

Board of Registration of Allied Health Professionals
1000 Washington Street, Boston MA 02118
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Date: February 26, 2015

Location: Rm. 1C

Time: 9:05 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

James "Zach" Zachazewski, AT, Chair
Annette Iglarsh, PT, PhD., Vice Chair
Stacy Potvin, PTA,
Nancy Lowenstein, OT, Secretary
Lisa Ayles, AT
Jay Bernasconi, PT
Chrys Peralta, OTR/L
Julie Cahill-O'Shea, Public Member
Thomas Darisse, OTA
Jamie Musler, AT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elleen D'Agostino, Health Care Fraud Investigator
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Deta Deans, Board Administrator
Neldy Jean-Francois, Executive Director
Ana Garcia, Associate Executive Director

9:05: Housekeeping

- Meeting called to order by James Zachazewski
- Facility Briefing (fire drill instructions) by Peter Kelley

9: 12 AM Board Business

- Election of Board Officers:
- Motion to elect James Zachazewski as Chair, by Stacy Potvin, second by Jamie Musler:
- Motion to elect Lisa Ayles was made by Jamie Musler and seconded by Stacy Potvin; motion to elect Jay Bernasconi as Vice Chair, by Annette Iglarsh, second by Chrys Peralta. By a vote of 6 to 4, Mr. Bernasconi was elected vice-chair
- Motion to elect Nancy Lowenstein as Secretary, by James Zachazewski, seconded by Chrys Peralta
- Approval of January minutes, motion to accept with recommended edits by J. Zachazewski and seconded by C. Peralta; all approved
- Report from Board Counsel: Arkansas Supreme court rendered decision that defeated the Chiropractor's claim that spinal manipulation is their sole scope of practice. DPL Director Mark Metz has resigned effective February 27th, 2015. Layla D'Emilia has resigned effective March 6, 2015. Amendment to TF consent agreement. Materials requested by Board (CV of treating clinicians, cover letter) not received and must be, in order for consent agreement to be in effect. Will report at March meeting on status of materials for further Board discussion, if needed. NF added to executive session for litigation strategy.

9:30 AM Facility Application Review/Conference:

TOPIC: Greendale Physical Therapy-YMCA

DISCUSSION: Facility did not comply with Final Decision of 9/10 by paying fine or completing CEUs within 90 days; other issues with meeting professional requirements in timely basis; recommend investigator go to facility.

ACTION: Motion to deny PT facility application for PTCO by L. Ayles, seconded by T. Darisse, all in favor.

Motion to go into closed session by A. Iglarsh; Seconded by S. Potvin.

9:40 a.m. Investigative Conference {Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112. 65c}

During the closed session for Investigative Conference the Board voted to take the following action:

- AH 15-016 (HH)-Dismiss with an advisory
- SA-AH-15-001 (RM)- Dismiss

- AH-15-020 (PR)- Forward to prosecutions
- AH-15-025-Forward to prosecutions
- AH-15-031 Dismiss

11:38: Motion to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy. Moved by S. Potvin: Seconded by J. Musler. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.

Motion to exit Executive Session and enter open session by S. Potvin; seconded by J. Bernasconi. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.

Open meeting resumed at 11:51 a.m.

11:51a.m. Motion to suspend the open meeting to enter Closed Session to conduct a Deliberative/Quasi-Judicial Review under G.L. c. 30A, 18, 5(d) by S. Potvin: Seconded by A. Iglarsh. Vote: Unanimous

11: 51 a.m. Deliberative/Quasi Judicial Session

- AH-13- 024 (JC)

11:56: Motion to go into open session by S. Potvin: Seconded by J. Bernasconi. Vote: Unanimous

11:56: Application reviews (PCS)

TOPIC: Sharon Tilton-PTA applying for license reciprocity as she is licensed in RI.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Iglarsh took no part in the deliberation or vote on this matter. Chair of PTA program at Quincy College. Regulations require licensees to take the examination required by the Board.

ACTION : Motion to require ST to take the PTA Certification exam. PCA will be notified to keep her application open for 6 months by S. Potvin; second by J. Zachazewski; Vote: Unanimous of all those present and voting.

TOPIC Nidhi Trenhan PT License

DISCUSSION: FBCPT review denied equivalency based on general education courses.

ACTION: Review by A. Iglarsh finds she has exceeded the educational requirements for professional courses and can be licensed

Motion to approve request by A. Iglarsh; second J. Bernasconi: Vote: Unanimous.

12:04 Correspondence

DPH Letter terminating provider contract for John Kennedy License # 5313

DPH Letter terminating provider contract for Richard Kennedy License # 4685

AH-903-PA (MH): adverse action from CT.

All read and filed.

12:04 PM Motion to adjourn meeting by S. Potvin, seconded by J. Musler, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Lowenstein, OTR, Secretary