

## Physical Therapy Advisory Committee

### Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 22, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the office of the Board at 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> 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 22, 2022, and posted on the Board's website on August 14, 2023, at 8:36 AM in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

#### Members present:

Kelly Berry, PT, MPH, Cert. MDT, Chair  
Deb Mason, PT, Vice-Chair  
Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA

#### Member(s) absent:

Samantha Chamberlain, PT, DPT, Cert. MMOA  
Public Member – Vacant

#### Others present:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary  
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Barbara Smith confirmed the quorum for the record via roll call.

Following review, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval of the June 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee then held an election for the roles of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair pursuant to Oklahoma Admin. Code 435:20-1-3. Following discussion, Ms. Berry nominated Deb Mason to serve as Committee Vice-Chair. Ms. Mason accepted the nomination. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Then Ms. Mason nominated Ms. Berry to serve another term as Committee Chair. Ms. Berry accepted the nomination. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**DIANA EMERSON** appeared personally in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Her license lapsed January 31 of 2022 and she last practiced in December of 2013. She has completed 11 CEUs. The applicant is not currently licensed in any other state and her application is incomplete at this time. Ms. Emerson advised that she did not complete the required CEUs timely which resulted in the lapse of her license. Following discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include completing 33 days of direct supervision with Applicant providing the Board an adequate performance evaluation from the supervising physical therapist at the conclusion thereof, plus proof of completion of 62 CEUs. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JASON HOFFMAN** appeared personally in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. His license lapsed in January of 2023 and he last practiced in 2019. He is not currently licensed in any other state and his application is complete. The applicant stated he simply forgot to pay for the renewal of his license. Following discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of 11 days of direct supervision with Applicant providing the Board an adequate performance evaluation from the supervising physical therapist at the conclusion thereof. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ANDRIA JOHNSON** appeared personally in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Her license lapsed in January of 2022 and her last practice was in January of 2021. She has not turned in any CEUs and her application is currently incomplete. The applicant stated Covid proved to be very challenging for her due to the loss of some very close friends who were in practice with her. For that reason, she left the practice. However, she loved what she did and misses being in the field. Following discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include 33 days of direct supervision with Applicant providing the Board an adequate performance evaluation from the supervising physical therapist at the conclusion thereof, and proof of completion of 60 hours of continuing education from the previous compliance period. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ELIZABETH JOUBERT** appeared personally in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. She appeared before the Committee in 2020 due to her FCCPT report showing her education was not equivalent at that time. Following review and discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactorily completing the FSBPT exam. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**NIKKI DEERING** appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JAYLEE EAVES** appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan, the Committee expressed their concern. Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend tabling the request to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time pending a personal appearance with presentation of a more detailed study plan at that time. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RACHEL GERING** appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**LEANN HALE** appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**STEVIE JOSEY** appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BRYCE SMITH** appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ERICA TAYLOR** appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**HANNAH THOUVENEL** appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Following review of her study plan and discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval for the applicant to sit for the FSBPT exam a third time. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**HALEY MATTHEWS** appeared virtually in support of her request for special accommodations while sitting for the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy examination. Following review, Ms. Lawrence moved to recommend approval of special accommodations of time and a half and a separate room while sitting for the FSBPT exam. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ALICIA GONZALEZ ARELLANO** appeared virtually in support of her request for lesser professional development requirements. She moved to Minnesota and has been required to get additional college credits in order to get a license, which has cost a substantial amount of money. She currently has 18 CEUs and is enrolled in other CEUs later in the year, but she is not sure if she will be able to obtain 40 CEUs. Ms. Berry went through her additional credits of PDUs and CEUs and it was determined that she will meet the requirement of 40 CEUs for license renewal. The Committee took no action in this regard.

**JACQUELINE LEARD** appeared virtually in support of her request for lesser professional development requirements. She has not practiced since 2017 due to medical disability but wants to keep her license active. The Committee provided information regarding moving to emeritus status. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approving the request for lesser professional development requirements at 15 CEUs for the current reporting cycle. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee then considered applications for licensure. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the file(s) as shown on *Attachment #1* hereto. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the file(s) as shown on *Attachment #1* hereto. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Then Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing, presented continuing education courses and providers for Committee review and action. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the continuing education courses previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the subcommittee and as shown on *Attachment #2* hereto. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the continuing education providers previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the subcommittee and as shown on *Attachment #3* hereto. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Ms. Berry adjourned the meeting. The time was 10:55 AM.