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# **Board of Allied Health Professions Public Meeting Minutes** April 24, 2025

## **Board Members Present:**

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT Deborah Slater, Vice Chair, OT Stacy Potvin, Secretary, PTA Diane Smith, OT Luke Brisbin, PT Jane Baldwin, PT Miriam Segura-Harrison, MD David Young, Public Member

# **Staff Members Present:**

Brian Bialas, Executive Director Michael Egan, Board Counsel Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator Jacob Edwards, Investigator

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, Stacy Potvin, Diane Smith, Luke Brisbin, Jane Baldwin, Miriam Segura-Harrison, and David Young all present by videoconference.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Baldwin, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

# **Discussion**

• Administration of Oxygen by Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists: The Board reviewed an email asking whether physical therapists and occupational therapists may utilize and adjust oxygen in their treatment programs. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Slater, to direct Mr. Bialas to respond that, once oxygen is ordered or prescribed, physical therapists and occupational therapists who have appropriate knowledge, training, and skill may adjust a patient's oxygen within the scope of a standing order at a hospital. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Executive Session** (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to discuss and evaluate the good moral character of an applicant as required for licensure, and 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, to discuss and evaluate the physical condition or mental health of a licensee as it relates to a licensee's monitoring report)

At 9:18 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Segura-Harrison, seconded by Mr. Brisbin, to exit the public meeting and (1) enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to discuss and evaluate the good moral character of an applicant as required for licensure, and 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 the physical condition or mental health of a licensee as it relates to a licensee's monitoring report; then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases; 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 9:18 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 9:51 a.m.

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

Cases

AHP-2024-0010 (MR): AHP-2024-0038 (EG): FAHP-2025-0007 (CM): Dismiss Refer to URAMP Refer to the Office of Prosecutions

## **Adjournment**

At 10:44 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Baldwin, seconded by Ms. Slater, 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 May 22, 2025.

Brian P. Bielos

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of April 24, 2025
- Public Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025
- 3.20.25 Email from B. Ginny re: PT and OT Oxygen Use and Adjustment