA student. The board discussed the request.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to have attorney Jim Raines to assist with drafting a favorable response to the student. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm.



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AGENDA Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
April 2024 Minutes
- 4. Consideration of Consent Order: Licensee A7495 Adam Casborn, case 2023-I-035 & Licensee A8915R Angela Brewer, case 2022-I-013**
- 5. Executive Session**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)., the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 6. Officer Reports**
- 7. Committee Reports**
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting May 15, 2024

APPROVED

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

Present

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

Absent with Regrets

Tyra Mitchell
Meredith Warner

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

Present

Marie Vazquez Morgan
Michael Laudadio
Jeremy Dye

Absent with Regrets

Chris Franks
Lindsey Robinson
Naikia Woodrich
Michael Hildebrand
John Rocco DeLara
Benjamin McRae

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Compliance Officer, Stephanie Boudreaux were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines and Alyse Latiolais were present. Student Intern Yari Sarduy was present. Members of the public present were Amanda Brewer and Cristina Fauchoux.

Chairman Lavergne called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Phil Page moved to approve the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

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

Phil Page moved to reorder agenda to move up NPTE appeal request from applicant Tyra Miller. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to allow a seventh attempt at the NPTE for applicant Tyra Miller. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the consent order for Angela Brewer, license# A8915R, case# 2022-I-013. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to update Edwin Salutillo's status from probation to active. Philip Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

None

Treasurer

Phil Page moves to authorize the Executive Director to deposit the funds maturing from the CD at Business First Bank to First Horizon Bank. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil moved moves to authorize the Executive Director to open a public fund account at First Horizon Bank. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Executive Director

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

Total: 12

PTs: 8

- Initial: 4
- Reciprocity: 3
- Provisional: 1
- Reinstatement: 0

PTAs: 4

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

Physical Therapy Compact Privileges to Practice issued from April 13, 2024 – May 9, 2024

Initial: 14

Renewal: 1

Total: 15

YTD: 76

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 19

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 4
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction: 8
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 4

Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 3

Informal Conferences: 3

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 3

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Real Estate

The committee provided the board with an update regarding the search for a new office space.

Continuing Education

Deandra Narcisse moves to authorize the CE committee to explore the options of third parties to handle the CEU review process. Raven Lyons moves to second the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Lee Rielly moves to remove the authorization to allow the Executive Director to enter into informal consent orders in the event of licensees reinstating due to failure to timely renew. Philip Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board review the following question received by a licensee:

I have been approached to provide Wellness Services in a new Med Spa opening in my area. They have a physician on staff and will be providing a wide range of Anti Aging services including rejuvenation modalities. I understand my role as a physical therapist in providing wellness services but I am unclear on providing these rejuvenation modalities.

There are a number of laser schools recognized nationally for certification to perform these services.

- 1) If I become a certified laser technician and perform skin rejuvenation treatments would it conflict with performing Wellness services at the same location?*
- 2) Would skin rejuvenation be considered part of a wellness practice under my current physical therapy license?*

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to have the Executive Director and board attorney Jim Raines to draft a response to be reviewed and approved at the next board meeting. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Raven Lyons seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.



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AGENDA Regular Board Meeting June 12, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508
Zoom: [Click to Register](#)

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
May 2024 Minutes
- 4. Special Program: Presentation by PBI Education**
- 5. Consent Order: Case 2023-I-035, Adam Casborn A7495**
- 6. Executive Session**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)., the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 7. Officer Reports**
- 8. Committee Reports**
- 9. Unfinished Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Public Comment**
- 12. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting June 12, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on June 12, 2024 at Board office, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

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

Absent with Regrets

Meredith Warner

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

Present

Marie Vazquez Morgan
Merritt Hebert
Michael Laudadio
John Rocco DeLara

Absent with Regrets

Chris Franks
Lindsey Robinson
Jeremy Dye
Michael Hildebrand
Naikia Woodrich

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines and Alyse Latiolais were present. Student Intern Yari Sarduy was present. Members of the public present were Christina Faucheux, Marcus Houston, and Amanda Brewer.

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

Phil Page moved to amend the agenda to include the additional consent order for Elizabeth Haile and to rearrange the order of discussion to discuss the status change for licensee Marcus Houston earlier in the meeting because he is present and attending. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Page moved to change the status of Marcus Houston’s license from Suspended to Probation on June 14, 2024. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the May 2024 minutes as written. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

PBI Education provided a presentation titled Professional Boundary Violations in Physical Therapy: How Regulators Can Respond.

The board reviewed two consent orders for consideration.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Adam Casborn, License A7495 Administrative Case 2023-I-035. Deandra Narcisse seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Elizabeth Haile, License A10789 Administrative Case 2023-I-048. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

None

Treasurer

None

Executive Director

Licenses Issued from May 10, 2024 through June 6, 2024

Total: 89

PTs: 79

- Initial: 60
- Reciprocity: 2
- Provisional: 17
- Reinstatement: 0

PTAs: 10

- Initial: 2
- Reciprocity: 0
- Provisional: 6
- Reinstatement: 2

Physical Therapy Compact Privileges to Practice issued from May 10, 2024 – June 6, 2024

Initial: 7

Renewal: 6

Total: 13

YTD: 89

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 21

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 5
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0

- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction: 8
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 5

Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 2

Informal Conferences: 1

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 2

Letter of Concern: 1

Closed Cases: 1

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Real Estate

The committee provided the board with an update regarding the search for a new office space.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the May board meeting, the board received the following question received by a licensee:

I have been approached to provide Wellness Services in a new Med Spa opening in my area. They have a physician on staff and will be providing a wide range of Anti-Aging services including rejuvenation modalities. I understand my role as a physical therapist in providing wellness services but I am unclear on providing these rejuvenation modalities.

There are a number of laser schools recognized nationally for certification to perform these services.

- 1) *If I become a certified laser technician and perform skin rejuvenation treatments would it conflict with performing Wellness services at the same location?*

Nothing in the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act or the Rules of the Board prohibits a licensee from providing services outside the scope of physical therapy practice at the same location where you provide wellness services which are within the scope of physical therapy practice. Based on our understanding of the limited information provided, there is no apparent conflict.

- 2) *Would skin rejuvenation be considered part of a wellness practice under my current physical therapy license?*

The Practice Act at Revised Statute 37:2407(A)(5) defines the practice of physical therapy as “the health care profession practiced by a physical therapist licensed under this Chapter and means the holding out of one's self to the public as a physical therapist and as being engaged in the business of, or the actual engagement in, the evaluation and treatment of any physical or medical condition to restore normal function of the neuromuscular and skeletal system, to relieve pain, or to prevent disability by use of physical or mechanical means, including therapeutic exercise, mobilization, passive manipulation, therapeutic

modalities, and activities or devices for preventative, therapeutic, or medical purposes, and further shall include physical therapy evaluation, treatment planning, instruction, consultative services, and the supervision of physical therapy supportive personnel, including physical therapist assistants."

The Practice Act at Revised Statute 37:2418(C)(4) contemplates the performance of wellness services within the scope of a physical therapy practice "for the purpose of injury prevention, reduction of stress, or promotion of fitness."

Accordingly, the answer to your question will depend upon whether the skin rejuvenation is being provided for wellness purposes as defined in the Act.

Other things to consider:

-Proper screening and documentation are required for wellness services (LAC 46: LIV §307 and LAC 46: LIV§341(F)).

-A PT shall exercise sound professional judgment based upon his knowledge, skill, education, training, and experience, and shall perform only those procedures for which he is competent. If, during evaluation, reassessment or screening, the PT finds that treatment which is outside the scope of his knowledge, experience, or expertise is needed, the PT shall notify the patient or client and provide a referral to an appropriate healthcare provider (LAC 46: LIV §303.C.).

-Continuing education activities undertaken for the purpose of license renewal shall be maintained by the licensee in a file in which records of activities are kept, including dates, subjects, duration of the program, certificates of participation and completion, and any other appropriate documentation for a period of four years after the program date. Upon request, course or activity sponsors and licensees shall supply the board with such documentation (LAC 46: LIV §197.C.).

-Services and conduct outside of the scope of physical therapy practice may nevertheless be subject to Board review and discipline, to the extent that they may be deemed unprofessional conduct or otherwise result in a violation of the Practice Act or Rules. This includes but is not limited to the commission of any act contrary to honesty, justice, good morals, patient safety or the best interest of the patient, whether committed in the course of the licensee's practice or otherwise, and regardless of whether actual injury to a patient results therefrom. This also includes making or participating in any communication, advertisement, or solicitation which is false, fraudulent, deceptive, misleading or unfair in violation of Board Rules (LAC 46: LIV §345.B.(1) and (LAC 46: LIV §345.B.(10)).

The board reviewed a draft response to the licensee and provided feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the Attorney General maximum allowed rates for attorney contracts because Celia Cangelosi requested that the board consider increasing her hourly rate to the maximum allowed. The board members requested that the Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director analyze the budget impact of the increase and report back at the next board meeting.

The board received the following questions from APTA-LA related to imaging:

- When a physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present requiring services beyond their practice scope, does the therapist have a duty to refer the patient, in the most timely fashion, to an appropriate healthcare provider/ practitioner to assist in managing the case when warranted?

- In reference to the first query and the Statute cited above, does the Board consider a board-certified radiologist to be a “ qualified professional or appropriate healthcare provider”?
- Does the Statute cited above, or any other part of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, explicitly prohibit physical therapists from referring patients directly to a radiologist for appropriate diagnostic imaging studies?

The board determined that the answers to the APTA questions are yes, yes and no.

The board received the following questions from a representative of an imaging company related to imaging:

1. Are there any prohibitions for a Physical Therapist (one with a doctorate or one without) from referring (writing the physical order) for medical imaging?
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that uses radiation?
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that does not use radiation, such as ultrasound and MRI?.
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that uses contrast or isotopes along with the imaging?

Please refer to the bottom of the practice act in reference to the scope of practice and mandates for the radiology technologists to apply the radiation to a human being. This is a sticking point we will be reaching out to the LA board of RT. I would like your opinion from the State Association on this paragraph.

The board determined that the answers to the question from the imaging company are yes, yes and yes. In response to the final statement from the imaging company, that question is being asked of the Association and will be referred to the APTA-LA. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to authorize the board attorney and Executive Director to draft a response to both questions related to imaging for the board to consider at the next board meeting. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board received the following question from a licensee:

[I] have contacted the APTA and they in turn have told me to contact you. I am an outpatient clinic owner. In the state of Louisiana can a licensed massage therapist treat patients, document and bill underneath a DPT similar to a PTA as long as a plan of care is established? All rules would remain intact for practice ie. 6thvisit, updates in POC etc.

The board approved the following response to the licensee:

Thank you for submitting your inquiry to the Louisiana Physical Therapy board. You asked, “In the state of Louisiana can a licensed massage therapist treat patients, document and bill underneath a DPT similar to a PTA as long as a plan of care is established? All rules would remain intact for practice ie. 6thvisit, updates in POC etc.”

No, in the state of Louisiana a licensed massage therapist cannot treat patients, document and bill underneath a DPT similar to a PTA because they are not a licensed PTA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.



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Executive Director

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting July 24, 2024

Location: Board Office
2110 W Pinhook Rd, Ste 202
Lafayette, LA 70508
Zoom: [Click to Register](#)

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
June 2024 Minutes
- 4. Consent Orders:**
Case 2023-I-005, license# 01920 Jamie Floyd
Case 2024-I-018, license# 08890R Steven Gosselin
Case 2024-I-017, license# 11541 Edward Reynolds
Case 2024-I-016, license # 07961 Hubert Ashley
- 5. Executive Session**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)., the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the licensee.
- 6. Officer Reports**
- 7. Committee Reports**
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting July 24, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on July 24, 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
Deandra “DeeDee” Narcisse
Lee Rielly
Adam York
Oday Lavergne

Absent with Regrets

Meredith Warner

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

Present

Chris Franks

Absent with Regrets

Lindsey Robinson
Jeremy Dye
Michael Hildebrand
Naikia Woodrich
Merritt Hebert
Michael Laudadio
John Rocco DeLara

From staff and contracted entities, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, and Compliance Officer, Stephanie Boudreaux were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines and Alyse Latiolais were present. Student Interns Yarianna Sarduy and Jacilyn Rabb were present. Members of the public present were Christina Fauchaux, Edward Reynolds, Judith Halverson, Hubert Ashley, Lauren, Luke, and Amanda Brewer.

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

Lee Rielly moved to amend the agenda to add consent orders for cases 2024-I-019 and 2024-I-012. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the July 2024 minutes as amended. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board reviewed four consent orders for consideration.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Jamie Floyd, license# 01920 Administrative Case 2024-I-005. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Steven Gosselin, license# 08890R Administrative Case 2024-I-018. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Edward Reynolds, license# 11541 Administrative Case 2024-I-017. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Hubert Ashley, license# 07961 Administrative Case 2024-I-016. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Mary Shanks, license# 00183 Administrative Case 2024-I-019. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve the Consent Order in the matter of Lauren Luke, license# 07854 Administrative Case 2024-I-012. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and all voted aye except Oday Lavergne who voted nay. The motion was approved with majority vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Lewy addressed the board regarding his role as the new chairman and provided the board with an update from Leadership Issues Forum (LIF).

Treasurer

None

Executive Director

Licenses Issued from June 7, 2024 through July 18, 2024

Total: 28

PTs: 12

- Initial: 1
- Reciprocity: 4
- Provisional: 7
- Reinstatement: 0

PTAs: 16

- Initial: 13
- Reciprocity: 1
- Provisional: 2
- Reinstatement: 0

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

Initial: 11

Renewal: 5

Total: 16

YTD: 105

Complaints Summary

Currently open on licensees: 23

- Boundaries: 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation: 4
- Substance Abuse: 0
- Malpractice: 0
- Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction: 8
- Previous Disciplinary Action: 0
- CEU Non-Compliance: 0
- Practice-Related Issues: 8

Currently open on non-licensees: 1

Complaints Received: 5

Informal Conferences: 13

Hearings scheduled/notices sent: 0

Appeals: 0

Proposed Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 3

Letter of Concern: 0

Closed Cases: 4

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Real Estate

The committee provided the board with an update regarding the search for a new office space which meets Goal 1.5 of the current strategic plan

Practice Act

Committee assignments were discussed for 2024-2025. The committee recommended adding Advisory Committee member Merritt Hebert to the Practice Act committee. The committee reviewed which strategic plan action items had been met and which were in progress for the second half of the year.

CEU

The committee presented a continuing education course application to the board. Phil Page moved to deny the course title SERTIP: SomatoEmotional Release Technique: Mastering the Inner Physician because it does not contain evidence-led information related to the practice of physical therapy and clinical outcomes. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved the denial of the course.

Committee assignments were discussed for 2024-2025 and board member Lee Rielly was recommended to be added to the CEU committee. The committee reviewed which strategic plan action items had been met and which were in progress for the second half of the year.

Investigative

Committee assignments were discussed for 2024-2025 and board member Adam York was recommended to be added to the Investigative committee. The committee reviewed which strategic plan action items had been met and which were in progress for the second half of the year.

Oday Lavergne recommended to appoint Phil Page to remain as a public member of the investigative committee after his terms ends, pursuant to §2405.B(13). The board members agreed.

Applicant Review

Committee assignments were discussed for 2024-2025 and board member Deandra Johnson-Narcisse was recommended to be added to the Applicant Review Committee. The committee reviewed which strategic plan action items had been met and which were in progress for the second half of the year.

Education and Outreach

Committee assignments were discussed for 2024-2025 and Chairman Danny Lewy was recommended to be added to the Education and Outreach committee. The committee reviewed which strategic plan action items had been met and which were in progress for the second half of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed attorney Celia Cangelosi's request to match the maximum hourly rate for attorneys set by the Louisiana Attorney General's office. Oday Lavergne moves to approve the hourly rate for Board attorney Celia Cangelosi to match the new maximum allowed by the Louisiana Attorney General. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin presented to the board regarding the issue of the cost of monitoring visits. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to request reimbursement of monitoring visits, but to not exceed a total of \$250 invoiced to any individual being monitored. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

At the June board meeting, the board received the reviewed multiple imaging questions and requested the board attorneys to draft a response. The original questions and responses are as follows:

1. The board received the following questions from APTA-LA regarding imaging:

- When a physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present requiring services beyond their practice scope, does the therapist have a duty to refer the patient, in the most timely fashion, to an appropriate healthcare provider/ practitioner to assist in managing the case when warranted?
- In reference to the first query and the Statute cited above, does the Board consider a board-certified radiologist to be a qualified professional or appropriate healthcare provider?
- Does the Statute cited above, or any other part of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, explicitly prohibit physical therapists from referring patients directly to a radiologist for appropriate diagnostic imaging studies?

2. Second, the board received the following questions related to imaging from an imaging company:

1. Are there any prohibitions for a Physical Therapist (one with a doctorate or one without) from referring (writing the physical order) for medical imaging?
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that uses radiation?
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that does not use radiation, such as ultrasound and MRI?.
 - Can PTs refer patients for medical imaging that uses contrast or isotopes along with the imaging?

The imaging company also asked the board to please refer to the bottom of the practice act in reference to the scope of practice and mandates for the radiology technologists to apply the radiation to a human being. The question writer wrote, "This is a sticking point we will be reaching out to the LA board of RT. I would like your opinion from the State Association on this paragraph.:

In June 2024, the board determined that the answers to the APTA questions are yes, yes and no. The board determined that the answers to the question from the imaging company are yes, yes and yes. In response to the final statement from the imaging company, that question is being asked of the Association and will be referred to the APTA-LA. At the June 2024 board meeting, the board members voted for the attorneys to include supporting citations to the answers related to these imaging questions. At the July 2024 meeting, Secretary/Treasurer Brittain moved to approve attorney drafted responses to imaging questions. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The board received the following question from a licensee:

I was hoping to get some help in interpreting a portion of the practice act, which is as follows in the section Unprofessional Conduct:

"Performing or attempting to perform procedures for which the licensee is not qualified by education, experience, licensure, or training."

My clinic would like to train me in performing pelvic floor examinations via digital rectal exam. I know that people typically take a course for this training, but it wanted to see, in the board's eyes, if in house training by qualified individual's would be sufficient? This would involve consent training, practical training, and potentially supervised PT/patient interactions, covering all of the bases not covered in a standard DPT program.

The board discussed and agreed that it was appropriate to refer the licensee to §303.C of the Practice Act and Rules.

Mrs. Martin presented multiple dates of events to the board to save in their calendars, including the next FSBPT Annual meeting and the next Jurisprudence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Brittain seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.



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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.



Jeff Landry
Governor

State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals

Charlotte F. Martin, M.P.A.
Executive Director

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2024

Location: Board Office
One American Place
301 Main St., Suite 2300
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Approve Minutes**
August 2024 Minutes
- 4. Consideration of Requested Motion to End Probation**
In the matter of Case 2022-I-039, license# 04772F Gretchen Duplantis
- 5. Consideration of Requested Preapplication Eligibility Determination**
In the matter of Requestor: JH
- 6. Consideration of Proposed Consent Orders:**
In the matter of Case 2023-I-057, license# A8327 Daniel Allemond
In the matter of Case 2024-I-015, license# 10956 Ryan Neill
- 7. Executive Session**
In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.
- 8. Committee Reports**
CE Committee: Proposed CE Policy Amendment
Practice Act
- 9. Unfinished Business**
Board Designated Funds Management Policy approval
Investment Policy amendment
Guidelines for Timeframes for the Disciplinary Process approval

10. New Business

MDS Presentation

Secretary/Treasurer election

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP contract amendment.

Upcoming probationary period completion

11. Public Comment

12. Adjourn

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting December 11, 2024

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on December 11, 2024 at One American Place, 301 Main St Suite 2300, Baton Rouge, LA 708010. A quorum of Board Members was present.

Present

Chairman Danny Lewy
Oday Lavergne
Phil Page
Claude Tremblay
Lee Rielly
Adam York
Matthew Williams

Absent with Regrets

Deandra Naricsse

The following Advisory Committee members were present.

Present

Absent with Regrets

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

From staff and contracted entities, Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Anne Nims were present. Board attorneys Jim Raines, Alyse Latiolais, and Sheri Morris were present. RPTP Manager Kathie Pohlman was present. Members of the public present were APTA-LA members Karl Kleinpeter, Amanda Brewer, and Cristina Fauchoux. Other members of the public present were licensee Gretchen Duplantis and Attorney Heather Duplantis.

Chairman Lewy called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

Chairman Lewy moved to approve the agenda. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved to approve the August 2024 minutes. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTED MOTION TO END PROBATION

Attorney Jim Raines presented a request to the board from licensee Gretchen Duplantis, license# 04772F, case 2022-I-039, to declare that she has satisfied the terms of the board's disciplinary orders.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTED PREAPPLICATION DETERMINATION

Attorney Alyse Latiolais presented the board with a Pre-Application Determination request from applicant JH, a potential PTA student.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CONSENT ORDERS

Attorney Alyse Latiolais presented to the board on the following consent orders:

- 2023-I-057, License# A8327 Daniel Allemond
- 2024-I-015, License# 10956 Ryan Neill

Oday Lavergne moved to enter Executive Session. Adam York seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved entering Executive Session.

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

Oday Lavergne moved to deny the motion to terminate probation for Gretchen Duplantis. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. Board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday moved to offer a consent order to amend the original probation which Attorney Jim Raines would draft and present to Gretchen Duplantis. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the consent order for case 2023-I-057 Daniel Allemond, License# A8327 as presented. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Oday Lavergne moved to approve the consent order for case 2024-I-015 Ryan Neill, License# 10956 as presented. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Phil Page moved that based La Revised Statute Title 37 subsection 33, this board issues a determination that based on the criminal record information submitted by the applicant JH, the individual is not disqualified from receiving or holding a PTA license in Louisiana. However, the applicant may be subject to additional requirements for licensure, including but not limited to the Recovering Physical Therapy Program. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU

The committee presented an update to the CEU policy for approval which would add guidance for instructional levels and clarify speaker requirements.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the addition of instructional guidance to the Continuing Education Policy and the updates made to the speaker qualifications language. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Practice Act

The committee presented the board with a request from APTA-LA for input on a potential amendment. No motion or decision was made in regards to this presentation which was for informational and discussion purposes.

Investigative

None.

Education & Outreach

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Alyse Latiolais presented the board with a Management of Designated Funds Policy.

Phil Page moved to approve the Management of Designated Funds Policy as amended by board attorney Alyse Latiolais. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Attorney Alyse Latiolais presented the board with an amendment to the Investment Policy.

Phil Page moved to approved the amendment to the Investment Policy. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Attorney Jim Raines presented the board with the Guidelines for Timeframes for Investigations.

Phil Page moved to approve the Guidelines for Timeframes for Timeframes for Investigations. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Page presented results from recent years' MDS data to the board.

Chairman Lewy called for nominations for the vacant Secretary/Treasurer officer position.

Chairman Lewy nominated Oday Lavergne to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Lee Rielly seconded. The board held a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

Ms. Alwell presented the board with a request to amend a legal contract.

Phil Page to amend the Breazeale, Sachse, & Wilson , LLP contract, increasing the maximum allowable amount of \$300,000 to \$550,000, to remove the law clerk fees, and to update the services. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mr. Raines informed the board of two licensees who are nearing the end of their probation period in January 2025 prior to the next schedule board meeting. He requested the board authorize the staff to change the licensees' status from probation to active, pending their full completion of all requirements.

Phil Page moved to authorize the board staff to change the license status of Jose Garcia, license # A09801, case 2018-I-036 and Lorrain Doucet, license# 02040F, case 2022-I-031 from probation to active so long as each has completed all requirements of their orders. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Oday Lavergne seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:28pm.