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STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**ALASKA STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD**

February 10, 2022

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a  
scheduled meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was held via  
videoconference

333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor, Conference Room C, Juneau, AK

**Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call**

Keith Poorbaugh, the chair of the of the Alaska State Physical and Occupational Therapy Board, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Voice Roll Call:

- Lisa Radley
- Jodi Pfeiffer
- Rebecca Dean
- Enlow Walker
- Robert Calhoon

Staff Present:

- Reid Bowman, Records and Licensing Supervisor
- Evangelyn Pajarillo, Occupational Licensing Examiner
- Joshua Hardy, Investigator II
- Sara Chambers, Division Director

**Agenda Item 2 – Review and Approve Agenda**

*Enlow Walker moved to approve 2021Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy February Board meeting agenda. Seconded by Jodi Pfeiffer.*

*Voice roll call vote: Jodi Pfeiffer, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker, Lisa Radley, and Keith Poorbaugh.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Agenda Item 3 – Approve Meeting Minutes**

*Enlow Walker moved to approve 2021Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy October 2021Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Rebecca Dean*

38 *Voice roll call vote: Jodi Pfeiffer, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker, Lisa Radley, and Keith Poorbaugh.*

39 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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42 **Agenda Item 4 – Ethics Reporting**

43 Jodi Pfeiffer disclosed abstaining from voting on application ballots on behalf of former students.

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45 **Agenda Item 5 – Old Business**

46 Legislative Sunset Audit approaching. The board has expressed that they will need to find a legislative  
47 representative to sponsor the board in continuing its duties for another eight years.

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49 **Agenda Item 6 – Schedule Future Meetings**

50 The board expressed they would like to schedule their next two meetings for June 3 and  
51 October 13, 2022.

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53 The board discussed recruiting new members for the board as Keith Poorbaugh and Robert  
54 Calhoon will be concluding their terms as members of the board in March of 2022.

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57 **Agenda Item 7 - Investigative Report**

58 Investigator Josh Hardy joined to present the most recent Investigative Board Report. For the  
59 period of September 23, 2021 through January 27, 2022, there are currently two open cases and one  
60 closed case. The board thanked Investigator Hardy for his time and there was no further discussion

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62 **Agenda Item 8 – American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Legislative Update**

63 Alec Kay, the Alaska APTA president, reports that the process in Alaska becoming part of the compact is  
still ongoing. More  
64 updates will follow soon with the HB99 bill presented.

65 **Agenda Item 9 – Temporary License Regulation Change**

66 The board expressed they would like to take away the temporary license by credentials and  
67 make the exam and credentials application separate applications. There will be a notice on the  
68 website and the application for applicants to be directed to the appropriate application. Applicants  
69 who would like to apply for a temporary license by credentials, will be advised to apply for the  
70 limited permit.

71 *Enlow Walker moved to have public publishing alter the current application forms to*  
72 *reflect each individual license and each individual route to licensing. Rebecca Dean seconded*  
73 *this motion.*

74 *Voice roll call vote: Jodi Pfeiffer, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker, Lisa Radley, and Keith*  
75 *Poorbaugh.*

76 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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79 **Agenda Item 10 – National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) Policies 2022**

80 The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) has made a few changes to their National  
81 Physical Therapy Exam. One of the requirements to register for the exam has been repealed. Exam takers  
82 who have obtained their education in a foreign country no longer have to provide passing the internet-  
83 based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) scores to register for the exam. The board  
84 would like to start a regulation project to repeal or change the requirements for foreign trained applicants.

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86 **Break off the record 10:54 A.M.**

87 **Back on the record 11:00 A.M.**

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88 **Agenda Item 16 – American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Dry Needling Motions**  
**Approved**

89 The AOTA Representative Assembly formed a task group to develop professional policies for dry  
90 needling.

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92 Break off the record 11:44 A.M.

93 Back on the record 1:00 P.M.

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95 **Agenda Item 12 – Military Licensing Regulation Implementation**

96 Director Sara Chambers joined the meeting to introduce new military licensing regulations that must be  
97 implemented into each program. Applicants who are active military personnel or military spouses will be  
98 able to receive an emergency courtesy license within 30 days of receiving their application. Military  
99 personnel and military spouse applicants may be granted a 180-day extension if the applicant is unable to  
100 submit all required documentation due to an uncontrollable event. The 180-day extension may be granted  
101 to receive their full license after their emergency courtesy license has been issued.

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103 **Adjourn**

104 **Robert Calhoon moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m. with unanimous consent.**

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Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner

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Enlow Walker, Secretary

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