

Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
Physical Therapy Committee
Minutes
December 9, 2011

This meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Members present:

Nancy Davis, PTA, Chair
Carolyn Craven, PT
Staci Freudiger, PT, Vice Chair
Bob Eskew, PT
Tami Spocogee, Public Member

Also present:

Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Gwen Smythe, Executive Assistant

Noting that a quorum was present, Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The guests in the audience were acknowledged.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 28, 2011 Committee meeting. Ms. Freudiger moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KIRANMAYE ATLURI appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Atluri's last practice had been in 2007. Mr. Atluri testified regarding her continuing education, her practice and her education. Mr. Eskew moved to find that Ms. Atluri's education was equivalent to that required in the rules. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Craven moved to waive the 800 hours of supervised clinical practice, as Ms. Atluri had practiced more than one year in the USA. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of the file, 88 days of practice under direct supervision with a performance evaluation at the end of the 88 days and 40 hours of continuing education Mr. Eskew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NATALIE VALENTINE appeared in support of her application to retake the physical therapist exam and for licensure. Ms. Valentine discussed her study plan with the Committee. Ms. Freudiger moved to recommend approval to retake the exam and for licensure pending passing the exam. Mr. Eskew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

LISA KING, PTA appeared to discuss compliance with the continuing education audit. Requirements were that her Continuing Education be completed by December 31, 2011. Due to personal reasons, she stated she cannot complete the requirements by this date. She requested an

extension to January 31, 2012. Ms. Craven moved to extend the requirement date to January 31, 2012. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SUSMA RAMINENI appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Although her application was very incomplete, Ms. Ramineni requested to meet with the Committee to discuss her education and other requirements that the Committee may have. She had graduated a Bachelor's degree from a school in India. Ms. Hall reported that Ms. Ramineni had not passed the TOEFL exam and that was a requirement that could not be waived by the Board. After discussion of the requirements, Ms. Freudiger moved to table the application until all information is available. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Committee reviewed the application of **SEATON QUOC DO** for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Freudiger moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

TAMRA ANN BROWN
MONICA HAYES GIBSON
SUE ANN LITTLE

Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the application of **X LUGATIMAN SUAN** for Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of the file. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TSENG TIEN HUANG
LINDSEY B. SCHULTHEISS
MELANIE KATHRYN ZIMMERMAN

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

KIELEY PAUL GOLDSMITH
TALITHA JO WHITE

The application of **AMY KATHLEEN RUNYOU-HERRON** to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam was reviewed. Ms. Freudiger moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **JOE C. DALMUT JR.** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure was considered. Ms. Freudiger moved to recommend approval. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Unscheduled items were then discussed. Items discussed were:

1. Request from **Carrie Pitts** for reduction of supervised practice days. Ms. Pitts sent a supporting letter from her supervisor. Ms. Pitts requested a reduction from 88 to 45 days. Mr. Eskew made a motion to approve this and reduce to 45 days. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

3. Request from **Natalie Ann Neufelder** to sit for the PT exam prior to official graduation. With the implementation of fixed-date testing by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, some PTs and PTAs would not be eligible to sit for the exam until as late as August in some cases, although their didactic classes and clinicals may finish months earlier. The Committee discussed the ramifications of approving applicants to sit for the exam prior to graduation. After discussion, Ms. Craven made a motion to allow this applicant to sit for PT exam before graduation. Mr. Eskew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

4. Requests for approval of continuing education courses/credit. Ms. Freudiger moved to approve the courses as listed. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Continuing education audits were discussed. Ms. Hall presented a list of those being audited, showing who was in compliance and who was not. Ms. Hall said there was not a need for a motion but will discuss at the next meeting to see who had not complied with the audit. Those individuals found to not to be in compliance could face further action by the Board.

6. Rules on educational requirements for foreign-educated Physical Therapists were tabled until the next meeting.

7. Newsletter was discussed. Ms. Davis will talk to Mike Sulzycki about the newsletter. Suggested topics for articles included information on fixed-date testing, continuing education and a profile of the new public member.

New business was discussed. Mr. Eskew presented a letter regarding the Early Interventionists. Since the matter was not on the agenda, the Committee requested that it be placed on the next agenda for follow-up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 10:30 a.m.