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Public Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2021

**Board Members Present:**

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT  
Stacy Potvin, Vice Chair, PTA  
Andrew Rizza, AT  
Deborah Slater, OT  
Catherine Lane, PT  
Melanie Glynn, OTA  
Stephanie Smith, OT  
Reena Patel, AT (arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

**Staff Members Present:**

Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Board Business**

- **Public Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021:** The Board tabled consideration of the Public Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021 until the January meeting.
- **Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2021:** The Board tabled consideration of the Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2021 until the January meeting.
- **In Person Meetings:** The Board discussed whether to meet by videoconference next month and agreed to continue meeting by videoconference.

**Requests for PTCO Experience Waiver**

- **Interview with Ashley Traniello for Crossroads PT and Wellness LLC:** Ms. Traniello appeared to discuss Crossroads PT and Wellness LLC's request for the Board to waive the PTCO experience requirement and allow her to be Crossroads PT and Wellness



LLC's PTCO. Ms. Traniello explained that she has experience in the administration aspects of physical therapy facilities, and her husband has been a PTA for 15 years. They plan for the facility to start with just Ms. Traniello and her husband for the first year before they hire more staff. She also explained that she knows PTCOs with whom she can consult as necessary.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve Crossroads PT and Wellness LLC's PTCO experience waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Application Review – Discipline in Another Jurisdiction**

- **Edison Bono, PT Applicant:** The Board reviewed Mr. Bono's application, including his prior reprimand in New Hampshire for providing a completed examination to a wrong party. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Ms. Potvin, to allow Mr. Bono to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

- **CE Regulations Implementation:** Mr. Kelley reported that the Continuing Competency regulations still are being reviewed by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for final approval.
- **CORI Policy:** Mr. Kelley reported that the Board likely will review draft changes to its CORI Policy at the January meeting.

### **Investigative Conference** (Closed under G.L. ch. 112, § 65C)

At 9:44 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to exit open session and enter into a closed session under G.L. ch. 112, § 65C to conduct an investigatory conference. The motion passed unanimously.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following action:

#### **Case**

2021-000612-IT-ENF (AA):

Dismiss

At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Slater, to exit closed session and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 10:05 a.m.

### **Request for PTCO Experience Waiver**

- **Interview with Casey Egan for Ripple Physical Therapy:** Ms. Egan appeared to discuss Ripple Physical Therapy's request for the Board to waive the PTCO experience requirement and allow her to be Ripple Physical Therapy's PTCO.

Ms. Patel arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Ms. Egan explained that she was working by herself but recently hired a new person and wants to be in compliance. She has experience supervising students and administrators. The facility would consist of two physical therapists, two massage therapists, and an administrator. She stated that she believes the job of a PTCO is to supervise everyone to ensure they are meeting relevant standards. She described the practice in more detail and the weekly meetings scheduled there.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Musler, seconded by Ms. Slater, to table consideration of Ripple Physical Therapy's PTCO experience waiver request and to request the following from Ripple Physical Therapy:

- A copy of the massage therapy establishment license and all other professional licenses.
- A statement regarding how physical therapy and massage therapy interface with each other at the facility, and any supporting documentation.
- Ms. Egan's resume.
- The facility's current policies and procedures.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rizza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 24, 2022.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

### **List of Documents Used by the Board at the Public Meeting:**

- Agenda for Meeting of December 16, 2021
- PTCO Experience Waiver Request of Crossroads PT and Wellness LLC and supporting documentation
- PTCO Experience Waiver Request of Ripple Physical Therapy and supporting documentation
- PT Application of Edison Bono