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Board of Allied Health Professions Public Meeting Minutes March 27, 2025

Board Members Present:

Deborah Slater, Vice Chair, OT Stacy Potvin, Secretary, PTA Diane Smith, OT Melanie Glynn, OTA Luke Brisbin, PT Jane Baldwin, PT Reena Patel, PT Miriam Segura-Harrison, MD

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director Michael Egan, Board Counsel Sheila York, Board Counsel Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator Anastasia Bouikidis, Investigative Intern

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Board Business

- **Roll Call Vote for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members: Deborah Slater, Stacy Potvin, Diane Smith, Melanie Glynn, Luke Brisbin, Jane Baldwin, Reena Patel, and Miriam Segura-Harrison all present by videoconference.
- New Board Member Miriam Segura-Harrison: Dr. Segura-Harrison introduced herself to the Board.

- **Public Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Slater, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- Executive Session Minutes of February 27, 2025: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 27, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Remote Participation During In-Person Meetings:** Mr. Bialas explained that the statutory allowance to conduct public meetings by videoconference ends on March 31, 2025, but that the Board is permitted if it wishes to allow Board members to participate in Board meetings remotely if a quorum of members is physically present.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Potvin, to allow Board members to participate in Board meetings remotely if a quorum of members is physically present. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP): Edmund Taglieri and Mark Waksmonski from URAMP discussed the Operational Policy and Practice Restrictions to initiate the program.
 - **Operational Policy:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Slater, to approve URAMP Operational Policy 24-08. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - **Practice Restrictions:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve URAMP Practice Restrictions inclusive of supervisory qualifications. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- Approval of Proposed Regulations
 - New Section 259 CMR 8.00: Lactation Consultants: The Board reviewed the proposed regulations. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Dr. Segura-Harrison, to approve the proposed regulations with changes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - **Revisions to 259 CMR 2.00 and 259 CMR 7.00:** The Board reviewed the proposed revisions. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Baldwin, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to approve the proposed revisions with changes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Investigative Conference (closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

At 10:35 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases; and then, after the conclusion of investigative conference, (2) not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:35 a.m.

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

Cases

INV8406 (Complete Physical Therapy and Wellness): AHP-2023-0044 (CA): AHP-2024-0038 (EG): Dismiss Dismiss Refer to URAMP

Adjournment

At 11:09 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Baldwin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on April 24, 2025.

Brian P. Biela

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of March 27, 2025
- Public Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025
- Executive Session Minutes of February 27, 2025
- Draft URAMP Operational Policy
- Draft URAMP Practice Restrictions
- Draft of 259 CMR 8.00
- Draft Revisions to 259 CMR 2.00
- Draft Revisions to 259 CMR 7.00