

**THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Neil Shimabukuro, Physical Therapist (“PT”), Chair  
Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair  
Russell Chung, Public Member  
Debra Kubota, PT  
Elizabeth McCreary, Public Member  
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Guest: Herbert Yee, Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association
- Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).
1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
  2. Additions/  
Additional  
Distribution  
to Agenda: None.
  3. Approval of  
Board Meeting  
Minutes of the  
December 2,  
2014 Meeting: Chair Shimabukuro asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board meeting minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting.  
  
Ms. McCreary noted that Vice Chair Iopa’s name appears twice on the list of individuals present at the meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting as amended.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

None.

5. New Business:

None.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”)- Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”) Licensure – Update

EO Taniguchi reported that the rules were sent to the Governor's office in December for approval. Once the Governor signs the rules, they will be sent to the Lieutenant Governor's office for filing. Ten days after filing, the rules will be final.

b. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, HAR – Continued Competence Draft Language

A copy of the statute language as well as the continued competence draft language was distributed to the board members.

EO Taniguchi reminded the board that the rules are supposed to address what is not in the statute.

EO Taniguchi reported that only one or two states use ProCert exclusively. He feels that it would be restrictive for the Board to only accept ProCert. He noted that in the draft language, he suggested that the Board accept courses approved by other state boards. He has spoken to staff members of states that use ProCert and they seem happy with the program.

Ms. Kubota asked how licensees would be informed of the continued competence requirements once the rules are approved.

EO Taniguchi said that he is planning to mail a notice to the licensees. He reported that he has also contacted the American Heart Association regarding the four units in life support for health care professionals that are required. The representative he spoke to assured him that they could accommodate the number of licensees that would need to take the course and informed him that there was no comparable course. EO Taniguchi noted that a four unit course would be over three hours. He plans to contact the American Red Cross to

confirm that they do not have a comparable course. He suggested to Mr. Yee that HAPTA notify their members so that they can begin taking the required course.

Ms. McCreary asked if licensees have to take the CPR course every two years and commented that she feels it is a bit excessive.

EO Taniguchi said yes.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that there is a similar requirement for other health care professions.

DAG Tam noted that the statute states that continuing competence units shall be obtained in subjects related to either the professional practice of physical therapy or patient/client management. He asked if ProCert approves courses in other subjects.

EO Taniguchi said he is not aware of any other subjects that are approved. He noted that Ms. Kubota is planning to go to an item-writing session for the jurisprudence exam and asked Ms. Kubota if she could inquire with the FSBPT.

Ms. Kubota agreed.

EO Taniguchi suggested that the Board consider retroactive approval of continued competence courses. He noted that the rule process is lengthy and this would allow licensees to begin taking courses. He said that course providers would need to inform the licensees that the courses are pending approval. EO Taniguchi said he would work on draft language to address retroactive approval for review.

Mr. Yee asked if the Board would be willing to evaluate courses for providers that do not want to go through the ProCert process. He said that he believed that the FSBPT and the American Physical Therapy Association ("APTA") are already mentioned in the statute as approved evaluators and HAPTA is willing to assist the Board with review.

DAG Tam noted that the statute does not mention specific agencies recognized by the Board, however, the proposed rules language does mention course approval by the FSBPT or any other entity approved by the Board.

Ms. Kubota expressed concern over the number of transient physical therapists who may take continued competence courses in another state.

EO Taniguchi noted that the proposed language includes approval for courses approved by another jurisdiction's physical therapy board or its equivalent.

Ms. McCreary asked how the Board would determine compliance.

EO Taniguchi stated that at the time of renewal, the licensee would have to sign an attestation that they completed the continuing competence requirements and the Board would randomly audit licensees. He noted that the Board would need to decide what percentage of licensees would be audited. He said he believes it would be easiest on the board members if they only accept continued competence approved by ProCert, another state, APTA or HAPTA.

DAG Tam reminded the Board that the statute requires that licensee shall keep their continued competency documents for a period of seven years after the course or activity concludes.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that aPTitude allows licensees to put continued competence in their digital file and print out a report.

Ms. McCreary asked what aPTitude is.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that aPTitude is a resource created by the FSBPT for licensees to record their continued competence activities. It allows reports to be generated so licensees can self monitor compliance.

Mr. Yee said he has heard that it is a fairly rigorous process to get approval from ProCert.

Chair Shimabukuro asked if the APTA's process is less rigorous.

Mr. Yee stated that the APTA's approval process is not as transparent as the APTA only certifies their own courses and does not certify courses for other organizations.

DAG Tam recommended that the Board make their rules as broad as possible.

EO Taniguchi reminded the Board that if the rules are too specific, they will not be able to make any changes without going through the rules process.

Ms. McCreary commented that she agreed that the rules should be as broad as possible as she feels it would be dangerous to get too specific.

Mr. Yee stated that HAPTA has already received an inquiry from MedBridge, a

company that provides courses for PTs as well as Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathology. They would like carte blanche approval of their online courses.

Chair Shimabukuro asked Ms. Kubota if she could request a list of credible agencies or providers from the FSBPT.

Ms. Kubota agreed.

Mr. Yee said that HAPTA would also provide the Board with whatever they have, however, he feels that it is not the courses that will be a problem but the other types of continued competence.

EO Taniguchi agreed. He noted that the FSBPT's list of approved activities include items such as self study, residencies and research. He asked if the Board would review these items.

Chair Shimabukuro said that unless ProCert service includes these types of activities, the Board will have to do it.

Ms. Kubota said she would ask the FSBPT about whether ProCert service includes activities and also, how other state boards handle these types of activities.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that based on the FSBPT's response, the Board may want to consider shortening the list of acceptable activities.

DAG Tam noted that §461J-10.13(3) says "other competence related activities approved by the board or an agency recognized by the board" and suggested that the Board may want to further define "other competence related activities".

7. Applications:

a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the attached ratification list.

b. Applications

Executive  
Session:

At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Ms. McCreary, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities".

At 10:23 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

- Michael Anton  
Upon a motion by Chair Shimabukuro, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on to approve Mr. Anton's application for PTA license with Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Iopa, Mr. Chung and Ms. Kubota voting "yes" and Ms. McCreary voting "no". The motion passed.
- Jerret Murray  
Upon a motion by Chair Shimabukuro, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on to approve Mr. Murray's renewal application for PT license with Chair Shimabukuro, Mr. Chung, Ms. Kubota and Ms. McCreary voting "yes" and Vice Chair Iopa voting "no". The motion passed.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

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Jennifer Fong  
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

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Alan Taniguchi  
Executive Officer

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[✓] Minutes approved as is.

[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

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