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**Board of Allied Health Professions
Public Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Jamie Musler, Chair, AT
Andrew Rizza, Vice Chair, AT
Deborah Slater, Secretary, OT
Diane Smith, OT
Melanie Glynn, OTA
Reena Patel, AT (left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.)
Stacy Potvin, PTA
Luke Brisbin, PT
Jane Baldwin, PT
David Young, Public Member

Staff Members Present:

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

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

Board Business

- **Roll Call Vote for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of board members: Jamie Musler, Andrew Rizza, Deborah Slater, Diane Smith, Melanie Glynn, Reena Patel, Stacy Potvin, Luke Brisbin, Jane Baldwin, and David Young all present by videoconference.
- **New Board Members:** New Board members Luke Brisbin, Jane Baldwin, and David Young introduced themselves to the Board. The other Board members and staff introduced themselves to the new members.

- **Public Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Slater, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2025:** The Board considered the election of officers for fiscal year 2025.
 - **Chair:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Potvin, seconded by Ms. Patel, to elect Mr. Musler as Chair for fiscal year 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - **Vice Chair:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Glynn, to elect Ms. Slater as Vice Chair for fiscal year 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - **Secretary:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Mr. Musler, to elect Ms. Potvin as Secretary for fiscal year 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Meeting Schedule for 2025:** Mr. Bialas presented a proposed schedule of Board meetings for calendar year 2025. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Patel, seconded by Ms. Slater, to approve the proposed schedule. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **An Act Promoting Access to Midwifery Care and Out-of-Hospital Birth Options**
 - **Lactation Consultant License:** Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure at DPH, appeared to discuss a new law that creates a Licensed Lactation Consultant license regulated by the Board of Allied Health Professions and adds four seats to the Board: three Licensed Lactation Consultants and one licensed medical physician. The Governor's Office and DPH will now work to appoint new members to the Board, and DPH will draft regulations for the new license for the Board to consider.

Correspondence

- **Shubhangi Goswani, Applicant for Licensure as a Physical Therapist, Petition for Waiver of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Requirement:** The Board reviewed Ms. Goswani's petition. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Mr. Young, to deny the petition. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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 reports)

At 10:14 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Rizza, seconded by Ms. Patel, 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; specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the physical condition or mental health of a licensee as it relates to a licensee’s monitoring reports; then (2) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review 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 10:14 a.m.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:04 a.m.

Ms. Patel left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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

Case

AHP-2023-0021 (SD):

Dismiss; open
complaint for CE
violation

Adjournment

At 11:19 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Glynn, seconded by Ms. Potvin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on December 19, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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

- Agenda for Meeting of September 26, 2024
- Public Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2024
- Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2025
- 9.24.24 Email and 8.29.24 Letter from S. Goswani re: Petition for Waiver of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Requirement