

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 April 28, 2021
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7 By authority of AS 08.84.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6,
8 the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board held a
9 videoconference/teleconference meeting from Juneau, AK
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14 **Tuesday, April 28, 2021**
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16 **Agenda 1 – Call to Order**
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18 Keith Poorbaugh, Physical Therapist and Chair of the of the State Physical Therapy and
19 Occupational Therapy Board called the teleconference meeting to order on April 28, 2021 at 1:02
20 p.m. This meeting was public noticed in the Anchorage Daily News and the Online Public Notice on
21 March 15, 2021.
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23 Voice Roll Call Vote:
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25 Robert Calhoon, Occupational Therapist
26 Enlow Walker - Secretary, Physician
27 Lisa Radley, Physical Therapist
28 Rebecca Dean, Public Member
29 Jodi Pfeiffer, Physical Therapy Assistant
30 Keith Poorbaugh – Chair, Physical Therapist
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32 Nathan Missler, Occupational Therapist; approved absence.
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34 Staff: Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
35 Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
36 Logan Bugayong, Licensing Examiner
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38 Public present telephonically: Lisa Reischach, PT
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40 Mr. Poorbaugh welcomed the newest board member both Jodi Pfeiffer and Logan Bugayong as staff.
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42 This meeting was called to discuss the proposed regulations and review any written public
43 comment for these regulations as well as other board business.
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45 **Agenda 2 – Discuss Chair Position**
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47 The Board voted via an OnBoard ballot March 19, 2021 for Keith Poorbaugh to be chair of the
48 Board. For historical records a Board motion is required.

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50 **MOTION BY CALHOON, SECOND BY PFEIFFER, TO APPOINT KEITH POORBAUGH AS CHAIR**
51 **OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD. VOICE ROLE**
52 **CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH.**
53 **ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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55 **Agenda 3 – Approve Agenda**
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57 The Board was asked to review the agenda for this meeting.
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59 **MOTION BY WALKER, SECOND BY CALHOON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DRAFTED.**
60 **VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH.**
61 **ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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63 Poorbaugh stated motion passed and agenda approved as drafted.
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65 **Agenda 4 – HB99**
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67 House Bill 99 was introduced by Representative Cayman. The Board voted via an OnBoard ballot March
68 9, 2021 for Keith Poorbaugh to represent the Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
69 Board in support of HB99. For historical records a Board motion is required.
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71 **ON MOTION BY PFEIFFER, SECONDED BY WALKER, TO APPROVE KEITH POORBAUGH AS THE**
72 **REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD FOR HB99. VOICE ROLE CALL VOTE: CALHOON, WALKER,**
73 **RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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75 The Board discussed the need to determine who will work on the regulations that will come from
76 passage of HB99.
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78 **ON A MOTION BY WALKER, SECOND BY RADLEY TO APPROVE REBECCA DEAN AND JODI**
79 **PFEIFFER TO WORK AS A COMMITTEE ON DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER**
80 **AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER**
81 **AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.**
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83 Poorbaugh affirmed both Dean and Pfeiffer were approved to work as a committee on draft regulations
84 if HB99 passes this session.
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86 TASK: Staff will need to arrange the dates the committee would public notice each meeting.
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88 **Agenda 5 – Review Regulations and written Public Comment**
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90 Mr. Poorbaugh confirmed all board members had read the written public comment for the
91 regulations and discussion progressed based on the concern and the draft regulations. A key topic
92 was that the current draft gives the most flexibility for the patient to choose how they prefer to
93 receive care. It was noted these changes are in direct reflection of the pandemic and telehealth is
94 here to stay. People who need hands on care will still go to the provider for in person services,
95 those who can be coached in their exercises via telehealth will choose so. Board members agreed
96 that they would continue with the regulation project as it was public noticed.

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98 Staff shared that the FSBPT is no longer going to implement the new TOEFL scores in the exam
99 process but they still recommend the exam scores which are part of this regulation project.
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101 MOTION BY DEAN, SECOND BY PFEIFFER, IN CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND NO
102 ADDITIONAL COST TO PRIVATE PERSONS, I MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED
103 REGULATIONS 12 AAC 54.030, 12 AAC 54.040, 12 AAC 54.080, 12AAC 54.510, 12 AAC 54.530,
104 12 AAC 54.810; 12 AAC 54.825 AS WRITTEN AND PUBLICLY NOTICED. VOICE ROLE CALL:
105 CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY, DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES,
106 MOTION PASSED.

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108 TASKS: Poorbaugh to sign the certification order and mail to the Juneau office. Staff to sign the affidavit
109 of board action.

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111 Staff to forward the motion and board decisions back to Jun Maiquis to proceed with this regulation
112 project. The Public Notice recap of this regulation project will be attached to the minutes.

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114 Agenda 6 – Discuss other Bills

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116 The Board did not discuss any other legislation.

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118 Agenda 7 – Review Draft Transition Manual

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120 Board members agreed to keep moving forward with the staff/board member transition manual. Jodi
121 Pfeiffer volunteered to work with staff Petz over the coming months. Two items to include in the manual
122 are sample motions and investigative processes.

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124 Agenda 8 – Discuss Legislative Sunset Audit

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126 Mr. Poorbaugh stated the legislative fieldwork for the sunset audit review is now complete. If all goes
127 well their findings could be presented to the Legislature in 2022 for a vote and hopefully they will
128 approve the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board to continue.

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130 Agenda 9 - Motion for DELEGATES for FSBPT annual meeting

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132 Board members Jodi Pfeiffer, was selected by the Board to attend and represent the Alaska board at the
133 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) annual meeting October 22-23, 2021. No staff
134 will be assigned to the October meeting until a new hire is confirmed.

136 MOTION BY DEAN, SECONDED BY CALHOON, TO APPROVE AS PRIMARY VOTING DELEGATE
137 JODI PFEIFFER, TO REPRESENT THE ALASKA STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL
138 THERAPY BOARD AT THE FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DELEGATE
139 ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 22-23, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND APPROVE JODI PFEIFFER TO ATTEND
140 THE MAY 10, 2021 LIAISON VIRTUAL DINNER. VOICE ROLE CALL: CALHOON, WALKER, RADLEY,
141 DEAN, PFEIFFER AND POORBAUGH. ALL VOTED YES, MOTION PASSED.

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143 Staff will inform the FSBPT the primary voting delegate is Jodi Pfeiffer.
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145 **Agenda 10 – Other Discussion/Task Follow Up**

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147 Board members were reminded to mark their calendars for the October 7-8, 2021 board meeting. It was
148 noted it likely will be a virtual meeting.

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150 **Agenda 11 – Adjourn Meeting**

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152 The board, having no further business, adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

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154 Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Date:

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156 Connie Petz

Keith Poorbaugh

10/25/2021

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158 Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

Keith Poorbaugh, Chair
Physical Therapist

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161 ATTACHED: Public Notice recap of proposed regulation changes.