

THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Michael Turner, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Vice Chair
Rachelle Iopa, PT
Elizabeth McCreary, Public Member
Neil Shimabukuro, PT
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Kenyatta Nichols, Executive Officer ("EO")
Jennifer Fong, Secretary

Excused: Debra Kubota, PT

Guests: Herbert Yee, HAPTA
Ed Ho
Cris Kaniaupio, Ho'okahi Leo/TAMC

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Vice Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Vice Chair Turner welcomed Ms. McCreary as the newest member of the Board.

2. Additions/
Revisions
to Agenda: None.

3. Approval of
Board Meeting
Minutes of the
April 9, 2013
Meeting:

Upon a motion by Ms. Iopa, seconded by Mr. Shimabukuro, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the April 9, 2013 Board meeting minutes as circulated.

4. Election
of Officers:

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair.

Ms. Iopa moved to nominate Vice Chair Turner for Chair and close the nominations. Mr. Shimabukuro seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Shimabukuro moved to nominate Ms. Iopa for Vice Chair and close the nominations. Ms. McCreary seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried.

5. Legislative
Update:

a. Act 035

EO Nichols reported that Act 035 was signed on April 22, 2013.

DAG Tam explained to the Board the general process for rule amendments.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Turner, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the creation of a committee to work on continued competence language for the proposed rules, made up of Chair Turner and Mr. Shimabukuro.

b. Act 220 (Senate Bill 1074)

EO Nichols reported that Act 220 was signed on June 27, 2013.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Turner, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the creation of a committee to work on physical therapist assistant ("PTA") licensure language for the proposed rules, made up of Vice Chair Iopa, Ms. Kubota and Ms. McCreary.

6. Applications:

a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Chair Turner, seconded by Mr. Shimabukuro, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

Approved for Physical Therapist License

- ALMEIDA, Amanda
- BERRYMAN, Kristen
- BIEBER, Jeremy
- BORJA, Charmaine
- BOTJE, Genelle
- BRONOWSKI, Nicholas
- CANADA, John
- COMPTON, Mary
- DAWES, JR., Kenneth
- DEMUTH, Shaunn
- FEE, Terrance
- FOKUMLAH, Nellie
- FUENTES, Julio
- GRAY, Robyn
- HOKUTAN, Tiana
- HUSTON, Tonya
- KELIINOI, Stacie
- LAYNE, Scott
- LIESER, Sharon
- LOVE, Amelia
- MATSUMOTO, Miwa
- MILLS, Olga
- MONIOT, Jennifer
- NABUNAT, Leziel
- NAKAGAWA, Brian
- POBLOCKI, Carolyn
- RIJOS, Felix
- ROBBEN, Meghan
- RUTLEDGE, Katherine
- SCELSI, Andrea
- SCHOFIELD, Beth
- SILAN, Carolyn
- SUSIE, Jeanne
- TABOR, Jessica
- THOMAS, Jaclynn
- WATKINS, Kimberley
- WILLENBRING, Rick
- WILLENBRING, Whitney
- WILLIAMS, Teresa
- WINTERSCHIED, Maire

b. Applications

Executive
Session:

At 9:29 a.m., it was moved by Chair Turner, seconded by Ms. McCreary, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS.

Guests were excused from the meeting room.

At 9:31 a.m., it was moved by Chair Turner, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

- Dustin Tabor

After discussion, it was moved by Chair Turner, seconded by Mr. Shimabukuro, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Tabor's application.

Chair Turner requested that the audience introduce themselves.

Chair Turner noted that there are two vacant positions (one for a licensed PTA and one for a public member) on the Board and asked Mr. Yee who the Board could contact at HAPTA so that their membership is aware of the vacancies if they are interested in applying.

Mr. Yee suggested that the Board contact HAPTA president Art Lum.

Chair Turner asked the audience members if they knew of anyone interested in applying.

Ms. Kaniaupio stated that she knew someone interested in the PTA position that would be submitting an application.

Vice Chair Iopa stated that she knows a PTA that may be interested in applying.

Mr. Ho expressed interest in possibly applying for the public member position.

Chair Turner asked if there were any additional questions or concerns for the Board.

Ms. McCreary stated that she recently broke both her wrists and was consequently sent to a hand specialist who was an occupational therapist ("OT") to undergo therapy. After one month, she requested that her therapy be performed by a PT

and believes the care she received from the PT was much better. She noted that there were no Hawaii PTs that are also certified hand specialists. She stated that she is appalled and upset that this is the case as she feels that PTs have "given the hand away" to OTs. She believes that there is a difference between an OT with their emphasis on function and a PT. She stated that she feels this is an important matter, therefore, she would like to issue a Florence Kendall challenge for a Hawaii PT to become a certified hand specialist.

Chair Turner noted that the Board's purview is to address matters regarding the scope of practice of a physical therapist and soon PTAs as well as protecting the public. As PTs are allowed to treat the hand, the Board is not the appropriate party to handle this issue. He recommended that she contact HAPTA for assistance.

Ms. McCreary said that she understood and would discuss the matter with HAPTA. She stated that she feels another important issue for the Board to address is why insurance companies are not reimbursing for direct access care.

Mr. Shimabukuro noted that insurance issues are not under the purview of the Board.

Mr. Yee explained that the purview of the Board was to change their rules to allow PTs to provide direct access which they did with the 2010 rule revision. HAPTA is now in the process of meeting with the individual insurance providers to try and convince them to cover direct access care.

7. Next Meeting: To Be Determined.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to: 1) cancel the October 8, 2013 meeting; 2) schedule an additional meeting in September and November 2013; and change the Board's 2014 meeting schedule from quarterly to bi-monthly.

Once the Board finalizes the dates for the September and November 2013 meetings, they will be posted on the Board's website.

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8. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Kenyatta Nichols

Mr. Kenyatta Nichols
Executive Officer

7/11/13

[] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.