

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2015
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Neil Shimabukuro, Physical Therapist (“PT”), Chair  
Russell Chung, Public Member  
Michael Turner, PT  
Jill Wakabayashi, Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”)  
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Excused: Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair  
Debra Kubota, PT
- Guests: Herbert Yee, Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association (“HAPTA”)
- 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: EO Taniguchi announced that the following was distributed to the Board members as additional distribution:
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 10, HAR – Continued Competence Draft Language
- Email from Heidi Herbst-Paakkonen, Continuing Competence Product Manager, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Meeting: Chair Shimabukuro asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board meeting minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting.
- There were none.
- Upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Chung, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting as circulated.

4. Executive Officer's Report: None.

At this time, Chair Shimabukuro announced that he was taking the agenda out of order to discuss the following agenda item:

- 6. Unfinished Business, a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, HAR – Continued Competence Draft Language

6. Unfinished Business a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) – Continued Competence Draft Language

EO Taniguchi reported that Ms. Herbst Paakkonen had previously offered to have Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (“FSBPT”) staff come to Hawaii to give live (in-person) presentations on their aPTitude resource and the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (“JAM”) which would fulfill the continued competence (“CC”) requirement of two units in ethics, laws, and rules (jurisprudence). Ms. Herbst Paakkonen’s email informed the Board that the FSBPT has determined that they are unable to have staff travel to Hawaii to conduct presentations. She noted that the FSBPT can offer to the Board the following options: 1) real time WebEx presentations while board members conduct in-person meetings; 2) provide links to recorded power point presentations and demonstration that the FSBPT will create and provide; 3) WebEx training with board members and/or staff to prepare them for in-person meetings; and 4) prepare information for mailings and for the Board’s website.

EO Taniguchi said that if the Board feels live presentations would be helpful for licensees, he is willing to ask the administration if they can do so as well as to cover costs associated with such presentations, however, he would like some Board members to be present at each presentation to answer any profession-related questions that may come up.

Mr. Turner asked what would be covered during the live presentations.

EO Taniguchi stated that the presentations would cover the CC requirements as well as the FSBPT’s aPTitude and JAM.

Mr. Turner noted that he has a lot of experience with CC both as a teacher and as a participant. He asked if it was possible to put a link on the internet which would allow licensees to view the presentation at their leisure.

EO Taniguchi stated that the Board can place links on their website. He noted that staff will also be doing a mass mailing to Hawaii PT licensees to provide more information on the CC requirements once the Board has determined what those requirements will be.

Mr. Turner asked if the Board could possibly plan a live presentation in conjunction with HAPTA's Fall Conference.

Mr. Yee said it was possible. The Fall Conference will be held in October at Shriner's Hospital.

Chair Shimabukuro expressed concern that Shriner's Hospital would not have the capacity that may be required for the live presentation.

Mr. Yee suggested that HAPTA could adjourn their Fall Conference and move the live presentation to another venue such as Kapiolani Community College ("KCC").

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that if the Board wants to conduct a live presentation at KCC, she can assist with the arrangements, however, in order for the presentation to be held at KCC, HAPTA will not be able to charge a fee to attendees. Also, the KCC auditorium

After some discussion, it was determined that the Board will be unable to offer a presentation as part of HAPTA's Fall Conference as their event is being held on the same weekend as the FSBPT's annual meeting in Florida which EO Taniguchi, Vice Chair Iopa, Ms. Kubota and Ms. Wakabayashi are attending.

DAG Tam informed the Board that other boards who implemented new licensure areas or continuing education requirements did not provide live presentations to licensees or video presentations on their website. In most cases, those boards did mailings, provided information on their website and asked local professional organizations with assistance on getting the word out regarding the new requirements. Any inquiries were directed to the Board's staff.

The Board reviewed three draft documents drafted by DAG Tam with assistance from EO Taniguchi and Chair Shimabukuro: "Continuing Competence Guidelines for Physical Therapists", "Guidelines on Courses Offered or Approved Any Other Provider or Agency Approved by the Hawaii

Board of Physical Therapy” and “Other Competence Related Activities Approved by the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy.”

DAG Tam noted that the language he used is directly from HRS Chapter 461J. He thought it would be best to avoid paraphrasing. He stated that the Board may want to consider putting together a list of frequently asked questions (“FAQs”) which they could use to provide clarification on courses, jurisprudence and CPR course. They could also state in the FAQs that use of the FSBPT’s aPTitude resource is optional, not mandatory.

Board members agreed that would be a good idea.

After some discussion, the Board made some non-substantive changes to all three drafts and made changes to the credits given for some of the Elective Activities listed in the “Other Competence Related Activities Approved by the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy” draft.

DAG Tam stated that he would make the requested changes and provide revised drafts to the Board for review at their next meeting.

Mr. Turner asked what would happen if a licensee that is audited is not able to provide proof of meeting the CC requirement.

DAG Tam noted that generally, if a licensee has not complied with the CC requirement, the Board would send a request to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (“RICO”) for investigation. It may come back to the Board in the form of either a settlement agreement or a final order. The terms of either disciplinary action can vary from a monetary fine through license revocation.

Chair Shimabukuro suggested that consequences for non-compliance be included in the FAQs.

Mr. Turner said he feels that live presentations may be unnecessary if the mailing and website information are comprehensive.

Ms. Wakabayashi agreed.

The Board returned to its regular order of business.

5. New Business: a. Inquiry from Virginia Tully regarding temporary physical therapist licensees

The Board reviewed Ms. Tully’s inquiry in which she states “Licensed PTs write PT, RPT, etc. after their name indicating his/her credentials. What does the temporarily licensed PT write?”

After some discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Nagashima, seconded by the Vice Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to inform Ms. Tully that pursuant to HRS §461J-2(b), a Hawaii temporary physical therapist licensee may use the letters "RPT", "LPT", "DPT" or "PT" as appropriate as long as their Hawaii temporary physical therapist license is effective.

This is an informal interpretation for informational and explanatory purposes only and is not an official opinion or decision and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board.

7. Applications: a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Chung, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE

PT 3998 RICHARD P KOCHOA  
PT 3999 REBECCA K STEINER  
PT 4000 PETER S ZATEZALO  
PT 4001 TYRE A PATTERSON  
PT 4002 JEREMY M DECKER  
PT 4003 RHENAND A MENDOZA  
PT 4004 JOHN M MEDEIROS  
PT 4005 SYLVIE THI LE  
PT 4006 MARIA J CUEVAS  
PT 4007 JOEL A BALAJADIA  
PT 4008 CHANTELLE M BRUYN  
PT 4009 TYREL S MEANS  
PT 4010 ORLI J WACHS  
PT 4011 LYDIA S KIM  
PT 4012 EVE L HUSKA  
PT 4013 RYA JOY C BALIGAD  
PT 4014 JASSIM D VAILOCES  
PT 4015 AMANDA E ELLER  
PT 4016 MARIANNA T MARDEUSZ  
PT 4017 RAJCOOMAR ISSUREE  
PT 4018 JULIE L ZELENOCK  
PT 4019 MICHELE S OHARA  
PT 4020 KYLE L WOMACK  
PT 4021 ADAM M LADWIG  
PT 4022 ROSS K LUM

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE

PTA 217 YVONNE A ABREU  
PTA 218 GISELLE MONTALVO  
PTA 219 NINA B ALFERIO  
PTA 220 JENNIFER A GESKE  
PTA 221 JACOB C LANNERT  
PTA 222 TIFFANY N K CHOPRA  
PTA 223 JOANNE L KAONA  
PTA 224 HARLAN N TSURUDA  
PTA 225 KELLY L VALENTINE

b. Applications

None.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
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9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:48 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 August 25, 2015.