

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
JUNE 15, 2012
MINUTES**

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June 15, 2012, 8:30 a.m. EST

The minutes reflect the actual sequence of events rather than the original agenda order.

Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call:

Mr. Clint Lohr, Chair, called the general business meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting, included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clint Lohr, Chair, PT, Cert. MDT
Dr. Gina Petraglia, Vice Chair, PT
Violeta Acuna-Parker, MBA, PT
Dr. Madeleine Hellman PT, MHM, Ed.D
Jack Rust, PT

BOARD COUNSEL

Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel,
Assistant Attorney General Office

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Sapp, Program Administrator
Amanda Townsley, Regulatory Specialist II
Shinita Miller, Regulatory Specialist II
Marquita Walker, Regulatory Specialist I

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF REACTIVATION REQUIREMENTS

Tab 1 Francienna Grant, PT17046

Ms. Grant was not present on the call.

Ms. Grant has recently submitted a petition requesting Waiver of Rule 64B17-5.001 for reactivation of her Florida physical therapist license. She has submitted several courses that are not approved as they do not meet the requirements in Rule 64B17-9.001. Ms. Grant is requesting the board accept her unapproved courses and reactivate her license.

MOTION: After discussion, Mr. Rust made a motion to approve Ms. Grant's petition and to reactivate her license. The motion was seconded by Dr. Petraglia and carried 5/0.

PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER OF RULE

Tab 2 Ricardo De Miranda Tubino, PT by Examination

Mr. Tubino was present on the call.

- Petition for Variance or Waiver of Rule 64B17-3.001

Mr. Tubino has filed a petition for waiver of Rule 64B17-3.001, F.A.C. Mr. Tubino's application was heard at the May 4, 2012 board meeting and was tabled until the June conference call so that he may submit a petition. He is requesting a waiver from the education requirement(s) in regards to the deficiencies on his FCCPT evaluation. His FCCPT credential evaluation indicates he lacks required course content in professional education.

MOTION: After discussion, Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to grant the Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B17-3.001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 5/0.

- Application by Examination

MOTION: After discussion Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Mr. Tubino's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 5/0.

Tab 3 Michael Garrett, PT by Endorsement

Mr. Garrett was present on the call.

- Petition for Variance or Waiver of Rule 64B17-3.003

Mr. Garrett has filed a petition for waiver of Rule 64B17-3.003, F.A.C. Mr. Garrett's application was heard at the May 4, 2012 board meeting and was tabled until the June conference call so that he may submit a petition. He is requesting a waiver from the education requirement(s) in regards to the deficiencies on his FCCPT evaluation. His FCCPT credential evaluation indicates he lacks required course content in professional education.

MOTION: After discussion Dr. Hellman made a motion to grant the Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B17-3.003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lohr and carried 5/0.

- Application by Endorsement

MOTION: After discussion, Dr. Hellman made a motion to approve Mr. Garrett's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exam shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lohr and carried 5/0.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE PURSUANT TO §456.013(3)(c), F.S.

Tab 4 Keese Hallingse, PTA by Examination

Mr. Hallingse was present on the call.

Mr. Hallingse was asked to attend to discuss his criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve with completion of a PRN evaluation and be in compliance with their recommendations, if any. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

MOTION: After discussion Mr. Lohr made a motion to approve Mr. Hallingse's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 5/0.

Tab 5 Marco Antunez, PTA by Examination

Mr. Antunez was present on the call.

Dr. Petraglia recused herself, as she was a professor to the applicant.

Mr. Antunez was asked to attend to discuss his personal and criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Mr. Antunez's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 4/0.

Tab 6 Joseph Postma, PTA by Examination

Mr. Postma was present on the call.

Mr. Postma was asked to attend to discuss his criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Mr. Postma's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 5/0.

Tab 7 Christopher Henery Skowronski, PTA by Examination

Mr. Skowronski was present on the call.

Dr. Petraglia recused herself, as she was a professor to the applicant.

Mr. Skowronski was asked to attend to discuss his criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Mr. Skowronski's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 4/0.

Tab 8 Glenn Peterson, PTA by Endorsement

Mr. Peterson was present on the call.

Mr. Peterson was asked to attend to discuss his criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion, Mr. Lohr made a motion to authorize Mr. Peterson to sit for the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Mr. Peterson must complete a PRN evaluation and be in compliance with their recommendations, if any, within 60 days. If no contract is recommended, then Board staff may approve his license; he does not have to appear

before the Board. If a contract is recommended, the Board reserves the jurisdiction to require Mr. Peterson to appear before the Board prior to the issuance of a license. The motion was seconded by Dr. Petraglia and carried 4/1. Mr. Rust opposed.

Tab 9 Christopher Lougheed, PT by Examination

Mr. Lougheed was present on the call.

Mr. Lougheed was asked to attend to discuss his criminal history.

MOTION: After discussion Dr. Petraglia made a motion to approve Mr. Lougheed's application for licensure and to certify him to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination and the Florida Laws and Rules Exam. Upon a passing score on the exams shall be licensed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna-Parker and carried 4/1.

Tab 10 Paul Liangco, PT by Endorsement

Mr. Liangco was present on the call.

Mr. Liangco has applied for licensure by Endorsement. He has failed the NPTE exam five times, passing on the sixth attempt. Per Section 486.051, F.S. and Rule 64B17-3.003, F.A.C. an applicant who has failed the NPTE by or on the fifth attempt, is no longer eligible to take the examination and is precluded from licensure.

After discussion, Mr. Liangco waived his 90 days.

MOTION: After discussion Dr. Petraglia made a motion to table to August for Mr. Liangco to file a petition to be placed on the next Board agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna-Parker and carried 5/0.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Tab 11 Tina Pichardo

Ms. Pichardo was present on the call.

Tina Pichardo's application was considered and denied at the May 4, 2012 board meeting. She is requesting a reconsideration of this decision based being granted a Level I Exemption on February 24, 1999 by Florida Department of Health.

- Application for Exemption

MOTION: After discussion by Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Ms. Pichardo's exemption for disqualification from employment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rust and carried 4/1. Mr. Lohr opposed.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

Tab 12 Adriana Fernandez

Ms. Fernandez was present on the call.

Ms. Fernandez has submitted an application for Exemption from Disqualification to seek employment in a health care setting.

- Application for Exemption

MOTION: After discussion by Ms. Acuna-Parker made a motion to approve Ms. Fernandez's exemption for disqualification from employment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lohr and carried 5/0.

RULE DISCUSSION

Tab 13 Amendments to Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes

Additional changes to the new application questions were recently made. The new questions will be presented to the Board at the August meeting for approval. This tab was tabled to the August meeting for updated questions.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15am.