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**Board of Allied Health Professions
Public Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2024**

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Michael Egan, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator
Pamely Mota, Investigative Intern

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:17 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, Catherine Lane, and Reena Patel all present by videoconference.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Board Counsel Report**

- **Orthopedic Physician Extender Certification and Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice:** Mr. Egan stated that state law does not permit athletic trainers to assist in surgery.
- **Suturing and Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice:** Mr. Egan stated that state law does not permit athletic trainers to suture.

Discussion

- **Schedule of Discipline for Unlicensed Practice:** Mr. Egan presented a draft schedule of fines to resolve complaints for unlicensed practice.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the policy as written. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **259 CMR 7.01(1): Continuing Competence in Ethics, Law, and Regulations Governing Practice in Massachusetts:** Mr. Bialas stated that, by regulation in 259 CMR 7.01(1), the Board may not review “continuing competence offerings in ethics and law and regulations governing practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in order to assess the continued validity of this mandated subject-matter material, including the breadth, depth, and variety of materials offered to licensees as well as compliance with its mandate,” until April 29, 2026.

Monitoring

- **Austin Callahan, 2021-001189-IT-ENF, Update from Monitor re: On-Site Visits:** The Board reviewed the update. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Ms. Callahan and her supervisor that the Board would like Ms. Callahan’s supervisor to observe Ms. Callahan on site at her workplace.

Comments from Professional Associations

Karen Hefler from the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Association (MAOT) informed the Board that MAOT is developing a continuing competence course focused on Massachusetts occupational therapy ethics, laws, and regulations.

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

At 9:57 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Slater, to exit public session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review investigative reports and new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 9:57 a.m.

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

Discussion

Continuing Competence Audits

Gave direction to investigative supervisor

Automobile Insurers Bureau of Massachusetts
Provider Billing Reports for 2023

Read and reviewed

Cases

AHP-2024-0007 (KV):

Refer to office of prosecutions

AHP-2024-0012 (DW):

Refer to office of prosecutions

FAHP-2023-0002 (MP):

Dismiss

INV7897 (EH):

Dismiss

Adjournment

At 10:23 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Patel, to exit closed session and return to open session, then adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on August 22, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of June 27, 2024
- Public Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024
- 6.27.24 Memorandum from M. Egan to Board re: Athletic Trainers, Suturing, and Assisting in Orthopedic Surgery
- Draft Schedule of Discipline for Unlicensed Practice
- Austin Callahan, 2021-001189-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and 5.24.24 Email from A. Whiting re: On-Site Observation of A. Callahan