



MARYLAND
Department of Health
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:42 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure and discuss other privileged matters in accordance with General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

Board Members Present:

Stephen Baur, PT
Karen Gordes, PT
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Board Members Absent:

Michelle Finnegan, PT

Also Present:

Carlton Curry, Executive Director
Joy Aaron, Deputy Director
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
John Bull, Compliance Manager/ Investigator
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary
Patricia Miller, Board Secretary

Guests:

Sharon Bloom
 Monique Caruth, PT - APTA Board of Directors Southern Region
 Hannah Karschnor, PTA Student
 David Scott, PTA Student

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and guests. Board Members and staff introduced themselves.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2018 were approved with corrections.	Minutes
Carlton Curry Executive Director apprised the Board that there are a number of bills this legislative session however only a few are directly related to the Board. Bills related thus far include: the bill to expand Massage Therapy which has been withdrawn, the Athletic Trainer bill, in which a letter of concern was sent, HB288 which the Board opposed and Mr. Curry gave testimony. An upcoming bill that changes the way Boards evaluate criminal history checks is of concern and will be monitored. Mr. Curry states that this legislative session has been very active. Per the Board's vote, Mr. Curry submitted the paperwork to amend the required date of dry needling registration from June 19, 2018, to January 1, 2019. Mr. Curry apprised the Board of Acupuncture of the proposed amendment. Mr. Curry states that he was advised to contact the Acupuncture Association who is sending a letter of concern. He states that the Maryland Department of Health wants all stakeholders to "buy in".	Legislative Update
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report. Sumesh Thomas, Board Member asked about graphs and visuals for licensure data. Mr. Curry states that the staff is in the process of making updates.	Licensure Update
Jenne Assard, PT requests clarification on guidelines for INR levels. The Board's response is to use clinical sound professional judgment and the standards of practice.	Scope of Practice, Jenne Assard
Krystal Lighty apprised the Board of the FARB conference. Ms. Lighty notes that there are many similar trends amongst other types of regulatory boards including portability of licensure, supervision, and ideal board structures. Ms. Lighty states that it would be beneficial to work with other boards in the region to discuss similarities. Ms. Lighty suggests Board Members and staff also attend FARB. She also states there was a "mock" board meeting and suggestions for boards to report disciplinary actions without identifying factors and make note of approval and non-approval when voting. Mr. Curry highlighted work force trends and licensure, NC Dental, best practices, and the regulatory review in his report. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend. He will compile a list of upcoming conferences.	FARB
The Board voted to approve the following CEU course application:	Continuing Education

'Functional Dry Needling' and 'Human Trafficking'.

The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course application:

'Tobacco Cessation' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Weight Management'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Biointegrity Focused'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Treating Upper Crossed'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; and *'Postpartum Rehab'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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The board meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

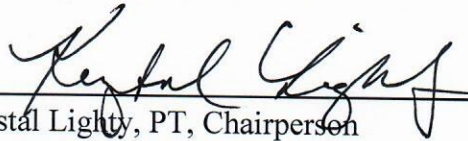
Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

4/17/2018

Date Approved



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (13)	Licensure Application	To engage in Medical Review & Deliberations on Applic
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4. This statement is made by Krystal Lighty PT, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING

Time of closed session: 1:52 pm Place: 4201 Patterson Ave 21215
 Purpose(s): Review Confidential Applications for Licensure
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: All Present
 Persons attending closed session: All Board & Staff
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (b)(13)
 Topics actually discussed: Application for Licensure
 Actions taken: Application Approved Each recorded vote: VOTED
on its appropriate

For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: 1:57 pm
 Place: 4201 Patterson Persons present: Those @ Open Subject matter discussed: Board investigations & Disciplinary matters

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. Complete items 1 – 4:

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 2/20/18; Time: 1:57L; Location: 4201 Patterson Avenue
Motion to close meeting made by: _____ Seconded by: _____;
Members in favor: All Present; Opposed: 0;
Abstaining: 0; Absent: Finnegan

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):**

This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)___ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13) "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)___ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process."

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