

Physical Therapy Advisory Committee

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on December 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Board at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This regular meeting is being held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 10, 2020 and posted on the Board's website on December 1, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present:

Jennifer Ball, PT/ATC, MHR, Chair
Kelly Berry, PT, MPH, Cert. MDT, Vice-Chair
Deb Mason, PT

Members absent:

Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA
Kristin Hincke, Public Member

Others present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Ball called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Following review, Ms. Mason moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2021. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KEVIN JOHN appeared virtually in support of his application for re-entry of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Mr. John's Oklahoma license lapsed January of 2010 and he last practiced in May of 2009. His application is incomplete. Mr. John stated that in 2009 he joined active duty in the Navy. In 2017 he began serving in the reserves and he has been doing defense contract work since that time. He has also returned to school and will begin his Master's program next year, but he has not worked in the field of physical therapy since 2009. The Committee discussed various pathways for him to be recommended for licensure, including obtaining 132 days of direct onsite supervision with a supervisory report provided for staff review at the conclusion thereof, obtaining 180 hours of continuing education with half of those being Category "A," and/or successfully retaking the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for review by the Committee. Mr. John does not believe he would be able to complete all those requirements and continue working in his current full-time job. Following further

discussion, Ms. Berry moved to recommend tabling the application of **KEVIN JOHN** for re-entry of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending successfully retaking the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam with a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KRISTA NEELY appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Her application is complete. Ms. Neely last practiced in 2016 and her license lapsed in 2017. Ms. Neely stated she has not completed any continuing education since 2016. She enjoyed working in home health but she understands she may not be able to return to home health if she requires supervision. The Committee discussed various pathways for her to be recommended for licensure including completing 110 days of direct supervision with a supervisory report provided for review at the conclusion thereof, obtaining all required CEUs (half of which need to be Category "A"), and/or retake the PTA licensure exam. Ms. Neely stated she is very interested in retaking the exam. Ms. Berry moved to table the application of **KRISTA NEELY** for re-entry of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending successfully retaking the FSBPT exam with a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CRISTI TRAVIS did not appear in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Ball moved to table the application of **CRISTI TRAVIS** for Physical Therapist Assistant pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KRISTEN BAKER, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Cullen advised that the Medical Board's Jurisdictional Deadline for PT exams is December 8, 2021. This will be her third attempt at passing the test in Oklahoma but her fifth attempt overall with FSBPT. Thomas Schneider, AAG, Committee Advisor, advised that Ms. Baker is ineligible to retake this exam in Oklahoma pursuant to Okla. Admin. Code 435:20-1-3-5(D); however, she may retake the exam in another state. The Committee took no action in this regard.

HUNTER HALDERMAN, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of his request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Mr. Halderman did not provide a study guide for Committee review. Following discussion, Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the request of **HUNTER HALDERMAN** pending receipt of his study guide with a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KATELYN HEFNER, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. She provided a study plan for Committee review. The Committee discussed her strengths and weaknesses and gave her advice regarding study materials. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the request of **KATELYN HEFNER** to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KATIE PERCIVAL, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. She provided a study plan for Committee review. The Committee discussed her strengths and weaknesses as well as her study materials and found her study plan lacking. Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the request of **KATIE PERCIVAL** to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time pending receipt of an updated study plan with a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BRINKLEY RAMOS, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. She provided a study plan for Committee review and the Committee discussed her strengths and weaknesses. Following discussion and review, the Committee did not find that her study plan gave them enough information to determine that she was ready to sit for the exam. Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the request of **BRINKLEY RAMOS** to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy for a third time pending receipt of an updated study plan with a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PAYTON SMITH, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. She provided a study plan for Committee review. The Committee also discussed her strengths and weaknesses and went over her study materials. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the request of **PAYTON SMITH** to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JAKOBI WHITE, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, did not appear in support of his request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the request of **JAKOBI WHITE** to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DIANA HOGUE, Physical Therapist, did not appear in support of her request for a Continuing Education Exception. Ms. Ball moved to table the request of **DIANA HOGUE** for a Continuing Education Exception pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NINA MAAS, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared virtually in support of her request for CEU leniency. At the end of the 2019 compliance period, she had obtained 31.5 CEU hours and, because she was one-half hour short, double hours were required for the current compliance period. Ms. Maas was unaware that double hours were required of her and there was no documentation showing that she had ever been advised of the additional hours required. Following discussion and review, Ms. Berry moved for good cause shown to waive the double hours previously required for the current compliance period. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JOANNE SLATER, Physical Therapist, did not appear in support of her request for clarification regarding PT CEU rules which will become effective February 1, 2022. Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the request for rules clarification. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Following review, Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KIRCHNER, KANON GRANT
JOHNSON, DANIELLE FRANCES
GAROUTTE, CASSIE TAYLOR
TAYLOR, ERICA LYNN
BODINE, SHELBY NOELLE
WARD, EMILY DAWN

KIGHT, JORDAN KAE LIN
MCELMURRY, RACHEL PAIGE
SHIPMAN, MADISON MICHELE
MARTIN, JENSEN ALEXIS

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

GONZALES, MONIQUE CECILIA
MCGOWN, TRENT STEVEN
WRIGHT, TAYLOR

MILLER, TOBI JEAN
RORSTROM, HANS CHRISTIAN

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Physical Therapist licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CLAMPETT, SARAH CATHERINE
BARRAGAN, TAYLOR MICHELE
SHAMMA, IBRAHIM MUSA
KNEEBONE, SETH
STACK, MACKENZIE
ERMELING-STOCKTON, JACQUELYN T
ALTENA, LISA ANNE
VENUTO, PAUL JOSEPH

FITE, TREY LEE
PAVLICH, ANTHONY
OOMMEN, TESSY
LABETH, BREE ANNA
WHEELER, KELSEY
POTENA, DOMENICA BETH
MENDOZA, JUSTIN EDGAR VILLAFANIA
MCBRIDE, ASHLEE RENEE

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **MARK WILBURN MOORE** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

OTTINGER, MACKENZIE
SIRUGO, TERESSA SUSANNA
LINEHAN, ROSE FAIR

SALLEE, RACHEL CHARLOTTE
SCHMITT, STETSON
WOZOBSKI, EMILY LAUREN

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the CEUs set forth on pages 1-17 on the list attached hereto as **Attachment #1**. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Berry moved to recommend denial of the CEUs set forth on pages 18-21 on the list attached hereto as **Attachment #1**. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Ball moved to recommend tabling the CEUs set forth on pages 22 – 57 on the list attached hereto as **Attachment #1** until the next compliance period. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Lisa Cullen presented a discussion of CEU audit statistics and presented a printed report for the Committee's information. The Committee took no action on this matter.

Next, Mr. Kelsey stated that, in his opinion, there should be no charge of vendor fees per CEU courses at this time. He suggested that once the new CEU approval program was up and running this issue can be revisited if necessary. The Committee was in agreement.

Lisa Cullen advised that currently ten percent of PT/PTA licensees are audited for CEU compliance while the percentage for MDs audited is set at three percent. Ms. Berry moved to recommend setting the percentage of randomly audited licensees for CEU compliance at three percent. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Berry provided an update on the amendments to the Physical Therapy Practice Act and/or administrative rules to allow permanent provisions of telehealth services. It does not appear these rules will be ready for this legislative session and will be submitted for approval during the next legislative session. She advised the PT law went into effect on November 1st.

Mr. Kelsey provided information regarding a current administrative rule (Okla. Admin. Code 435:20-3-4) which allows certain applicants to be licensed by endorsement. Mr. Kelsey advised that this rule as currently written contains a loophole that needs to be closed. The Committee agreed that this would be a good time to insert some revisions to this rule and issued a staff directive in this regard. Thomas Schneider will draft this language and also the nurse practitioner referral language approved in a previous meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:55 a.m.