

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY
3 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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5 ALASKA STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD
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7 June 3, 2022

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

10 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor, Conference Room A, Juneau, AK
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12 Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call

13 Jodi Pfeiffer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 am, Friday, June 3, 2022.

14 Voice Roll Call:

15 Lisa Radley
16 Rebecca Dean
17 Enlow Walker
18 Jodi Pfeiffer

19 4 of 7 board members in attendance; Quorum of the PHY Board is in effect.
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21 Staff Present:

22 Evangelyn Pajarillo, Occupational Licensing Examiner
23 Reid Bowman, Records and Licensing Supervisor
24 Jenni Summers, Senior Investigator
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26 Agenda Item 2 – Review/Approve Agenda

27 ***Enlow Walker moved to accept the 2022 Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy***
28 ***Board meeting agenda for June 3, 2022, as presented. Motion seconded by Rebecca Dean.***

29 ***Voice roll call vote: Lisa Radley, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker and Jodi Pfeiffer all in favor.***

30 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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32 Agenda Item 3 – Approve Meeting Minutes

33 ***Enlow Walker amended his previous motion to accept the 2022 Alaska State Physical Therapy and***
34 ***Occupational Therapy Board meeting agenda for June 3, 2022, as presented to include approving the***
35 ***February 10, 2022, Minutes as submitted. Rebecca Dean seconded the amended motion.***

36 ***Voice roll call vote: Lisa Radley, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker and Jodi Pfeiffer all in favor.***

37 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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39 Agenda Item 4 – Ethics Reporting

40 Jodi Pfeiffer asked members of the board if they had any ethics conflicts to disclose during the meeting.
41 Enlow Walker, Lisa Radley, and Rebecca Dean all stated they had nothing to report. Jodi Pfeiffer stated she is
42 the PTA Program Director at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. However, she does not provide any letters
43 of recommendation for students. In her capacity as Program Director, she would provide letters to the
44 Department that students are on track for graduation.

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46 Agenda Item 5 – Senate Bill 21 Military Licensing Statutes and Regulations Implementation

47 The board discussed the one public comment received during the noticed public comment period. The board
48 expressed no concerns with adopting the regulation as written. No amendment(s) made to the language.

49 ***Enlow Walker motioned that the Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board***
50 ***adopt the proposed regulations dealing with temporary military courtesy licenses as proposed and***
51 ***public noticed considering public comments and the cost to licensees as written. Motion seconded***
52 ***by Lisa Radley.***

53 ***Voice roll call vote: Lisa Radley, Rebecca Dean, Enlow Walker and Jodi Pfeiffer all in favor.***

54 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

55 Administrator for the board to send documents to the board chair, Jodi Pfeiffer, to sign for the adoption of
56 regulations to support Senate Bill 21 for the board.

57 Agenda Item 6 – CEU Course Approval

58 Member Lisa Radley put forth a Dry Needling course for CE approval that she had presented in Hawaii. The
59 course has been approved for CEUs by the Chiropractic Boards in both Hawaii and Alaska. She stated she
60 could not find a course approval form to use for the PT board. She uploaded a sheet with a description of the
61 course for approval consideration. Ms. Radley wasn't sure of the procedure. Licensing Examiner Evangelyn
62 Pajarillo stated she does not know the process for course approval or if she can even bring this type of
63 situation to the board. It does say in the statutes/regulations that the Board can approve CE for people that
64 are renewing. The Occupational Licensing Examiner asked board members with long term experience if
65 historically they were aware of a process or ability to approve courses. Enlow Walker stated that he had been
66 on the board the longest and that in his 4 years he does not recall ever having a course brought to the Board
67 for approval. Jodi Pfeiffer pointed out that in regulation it states that if a course is approved by another state
68 licensing board or APTA Alaska it will be accepted in Alaska. She is not aware of APTA Alaska's process for
69 approval. Lisa Radley talked about the AK Chiropractic Board process and the \$125 fee associated with the
70 process for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' approval. She questioned if the PT Board should have a
71 process like that or if she should look into the APTA and their course approval process. Rebecca Dean
72 asked about accessing the Resource Book from former licensing Examiner Connie Petz for information
73 regarding this topic. She also questioned about the timeliness of this matter for the presentation made by Lisa
74 Radley for any attendees who would need to be assured that any credits earned were appropriate. Lisa Radley
75 will reach out to APTA. Course will be in June or July of 2022 and will be mostly for chiropractors. She does
76 not know if PTs will be attending but wanted to make sure if PTs attended, they would earn continuing
77 education credit. Jodi Pfeiffer directed Lisa Radley to the Alaska APTA website to apply for information on
78 course approval. Enlow Walker stated he knows in the past they have looked at courses that individuals have
79 wanted to submit as part of their continuing education credit at audit and they have reviewed them to see if
80 they will accept them, but they have never looked at courses to be presented in the future for acceptance.
81 Rebecca Dean directed Lisa Radley to FSBPT for approval for accreditation. The Alaska PT Board does not
82 have a system in place for course approval currently.

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84 Agenda Item 7 – FSBPT Delegates

85 Rebecca Dean stated she would be attending the FSBPT Leadership Issue Forums (different than Leadership
86 Training Forum). Discussing national issues and look to individual states for current issues. She would be
87 happy to carry forward any state items on behalf of Alaska. Last 10 years of addressed issues are online. 2021
88 items Board assessment resources, better ways to do criminal background checks resources, dry needling
89 competencies, NPTE eligibility requirements, telehealth guidelines how to get in place and standardized,
90 creating the model board action guidelines, occupational licensing reform resources initiatives for individuals
91 that were re-entering the practice of PT/OT, supervised clinical practice guidelines and performance
92 evaluation instruments and tools, and the PT Compact. Rebecca Dean requested any items to carry forward
93 for July meeting. Rebecca Dean’s suggestions to data mine for information at the FSBPT meeting specific to
94 Alaska: Board recruitment – potential members who have the skills and desire to serve; Diversity, equity, and
95 inclusion; Military community licensing.

96 Lisa Radley suggested PT Compact. Dry needling – allowed to perform in Alaska, but not consistently
97 reimbursed by insurance. Keep an ear out for related information on reimbursement information for
98 intervention issues for patients.

99 Telehealth topic relevant beyond emergency order. Telehealth plays a role in practices outside of the COVID
100 emergency as it allows patients who may have transportation issues, family supervision issues, etc. Interested
101 in national trend on topic.

102 Rebecca Dean asked if it would be appropriate to carry forward recent staffing shortages and seek out best
103 practices to expedite licensing processing. Board members asked to submit any additional items to staff.

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105 Agenda Item 8 – PHY Annual Report – Goals and Objectives

106 Enlow Walker completed a draft of the narrative portion in May 2022. Now that the military regulations are
107 complete, the narrative will need to be updated so it can be included into the report. HB99 has now passed
108 but has not been signed by the Governor. This will also need to be included in the narrative. Statistics and
109 budgetary information to be completed by the licensing examiner. Goals and objectives will need to be
110 supplied by the Board including status updates on last year’s (FY2022) goals and objectives and a new list for
111 2023. The board reviewed FY 2022 goals and objectives 1-9 and revised each accordingly. Discussed potential
112 goals for 2023. Discussion of adding goal for recruitment of potential board members to fill 3 vacancies as
113 possible 2023 goal.

114 Request for administrator to send email to Boards and Commissions to prioritize recruitment for open board
115 positions. Suggestion made for all current board members to reach out to colleagues to apply. Suggestion to
116 reach out to state associations to publish open board positions to their memberships. Discussion regarding
117 voting requirements, definition of quorum, and valid vote. Point made that a board member cannot recuse
118 him or herself out of a quorum vote.

119 Enlow Walker appointed as board member to write the narrative section and Goals and Objectives sections.
120 OLE to provide statistics and budgetary information with final report to be posted to OnBoard for approval
121 If discussion necessary, can be tabled through OnBoard for discussion at next meeting.

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123 Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment

124 No one scheduled or present for public comment.

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126 Agenda Item 9 – Investigative Report

127 Jenni Summers, Senior Investigator present for the Investigations Division. Due to reorganization, Josh
128 Hardy, previous investigator has been moved to another board. Jasmin Bautista has now been assigned to this
129 board for investigations. Investigator Bautista could not attend the meeting today. Currently, there are only 4
130 open cases: 1 OT case and 3 PT cases. 3 of 4 cases are in the intake phase which means Investigations has not
131 received the complaint packet from the complainant. It is concerning that there is not a licensed OT on the
132 board for investigative purposes. Ms. Summers requested that the board reach out if there are any questions.
133 No further discussion.

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135 Agenda Item 10 – New Business

136 With HB99 being finalized, the “physician” seat goes away. Dr. Enlow Walker inquired as to how that affects
137 his ability to serve on the PT/OT board. Jodi Pfeiffer understood it would be “upon conclusion” of his term.
138 HB99 emailed to all board members. HB99 has been passed by the legislature but has not been signed by the
139 Governor. Automatically effective in 90 days if the Governor does not sign. Regulations will be required to
140 support the statute changes made with the bill’s passage. For example, verbiage changes such as “therapy” to
141 “therapist”, etc.

142 Next meeting scheduled for June 30, 2022. This is also when renewals are due. Everything that was to be
143 covered in that scheduled meeting has been accomplished today.

144 ***Rebecca Dean motioned to cancel the board meeting scheduled June 30 meeting as all proposed***
145 ***business for that meeting has now been handled today, June 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Enlow***
146 ***Walker.***

147 ***Voice roll call vote: Radley, Dean, Walker, Pfeiffer all in agreement to cancel June 30, 2022,***
148 ***scheduled meeting.***

149 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

150 Next board meeting scheduled for October 13, 2022.

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152 Adjourn

153 ***In a motion by Lisa Radley, seconded by Enlow Walker with unanimous consent, it was moved to***
154 ***adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.***

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156 **Plan of Action Items:**

- 157 1. Administrator for the board to send documents to the board chair, Jodi Pfeiffer, to sign for the
158 adoption of regulations to support Senate Bill 21 for the board.
- 159 2. Enlow Walker to revise narrative portion of PHY-FY22 report and Goals and Objectives as
160 discussed at this meeting and submit to licensing examiner. Licensing Examiner to add statistics and
161 budgetary information. Final report to posted via OnBoard for a vote.
- 162 3. Board members to submit any additional topics for AK to be brought forth for Rebecca Dean’s
163 attendance at FSBPT Leadership Issue Forums to licensing examiner.
- 164 4. Licensing Examiner to send email to Boards and Commissions requesting they prioritize recruitment
165 for open board positions, specifically OT position.
- 166 5. Current board members to reach out to colleagues to apply.
- 167 6. Reach out to state associations to publish open board positions to their members.
- 168 7. Next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2022

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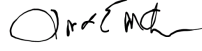
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Tina McLean, Chair

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