



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

July 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:13 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure and discuss other privileged matters in accordance with General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

Call to Order

Board Members Present:

Stephen Baur, PT
Krystal Lighty, PT
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Board Members Absent:

Meredith Levert, Consumer Member

Also Present:

Carlton Curry, Executive Director
Joy Aaron, Deputy Director
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Desiree DeVoe, Investigator
Patricia Miller, Secretary
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Guests:

Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Health Occupation Boards
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Sharon Bloom

Also Absent:

John Bull, Compliance Manager/ Investigator

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2017 were approved.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board that the next regulatory work group is scheduled on July 24, 2017. A plan must be identified to review the entire practice act by August 1, 2017. Mr. Curry informed the Board that Katharine Stout was not reappointed to the Board. Kimberly Rotondo, Board Member states that the regulatory clean-up is in line with the strategic plan. Brett Felter, Board Counsel states there is a revision to the Open Meetings Act which requires Board Member and staff training.	Legislative Update
The language revision was not discussed because the Occupational Therapy Board withdrew the legislative proposal. Sumesh Thomas, Board Member volunteered to attend separate meeting to represent the Board.	Legislative Proposal Language Revision
The Continuing Competency Committee will be comprised of Kimberley Rotondo, Stephen Baur, Donna Richmond and Krystal Lighty. Cultural Competency and Jurisprudence have been added to the proposed lists of topics to be considered.	Continuing Competency
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.	Licensure Update
The Board held elections for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Curry states that for the position of Vice Chair, Board Member Kimberly Rotondo formally expressed interest. There were no nominations and no opposition. Ms. Rotondo was elected as Vice Chair.	Vice Chair Elections
A Physical Therapist requested feedback on the following: the therapist is being asked to score patients in the functional assessment portion of the OASIS C regardless of what the therapist observes patients are scored as non-independent. The Board's response is to exercise sound professional judgment. The Board states that the licensee may wish to contact the third party for further instruction on using the form and for additional training.	Scope of Practice, OASIS Form
Mr. Curry states that the third draft of the RFP is due on July 20, 2017. The Board request a review of the applications for renewal and new applicants at the September Board meeting.	Strategic Planning
The Board voted to deny the following CEU course application: <i>'Core Competencies: PT Collaboration and Communication'</i> because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.	Continuing Education
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(b) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

The board meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

9/19/2017
Date Approved



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson