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**Board of Allied Health Professions
Public Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT
Deborah Slater, Secretary, OT
Diane Smith, OT
Melanie Glynn, OTA
Stacy Potvin, PTA
Catherine Lane, PT
Reena Patel, AT

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Michael Egan, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor
Pamely Mota, Investigative Intern

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board Business

- **Roll Call Vote for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members: Jamie Musler, Deborah Slater, Diane Smith, Melanie Glynn, Stacy Potvin, Catherine Lane, and Reena Patel all present by videoconference.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Patel, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Lane, seconded by Ms. Slater, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Selection of Delegates to 2024 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Leadership Issues Forum and Annual Education Meeting:** The Board deferred the selection of delegates to the March meeting.
- **Board Counsel Report:** Mr. Egan introduced himself to the Board and announced that he is the Board's new counsel. He explained that he is working on the issue regarding athletic trainers who are not Board of Certification certified and on a schedule of fine amounts for unlicensed practice.

Discussion

- **License Reactivation Process:** Mr. Bialas presented a draft license reactivation guide reflecting a new license reactivation process. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to incorporate changes into the reactivation guide and to create a revised reactivation policy for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Correspondence

- **11.3.23 Email from J. Reidy re: Orthopedic Physician Extender Certification and Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice:** Mr. Egan will report on this inquiry next month.
- **Suturing and Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice:** Mr. Egan will report on this inquiry next month.
- **1.30.24 Email from L. Szostakowski re: Grade 3 Thoracic Mobilization and Physical Therapy Assistant Scope of Practice:** The Board reviewed an email asking whether performing a grade 3 thoracic mobilization is within the scope of practice of a physical therapist assistant. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to respond that it is not.

Executive Session (CLOSED under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with 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 the physical condition or mental health of a licensee as it relates to a licensee's monitoring report)

At 9:41 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Slater, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into 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 – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information; specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the physical condition or mental health of a licensee as it relates to a licensee's monitoring report; then (2) enter into quasi-judicial session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18 to review a tentative

final decision and order and determine the sanction for a final decision and order; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases; and then, after the conclusion of investigative conference, (4) not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 9:41 a.m.

Board maintains separate minutes of executive session.

Quasi-Judicial Session (Closed Session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18)

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 9:57 a.m.

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board took the following action:

Final Decision and Order

2022-000840-IT-ENF (JR):	Adopted tentative decision as final decision and determined sanction for final decision
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Investigative Conference (Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

At 10:08 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Lane, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:08 a.m.

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

Cases

AHP-2023-0011 (RA):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0039 (MR):	Dismiss
AHP-2023-0048 (KR):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0047 (CD):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0050 (AL):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0049 (EM):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0052 (AB):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0053 (ED):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0055 (JT):	Dismiss
AHP-2023-0056 (KP):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0059 (SG):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0060 (CS):	Refer to office of prosecutions
AHP-2023-0058 (SL):	Dismiss

AHP-2024-0002 (CN):
AHP-2024-0003 (EP):
AHP-2024-0001 (TK):
2021-000151-IT-ENF (CY):

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Adjournment

At 10:55 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Lane, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to exit closed session and return to open session, then adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on March 28, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of February 22, 2024
- Public Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of January 25, 2024
- Draft Reactivation of an Expired License guide and Allied Health Professions
Reactivation Attestation
- 1.30.24 Email from L. Szostakowski re: Grade 3 Thoracic Mobilization and Physical
Therapy Assistant Scope of Practice