

Board of Registration in Allied Health Professionals
1000 Washington Street, Boston MA 02118
Public Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2020 **Location:** Virtual Meeting **Time:** 9:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT
Stacy Potvin, Vice Chair, PTA
Andrew Rizza, AT
Norene Pease, Public Member
Catherine Lane, PT
Reena Patel, AT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director
Tonia Tassinari, Acting Executive Director

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Randy Jean, PT
Stephanie Smith, OT

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Housekeeping

- Meeting Called to order
- Board Chair went over process of conducting the meeting via telephone conference.

Board Business

- Public minutes for March 26, 2020. Motion made by Stacy Potvin to accept minutes with corrections seconded by Catherine Lane. All in favor.
- Executive minutes tabled for closed session to discuss corrections.

Board Counsel Report:

- Board counsel went over the proposed Allied Health Temporary Emergency License policy. The policy requires submission of temporary license application, one official verification of licensure and a CORI acknowledgment form. The emergency license will extend through the state of emergency during COVID19. A motion to approve the policy was made by Norene Pease and seconded by Stacy Potvin. All in favor.

Review and Vote on Regulations

- To remain tabled until the board is in an in-person setting.

Correspondence

- Email from Gina Kim Re Submission of Transcripts to PCS COVID-19- Andrew Rizza made a motion to allow for electronic submission of transcripts to PCS by the educational institution during the state of emergency, seconded by Stacy Potvin. All in favor.
- Email from Tracey Brudvig Re Certificate of Completion of Education Credentials form- Catherine Lane motioned to allow for electronic submission of the form to PCS by the educational institution during the state of emergency, seconded by Andrew Rizza. All in favor.

- Email from Kathleen Murray Re PT scope of practice respiratory care- The board discussed respiratory monitoring versus respiratory adjustment. The Board determined, by unanimous consent, that respiratory monitoring falls within the scope of practice of physical therapy, while respiratory adjustment falls outside the scope of PT practice.

10:00 AM-Investigative Conference -New Cases [Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]: Motion to exit open session and enter closed sessions for Investigative Conferences-New Cases pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C made by Stacy Potvin, second by Reena Patel: Motion passed unanimously.

During the closed session, the board made the following decisions:

- 2020-000076-IT-ENF Dismissed
- 2019-000173-IT-ENF Dismissed
- Stacy Potvin moved to accept the Executive Session minutes for March 26, 2020 with changes. Seconded by Catherine Lane. All in favor

Motion by Andrew Rizza to exit closed session and enter open session. Seconded by Norene Pease. All in favor.

11:26 AM Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Rizza, second by Norene Pease all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eboni Lewis
Associate Executive Director