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

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Joshua Boeh-Ocansey, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Board Business

- **Roll Call Vote for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members: Jamie Musler, Andrew Rizza, Deborah Slater, Reena Patel, Diane Smith, and Melanie Glynn all present by videoconference.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023 with changes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2023 with changes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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; specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate a monitoring request and requests for continuing competence waivers that involve medical records and information of patients.)

At 9:07 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Slater, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B, to discuss and evaluate a monitoring request and requests for continuing competence waivers that involve medical records and information of patients; then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review a settlement offer and a new case; and then, after the conclusion of investigative conference, (3) not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 9:07 a.m.

Board maintains separate minutes of executive session.

Investigative Conference (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 9:36 a.m.

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

Settlement

2022-000292-IT-ENF (CC): Gave direction to prosecutor

Case

AHP-2023-0017 (CG): Refer to the office of prosecutions

Adjournment

At 9:51 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Mr. Rizza, to exit closed session and return to open session, then adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on December 21, 2023.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of October 26, 2023
- Public Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023
- Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2023