



Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

BOARD OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES November 15, 2022

Call to Order

The Maryland Department of Health Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Open Session meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Board Chair Gordes, who established that a quorum was present and reviewed the agenda which was adopted.

Board Members Present

Karen Gordes, PT, Ph.D., DScPT, Chair
Rebecca Holsinger, PT, DPT, NCS, CVTP, Vice Chair
Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT
Samuel Esterson, PT, DPT, MBA, OCS
Michelle Finnegan, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, CCTT, CMTPT, FAAOMPT
Enjeen Woolford, PTA
Meredith Levert, Public Member
James Connors, Public Member

Staff Present

Laurie Kendall-Ellis, Executive Director
Ogu Isaac Okehie, Deputy Director
Brett Felter, Board Counsel
Lillian Reese, Legislative & Regulations Coordinator
Lisa Scott, Licensing Manager
Khadija Ali, Continuing Education Manager
Marc Ware, Compliance Administrator
Susan Erdman, Lead Investigator
Morgan Powell, Licensing Coordinator

Approve October 18, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners approves October 18, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes. (Motion introduced by Board Chair Gordes; motion seconded by Vice Chair Holsinger).

The motion passed.

Board Chair Welcome and Update

Board Chair Gordes welcomed Board Members, staff, and the public. The ground rules for the meeting were shared. Board members and staff were introduced and acknowledged.

Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kendall-Ellis reported that The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners amended COMAR 10.38.08 Continuing Education Requirements was on the agenda for the Secretary's November Regulatory

Review Committee meeting. The Secretary removed the amended COMAR 10.38.08 from the meeting agenda therefore it was not discussed; however, the Board will continue to pursue the passing of the amended Continuing Education Requirements Regulation.

Executive Director Kendall-Ellis and Board member Woolford attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual Meeting. We met with other Executive Directors and Board members from across the nation (over 50 Physical Therapy Jurisdictions) and received education relevant to our roles. Director Kendall-Ellis and Board Member Woolford shared a few highlights from the Meeting.

The Board's Data Entry and Records Retention Supervisor, Sharon Harris-Friend accepted a position with the Department of Labor, and her last day with the Board was November 7, 2022. We thank Sharon for her teamwork and support on a daily basis as well as during COVID-19 and the cyber incident. The Board is pleased to announce the hiring of Board Investigator, Leia Cathell who started November 9, 2022.

Monthly Applicant and Licensee Report

Licensing Manager Scott reported the following as of November 1, 2022

- 30 new licenses were issued (23 Physical Therapists; 7 Physical Therapist Assistants)
- The total number of active licensees is 9,415 (7,092 Physical Therapists and 2,323 Physical Therapist Assistants)

Continuing Education

Board Vice Chair and Continuing Education Board Committee Lead Holsinger presented the committee's report. Continuing Education applicants will be notified of the Board's decisions and provided with the relevant regulatory reference (COMAR 10.38.08). Continuing Education applications that received the committee's unanimous approval have been notified.

The following continuing education applications were presented to the Board for a decision:

Motion: That the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners accepts the Continuing Education Board Committee's recommendation to deny *Inclusive Services for LGBT Adults*. (motion introduced by Board Vice Chair Holsinger, motion seconded by Board Member Esterson). The motion passed.

Open Session Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: That the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners moves to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 1:26 PM in order to engage in deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (13) - To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed a requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter. (motion introduced by Board Chair Gordes; motion seconded by Board Member Conroy). The motion passed.

The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Karen Gordes, PT, Ph.D., DScPT, Chair

Minutes approved by the Board on 01/17/2023