



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Physical Therapy Section
March 18, 2021
9:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Mario Baker
Craig Campbell
Anthony Ganim
Erin Hofmeyer
Linda Pax Lowes
Timothy McIntire, Chair
Karen McIntyre, Secretary
Chad Miller
Jennifer Wissinger

Legal Counsel

Lindsay Miller, AAG

Staff Present

Melissa Anthony, Executive Director
Jeffery Duvall, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Debbie Fulk, Licensure Section
Jan Hills, Executive Assistant
Jaklyn Shucofsky, Enforcement Investigator
Mai Vo, Licensure Section

Guests

Victoria Gresh, OPTA
Amanda Sines
Katie Warneke
Leslie Adrian, FSBPT

Call to Order:

Tim McIntire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Tony Ganim moved that the minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting be approved as amended. Erin Hofmeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- Licenses continue to increase.
- Working on eLicense tickets for development of PT Compact, improvements for CE audits and OPP licenses.
- Ethics training for all board members, report completion to Jan for tracking.
- Financial disclosures due to Ethics Commission by May 15.
- Purchased CLEAR training modules for board training opportunities.
- Continue to work remotely. Governor has not issued a return-to-work date directive for staff.

Discussion of Law and Rule Changes

- **Youth sports concussion and head injury assessment and clearance- 4755-27-08**
CJ Miller made a motion that the Executive Director file and final file rule 4755-27-08 with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Second by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed.
- **Code of Ethics rule 4755-27-05**
Defining the term “substantial- Unsolicited token gifts accepted verbiage to the standard response change.
- **Budget language- House Bill 110 (FY2-23)** Monitoring process of union contract agreement with administration to see how our appropriations will be adjusted to accommodate any necessary changes.
- **PT Compact (Senate Bill 5)**
- **Telehealth (House Bill 122)-** discussed.
- **Email addresses as public record-** working with other medical board to create language to protect the privacy of email addresses.

Licensure Applications

Licensure Applications by Examination

Tim McIntire moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the individuals approved by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from January 22, 2021 to March 18, 2021 taking into account those individuals subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. I further move that the following persons be licensed as physical therapists or physical therapist assistants upon passage of the National Physical Therapy Examination and the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination. Second by Erin Hofmeyer. Motion passed.

* Indicates K. McIntyre abstained on the vote.

Physical Therapist by Examination- 36

Taylor Augustine*	Mary Kathleen Hutchinson*	Emily R Punchak*
Lorenzo Philip Bianco*	Jaclyn Anna Kubiak*	Benjamin Paul Romanski*
Elise Bixenstine*	Erin Lapish*	Taylor Renee Santelle*
Nolan T. Burger*	Artur Lukovich*	Megan Marie Schaefer*
Nicole Chapon*	Kelsey Maguire	Kaitlin Schweinfurth*
Ruby Ciesinski*	Roman Mamus*	Michael Scott Sperry
John Anthony Richard DeMarco*	Samuel R Marunowski*	Nicholas Vanderhoof
Kathryn Marie Ellsworth*	Zachary Robert Mravec*	Megan Waskowski*
Trevor Foster*	Paige Marie Murrock*	Abigail Rose Wellington*
Sarah Elizabeth George*	Kaitlin Anne Neumann*	Angeline Marie Zappitelli*
Pavlo Horokhivskyy*	Alexander Joseph Newshutz*	
Andrea Hulls*	Magdalene Palumbo*	
Alyssa Nicole Huston*	Halle Puening*	

Physical Therapy Assistants by Examination-11

Jared Clark Bucher	Olivia Catherine Hipp	Austin Moore
Caleb Cook	Zachary Scott Johnson	Miranda Kerri Runyon
Taylor Eckerman	Brian Allen Miller	Jevin Michael Stoo
Kathleen Elizabeth Hadding	Breanna Mize	

Licensure Applications by Endorsement

Karen McIntyre moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licenses issued by endorsement and reinstatement by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board from January 22, 2021 to March 18, 2021 taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender or non-renewal. Erin Hofmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Physical Therapist by Endorsement- 5

Michael James Babjak	Michael Patrick Gorgacz	Patrick C Myers
Samantha Jane Dove	Elizabeth R Guidi	

Karen McIntyre recommended that the section grant the application withdrawal request for PT/PTA examination/endorsement/reinstatement applications on file with the Board on March 18, 2021 based on the documentation provided. Erin Hofmeyer made the motion, second by CJ Miller. Motion passed.

Upwinder Pannu	APP-000330111 PT
Jessica Kishorkumar Gaekwad	APP-000431516 PT
Taylor Eckerman	APP-000429702 PT

Erin Hofmeyer moved to approve the 2021 APTA CSM conference for up to 20 hours continuing education credit based on the learning objectives, process for vetting presenters, and method of tracking attendance for distance learning. This approval is a one-time exception to our regular process of having OPTA conduct approvals due to the nature of the event as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Karen McIntyre seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CE Waiver Requests for Approval

Tony Ganim moved that the Section grant an extension until July 1, 2021 for the completion of continuing education requirements for all PTA CE Waiver requests on file with the Board on March 18, 2021, with the exception of Lisa McCourt PTA001664 and Allison Joyce PTA012728, due to the COVID-19 emergency with a reminder that any CE taken and counted for the delayed renewal cannot count toward the June 30, 2022 renewal. Second by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed. CJ Miller, Tony Ganim and Mario Baker abstained.

Laura Esslinger	PTA001885
Andrea Spencer	PTA002664
Carissa Edwards	PTA006070
Stephanie Protiva	PTA009921
Melinda Bakos	PTA005090
Jerrica Smith	PTA008653
Jennifer Hatfield	PTA005904
Hannah Nelson	PTA009932
Frederick Schmader	PTA003189
Christine Masline	PTA008016
Chelsea Hamilton	PTA011906
Charita Wimberly	PTA011320
Andrea Spencer	PTA002664

Enforcement

- AAG Report- ***Burden of Proof*** presentation by Lindsay Miller, AAG
- ***Board Staff Enforcement Process*** presentation by Jeff Duvall, Enforcement Division Supervisor.

Enforcement Statistics

“New” cases opened since last meeting: 3

Cases “closed” since the last meeting: 3

Cases “currently open”: 39

Active consent agreements: 20

Adjudication orders being monitored: 3

Release from Consent Agreements:

CJ Miller informed the Board that Margaret Ramos, PTA has complied with all terms and conditions and will be released from her consent agreement.

Proposed Consent Agreements:

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made accepting the consent agreement for **case # PT-21-002**, in lieu of going to hearing. Karen McIntyre moved, seconded by Erin Hofmeyer. Motion passed. Tony Ganim and CJ Miller abstained.

The Board has accepted the consent agreement for **John Bowen**, Physical Therapist Assistant.

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made accepting the consent agreement for **case # PT-20-250** in lieu of going to hearing. Erin Hofmeyer moved, seconded by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed. Tony Ganim and CJ Miller abstained.

The Board has accepted the consent agreement for **Tara Caldwell**, Physical Therapist.

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made accepting the consent agreement for **case # PT-20-099** in lieu of going to hearing. Erin Hofmeyer made a motion, second by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed. Tony Ganim and CJ Miller abstained.

The Board has accepted the consent agreement for **Fayez Bhanji**, Physical Therapist.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (NOH):

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for **case# PT-20-190** for continuing education deficiency. Erin Hofmeyer made a motion, second by Karen McIntyre. Tony Ganim and Chad Miller abstained. Motion passed.

Notice of Hearing- Rescind

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made to rescind the notice of opportunity for hearing issued for **case# PT-20-154** for licensee has been found compliant with CE Audit. Erin Hofmeyer made a motion, second by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed. Anthony Ganim and CJ Miller abstained.

Tony Ganim recommended that a motion be made to rescind the notice of opportunity for hearing issued for **case# PT-20-236** for licensee has no longer failed to respond to the CE audit. Erin Hofmeyer made a motion, second by Karen McIntyre. Motion passed. Anthony Ganim and CJ Miller abstained.

Correspondence-Correspondence discussed.

OPTA Report- Report presented.

Erin Hofmeyer moved that the Section approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Physical Therapy Association for the approval of continuing education coursework. Karen McIntyre seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jennifer Wissinger abstained.

FSBPT Report- Report presented. Disciplinary Matrix presented by Leslie Adrian, staff member of FSBPT.

Old Business

- Newsletter topics- discussed with ethics being a major focus.
- Update on JAM automation- discussed. First round audit will include JAM audit for November 2021 renewals as update cannot be added to eLicense program.
- Practice Act Reference Document- Basic document will have topic areas with hyperlinks to feedback within the Practice Act. Jennifer Wissinger and Karen McIntyre will continue to refine the document.
- Out of Practice requirements- discussion held. Karen McIntyre and Linda Lowes will have a written guidance piece for license liaisons for review at next meeting. They will research the benefits of using the PEAT as a tool in the reentry process.

New Business

- Virtual meetings will remain on TEAMS until order comes from Governor Dewine to lift restrictions for in person meetings.
- Website- Craig Campbell and Tim McIntire have agreed to review PT Section information included on website to identify outdated and/or updated materials that need to be included.
- Telehealth standard response- Section has been asked to review the draft of the current telehealth standard response and provide feedback at next meeting.

Next Meeting Preparation

- Agenda Items- discussed
- Retreat Date- Survey taken on extending time of regular meeting or having an extra meeting. Longer meeting option was decided and to be held at July meeting.
- Disciplinary matrix working group to continue to assess past cases and see how they compare to matrix.
- Tim McIntire will work with Missy Anthony to prepare JAM presentation for OTPA Conference.
- Missy Anthony will engage reciprocity bill sponsor and how it might impact PT Compact.
- Next meeting will be May 20, 2021.

Adjournment

If there is no further business and there is no objection, the meeting will be adjourned. There being no objection, Tim McIntire adjourned the meeting at 1:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Hills



Timothy McIntire, Chair
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Karen McIntyre, PT, Secretary
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Missy Anthony, Executive Director
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