

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on December 13, 2007, in a special meeting. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act. Members present were:

Staci Freudiger, PT, Chair
Mary Staley, PT, Vice Chair
Randy Titony, PTA
Suzanne Reese, PT
Craig Gavras, Public Member.

Others present included:

Robyn Hall, Director Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Patricia Podolec, Assistant Attorney General
Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Jan Ewing, Deputy Director
Joe McFarlane, PT
Kathy Johnson, PT
Lynn Jeffries, PT
Peggy Newman, PT

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the October 18, 2007, Committee meetings were reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CARLETTA YVETT JACKSON appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Appearing with Ms. Jackson was her supervisor, Latonya Statton, PT. Ms. Jackson's application had been tabled until she completed continuing education requirements, practiced under supervision and passed the jurisprudence exam. Ms. Statton testified regarding Ms. Jackson's abilities and her observations of Ms. Jackson's practice. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Reese second

DURGA MURDESHWAR appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. After review of the application, Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval to sit for the Physical Therapist licensure exam pending satisfactory completion of three college credit hours in humanities and three credit hours (or equivalent) in legal and ethical prac-

tice in physical therapy. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam and satisfactory completion of the 800-hour supervised practice period. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PAUL ALLEN TREISA appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant examination and licensure. Mr. Treisa presented his plan of study for the exam. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

A public hearing on proposed permanent rulemaking was held to consider amendments to **OAC 435:20-1-1.1. Definitions [AMENDED]** and **OAC 435:20-7-1. Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistant [AMENDED]**. Among those giving oral comments were:

Susan Buff, PT
Chris Kenney, PT
Kathleen Johnson, PT
Robb Neuschaefer, PT
Lynn Jeffries, PT

Additionally, a letter commenting on the rules from Jeri Gill, PT was reviewed. After hearing comments and discussing the proposed changes, Ms. Reese moved to recommend that the Board adopt the proposed amendments. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion. After further discussion, the vote was called and was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

Applications for licensure and examination were reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RUSSELL JACK CASE	MATTHEW DYLAN SPEARS
DAVID AARON FITTING	KAREN MARIE KWASNY
NORMAN EDGAR MARASIGAN	KRISTIN MARIE MITCHELL
MARILYN BETH PIERCE	ERICKA DAWN QUESADA
ROBERT LOWELL ROSS	

Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of their files. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MELINDA DYANNE BAGGETT	KIRSTIN LYNN HESSKEW
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**ALLISON KAELEN JONES
JEANNE MA. WHEELER-LOVELAND**

STEVEN PAUL KROL

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application of **MARIA THERESA AREVALO IBARRA** for Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of 800 hours supervised practice and passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DUSTIN WAYNE BEESON

MELISSA ANN JAMES

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapist Assistants. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MICHELLE LEE BARKER
NATISHA LEIGH DELOZIER
KASEY LYNN SALLEE
SUSAN VI VASQUEZ**

**ASHLEY RENEE CARDENAS
WHITNEY DAWN MCCLURE
RAUL VASQUEZ**

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AMY DAWN BURKHART

APRIL LAURENDA HOLCOMB

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JAMES MATTHEW NAIL
MELISSA KAY REEVES
ROBIN SUE SELF**

**KRISTIE NICOLE OWENS
DARREN VERNON ROSE
CHRISTINE AMELIA WHETZAL**

A report from the Continuing Education Subcommittee on courses submitted for approval was reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to accept subcommittee's recommendations on the

courses. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

Audits of continuing education compliance were reviewed. Ms. Hall reported that 175 licensees were audited. Of those audited, 122 passed review. Nineteen individuals did not respond and would be sent a certified letter prompting them to comply. The remaining licensees audited either needed to submit additional information or indicated that they would not be renewing. Mr. Gavras moved to approve the audit report. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #3)

A request from Shelly Cochran, PTA for permission to earn all continuing education hours from Category B was reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to deny the request. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Request was reviewed from Julie Buchanan, PTA for permission to earn the majority of continuing education hours from Category B. Mr. Gavras moved to deny the request. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed Physical Therapists performing dry needling. John Tunnell, PT, OCS, COMT had submitted a question regarding the legality of PTs performing this procedure. Dr. Gerald Zumwalt, Secretary of the Board, was present for the discussion. The Committee talked about the different aspects of dry needling and whether the Practice Act covered the procedure. Dr. Zumwalt urged caution and suggested waiting to see how widely it becomes used and how readily training for it becomes. Ms. Reese suggested sending Mr. Tunnell a letter advising that it would be within Practice Act but refer him to PT ethics and urge him to be wise in what he chooses to do.

A letter from Lowell D. Berg regarding physical therapist use of Apligraf for tissue regeneration was reviewed. Ms. Staley said she felt the debridement required to utilize Apligraf goes further than what PTs do. The product is applied by scoring healthy tissue and may be attached using sutures or staples. The Committee felt it was not within the scope of practice of physical therapy to apply Apligraf.

Ms. Staley reported on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Annual Meeting. The Federation has authorized Prometrics to begin taking thumb prints of examinees to decrease the possibility of paid test takers. Exam fees will increase \$5.50 in 2010 to cover the cost. Ms. Staley said there was a lot of debate at the meeting about the task force on referrals for financial gain. In the end, the issue was tabled as more states were interested in the FSBPT working on developing competency determination for all states to utilize. Ms. Staley said delegates voted to not support the idea of DPTs putting Dr. before their name. Also

defeated was a vote on jurisdictions paying for ADA accommodations. All motions considered at the meeting may viewed at the FSBPT web site.

There being no further business, Mr. Gavras moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 10:50 a.m.