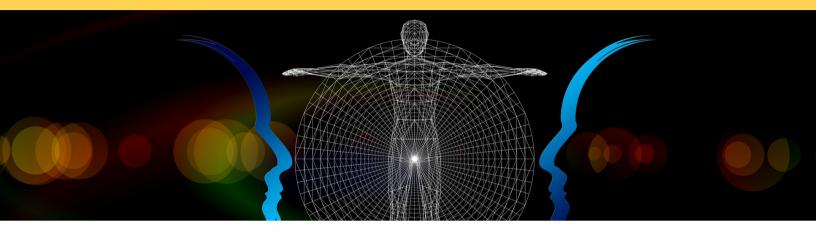


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Board Officers Election

By Laurie Kendall - Ellis, Executive Director

In compliance with §13-203, the Board from among its Board members, unanimously elected on May 17, 2022, Karen Gordes, PT, PhD, DScPT as Board Chair and Rebecca Holsinger, PT, DPT, NCS, CVTP as Board Vice Chair. Their officer terms begin July 1, 2022.

Dr. Karen Gordes is excited about continuing her role as Chair. Her passion for giving back to the physical therapy profession and the community is apparent. Over her five years of Board service, Dr. Gordes has advanced the Board's mission and vision.

Dr. Rebecca Holsinger has an appreciation of how the Board governs. As Vice Chair she facilitates and participates in active discussions. Dr. Holsinger upholds the Board's mission and vision through her effective leadership. **INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

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"988"

TO LAUNCH
AS NEW MENTAL
HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE

Welcome, Dr. Conroy!

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Vincent Conroy, PT, DScPT, to the Board of Directors effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Conroy is Assistant
Professor for the Department
of Physical Therapy and
Rehabilitation Science and
Department of Anatomy and
Neurobiology at the
University of Maryland
School of Medicine in
Baltimore.

We are looking forward to Dr. Conroy's participation and the expertise he brings based on his experiences in the hospital and academic areas.

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Farewell Dr. Thomas

We would like to sincerely thank Dr. Sumesh Thomas, PT, DPT, OCS, CHT, FAAOMPT for his eight years of Board service.

During Dr. Thomas's tenure, his strategic thinking and analytical approach contributed to the Board's governance success. As Board Chair from June 1, 2019, to May 31, 2020, Dr. Sumesh tirelessly gave his time and resources.

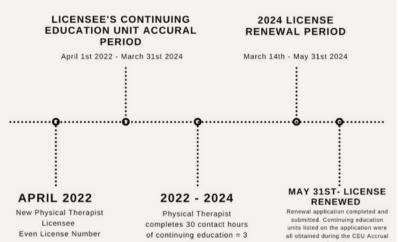
Thank you Dr. Thomas for being a valued board member and advancing the Board's mission and vision.



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Example:

Continuing Education and License Renewal



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Period.

Note:

Even License Number

- Certificates of Completion must indicate that CE Units were accrued during the CEU accrual period.
- Courses taken after March 31st of the renewal year will not be accepted for the current year renewal period.

Questions? Contact Isaac Okehie, **Deputy Director via email at** Ogui.Okehie@maryland.gov

Continuing Education

CEU ACCRUAL PERIOD APRIL 1ST - MARCH 31ST

 Continuing Education Units (CEUS) must be accrued between April 1st and March 31st of the licensee's renewal cycle.

Required Continuing Education Units for License Renewal

- Physical Therapists 3 CEUs (30 contact hours of Education)
- Physical Therapist Assistants - 2 CEUs (20 contact hours of Education)

COMAR 10.38.08.05 <u>Renewal Requirements</u>



The Maryland Practice Act consists of the Health
Occupations Article, Title 13
Statutes, and the Code of
Maryland Regulations, Title 10,
Subtitle 38. All Licensed
Maryland Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants
must understand and abide by the Statutes and Regulations that govern the practice of Physical Therapy.



Virtual Board Meetings

Board Meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Agendas are posted on our website. Join by phone:

(US)+1(301) 882-3047

PIN: 7209 935 914# Join by Video (copy and paste this

meet.google.com/rbpmkdk-pbi

link):

Board Meeting Links:

Open Session Meeting Minutes

Open Session Meeting Agenda

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