

## Physical Therapy Advisory Committee

### Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on May 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Board at 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This amended 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 January 25, 2022, and posted on the Board's website on May 14, 2022 at 8:47 a.m. in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

#### Members present:

Kelly Berry, PT, MPH, Cert. MDT, Vice-Chair  
Deb Mason, PT  
Kristin Hincke, Public Member

#### Members absent:

Jennifer Ball, PT/ATC, MHR, Chair  
Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA

#### Others present:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary  
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing  
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing  
Maria Maule, Chief AAG, Legal Counsel Division

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Berry, acting chair in Ms. Ball's absence, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Smith announced that Thomas Schneider, former Assistant Attorney General and Committee Advisor, has been promoted within the Attorney General's office to Deputy General Counsel for the Attorney General and Maria Maule, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Legal Counsel Division, will be acting as Committee Advisor for this meeting.

Ms. Mason moved to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes as written. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CATHERINE WILSON** did not appear in support of her application for re-entry of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Hincke moved to table the application pending a personal appearance. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**AUSTIN CLARK**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared in person in support of his request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Following review and discussion of the study plan presented, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BLAKE JOHNSON**, applicant, Physical Therapist licensure, appeared virtually in support of his request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Mr. Johnson appeared at the March 2022 meeting where his request was tabled pending receipt of additional information/study plan. Following review and discussion of the study plan presented, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SHARVEA LARMAN**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Following review and discussion of the study plan presented, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**TALEIGH NAIL**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Following review and discussion of the study plan presented, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request 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.

**CHRISTOPHER SMITH**, applicant, Physical Therapist licensure, appeared virtually in support of his request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Following review of the study plan presented and discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request 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.

**SKYLNN TERRY**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. She graduated in 2019 and stated that she has been working at a physical therapy outpatient clinic for the past year where she completes tech and managerial tasks. The Committee had concerns about her being successful if she sits for the exam in July of this year and spoke to Ms. Terry at length regarding her study plan. Ms. Terry was confident she would be ready to successfully sit for the exam in July. She was strongly advised that she diligently prepare for the test and was reminded that this is her last attempt in the state of Oklahoma. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of this request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BURGUNDY HOWES**, applicant, Physical Therapist licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to supervise an additional Physical Therapist Assistant. Brand Hartsell, owner of FirstCare Rehabilitation, Inc., appeared with Ms. Howes to discuss the caseload and nature of their business. Ms. Mason moved to recommend granting the request to supervise one additional Physical Therapist Assistant for a period of one year with a personal appearance and review of supervision report at the conclusion thereof. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Ms. Hincke moved to recommend approval of the incomplete applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure as identified on **Attachment #1** hereto pending completion of the files. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Ms. Hincke moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **DONNA KAY KLINE** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Hincke moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **KAISHA LEWIS** for Physical Therapist licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed continuing education courses (“CEUs”). Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the CEUs as identified on **Attachment #2** hereto which were pre-reviewed and recommended for approval. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval and denial of the Board Provider Applications as identified on **Attachment #3** hereto which have been pre-reviewed and were recommended for approval and denial with the exception of denying Course Nos. BAP202310029 and BAP202310034, provider Rocktape, as duplicate submissions. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Cullen stated that Mr. Kelsey had planned to lead a discussion regarding “CEU reporting for 2021 compliance period due to COVID-19.” However, Mr. Kelsey was not available for the meeting and Ms. Cullen had not had an opportunity to prepare for this discussion in his absence. A staff directive was issued that this could be taken up at the September 2022 meeting if Mr. Kelsey wishes.

Ms. Cullen asked if the Committee felt a need to appoint new members for CEU review/vendor review. Ms. Berry stated a separate sub-committee is not necessary at this time for the vendors.

Ms. Smith presented an amendment to Physical Therapy Administrative Rules after review of the Oklahoma Medical Board to allow permanent provisions of telehealth and other services. She advised the Medical Board voted to have a form required for all PTs/PTAs who plan to practice via telehealth. Following discussion, Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the rule amendment regarding requirement of a telehealth form as presented with changing the word \*\*\*“must” to “shall” (for consistency in language) and removing an extra period on the last page. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. \*\*\*After adjournment, Ms. Smith noticed that other rule amendments contain the word “must.” Ms. Smith consulted with the Board’s executive staff and it was determined that since “must” and “shall” are interchangeable, it is reasonable to leave the word as “must” to keep the language consistent.

There being no further business, Ms. Berry adjourned the meeting. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 10:24 a.m.