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**Board of Allied Health Professions
Public Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT
Andrew Rizza, Vice Chair, AT
Deborah Slater, Secretary, OT
Stacy Potvin, PTA
Melanie Glynn, OTA
Diane Smith, OT
Reena Patel, AT

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Patel, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Welcome to the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Professions Licensure:** James Lavery, Director, and Lauren Nelson, Acting Deputy Director, introduced themselves to the Board and welcomed the Board to DPH. Board members asked questions about new processes, and a discussion followed.

Monitoring

- **Melissa Tapp, 2021-000923-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation:** The Board reviewed the petition. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Potvin, to approve the petition. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Eleanor Garcia, 2021-000936-IT-ENF, 1.3.23 Email from A. Burger re: Monitoring Instructions:** The Board reviewed the email seeking guidance on the duties of the proposed monitor under the consent agreement. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Ms. Potvin, to direct Mr. Bialas to respond to Mr. Burger and explain that any proposed monitor should suggest a plan for the monitoring when Ms. Garcia proposes that person. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Correspondence

- **10.6.22 Letter from K. Jackson re: Wound Care and Debridement:** The Board reviewed the letter asking whether certain practices are within the scope of practice of a Physical Therapy license. After a brief discussion, the Board tabled the letter to a future meeting when Physical Therapy board members are present, and after board counsel can review relevant legal issues.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Mr. Musler requested that, at the next meeting, the Board review the “Advisory Letter from the Office of Emergency Medical Services” regarding Athletic Trainers that currently is posted on the Board’s website.

Executive Session CLOSED under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information

At 10:04 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Ms. Slater, to exit the public meeting and enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information, to review a petition to reinstate. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:04 a.m.

Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to Conduct Investigatory Conferences

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:17 a.m.

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

Cases

2022-000835-IT-ENF (DS):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
2022-000922-IT-ENF (MC):	Interview respondent
2022-001025-IT-ENF (SW):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
2022-001063-IT-ENF (TA):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
2022-001098-IT-ENF (BD):	Dismiss

Adjournment

At 11:14 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to exit closed session and return to open session, then adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 23, 2023.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of January 26, 2023
- Public Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022
- Melissa Tapp, 2021-000923-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation
- Eleanor Garcia, 2021-000936-IT-ENF, 1.3.23 Email from A. Burger re: Monitoring Instructions
- 10.6.22 Letter from K. Jackson re: Wound Care and Debridement