

Board of Registration of Allied Health Professionals
1000 Washington Street, Boston MA 02118
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Date: March 26, 2015 **Location:** RM. 1G

Time: 9:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

James "Zach" Zachazewski, AT, Chair
Annette Iglarsh, PT, PhD.
Stacy Potvin, PTA
Lisa Ayles, AT
Jay Bernasconi, PT, Vice Chair
Jamie Musler, AT
Julie Cahill-O'Shea, Public Member
Thomas Darisse, OTA

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Driscoll, Investigator
Ellen D'Agostino, Health Care Fraud Investigator
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Deta Deans, Board Administrator
Neldy Jean-Francois, Executive Director
Ana Garcia, Associate Executive Director

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nancy Lowenstein, OT, Secretary
Chrys Peralta, OTR/L

9:08 AM Board Business

- Meeting called to order by James Zachazewski
- Chuck Borstel introduced as new Agency Director
- Facility Briefing (fire drill instructions) by Neldy Jean-Francois
- Approval of February minutes with edits, motion to accept by L. Ayles and seconded by J. Bernasconi; all approved

Report from Board Counsel: Peter discussed the ruling from the North Carolina Board of Examiners in Dentistry vs. FTC and how it can affect all Boards. Also discussed Ortiz vs. Examworks, Inc and how the SJC ruled regarding PIP, deciding that PT and chiropractors examinations are valid as physician examinations under it.

Motion to go into closed session by A. Iglarsh and seconded by J. Bernasconi

9:20 a.m. Investigative Conference {Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112. 65c}

During the closed session for Investigative Conference the Board voted to take the following action:

- AH 15-010 (YR) Dismiss with advisory
- AH 15-037 (JB) -Dismiss
- AH-Facility Inspection (JH) Read and filed **J. Bernasconi recused*
- SA-AH 15-003 (BB) Motion to dismiss with an advisory letter
- AH 15-035 (AD) - Forward to prosecutions
- AH 15-036 (LMA)-Forward to prosecutions

9:47 AM Motion to go into open session by J. Zachazewski and seconded by J. Musler.

9:47 AM Motion to go into closed Executive Session pursuant to GL 30A §21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 66, §10, G.L. c. 4, §7 (medical information) by J. Zachazewski and seconded by L. Ayles. Roll Call: J. Zachazewski, S. Potvin, L. Ayles, J. Bernasconi, A. Iglarsh, T. Darisse, J. Musler and J. Cahill-O'Shea. all in favor

10:30 AM Motion to exit Executive Session by J. Zachazewski seconded by A. Iglarsh. Roll Call: J. Zachazewski, S. Potvin, L. Ayles, J. Bernasconi, A. Iglarsh, T. Darisse, J. Musler and J. Cahill-O'Shea. All in favor.

Motion to go into closed session to conduct a Settlement Offer {Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C} by L. Ayles and seconded by J. Bernasconi. All in favor.

***A. Driscoll left meeting**AH-15-007 (Boston sports medicine PT) Julie Brady presented**

10:45 Motion to go into open session by J. Musler and seconded by L. Ayles. All in favor.

Ruth Kranzke: Discussed outcome of FCCPT review that she is not qualified for work in US as a PT. Issus as to whether A level classes in England are equivalent to AP classes in US and should Board treat as such. A. Iglarsh recommended that a third party review her transcripts (different then FCCPT and the Board). Annette will get the name of the international group that will review her transcripts.

Motion by J. Zachazewski and seconded by S. Potvin to delegate the Board's authority to Annette to determine whether she is able to take the NPTE. All in favor.

11:24 AM Compliance monitoring

AH-14-023 (CWM) Courtney Wass-Martineau

She is looking for pre-approval for a course. She would like pre-approval of a course titled Functional Testing and skilled documentation in Geriatric Therapy. Annette said this course will satisfy the documentation aspect of CEU's needed but not ethics. Courses must be approved by the APTA, Procort or an equivalent.

Motion to approve course for documentation but NOT ethics by A. Iglarsh and seconded by J. Zachazewski. All in favor.

AH-13-016 (SPTA and MB)

Looking for pre-approval from the Board for CEU's.

Motion to accept CEU's by S. Potvin and seconded by A. Iglarsh. All in favor.

AH-08-041 (FN)

Has paid all bills for monitoring services.

***Read and filed.**

11:38 AM Correspondence

Email re: In OT can a rehab aide or OT aide follow OTR designed program that includes biofeedback? **Answer is No. OT aide can perform superficial heat and cold which does include paraffin if they are under direct supervision and the OTR is on the premises.**

Post op staple removal in MA: Can a PT remove staples in MA? **Yes if they have appropriate level of training and can show competence.**

Email re suture removal by OT, tabled until OT members back next month

Adverse Action in NH (DRD)

Read and file.

11:53 AM Motion to adjourn meeting by S. Potvin and seconded by L. Ayles. All in favor.

Stacy Potvin


Secretary