

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Michael Turner, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chair  
Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair  
Debra Kubota, PT  
Elizabeth McCreary, Public Member  
Neil Shimabukuro, PT  
Kenyatta Nichols, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Guests: Herbert Yee, Hawaii Chapter of the 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 Turner called the meeting to order at  
9:06 a.m.
  2. Additions/  
Revisions  
to Agenda: None.
  3. Approval of  
Board Meeting  
Minutes of the  
September 10,  
2013 Meeting: Upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Ms. McCreary, it was voted on  
and unanimously carried to approve both the board and executive session  
minutes of the September 10, 2013 Board meeting as circulated.

4. Executive Officer's Update: a. 2014 Board Meeting Schedule

A copy of the proposed 2014 board meeting schedule was circulated to the Board.

EO Nichols requested that in the event of any conflicts, the members notify the Board's office as soon as possible.

By consensus, the Board approved the 2014 board meeting schedule.

5. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT"): a. Report on the FSBPT Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, October 10 – 12, 2013

Ms. Kubota presented the following report:

- The FSBPT has the following programs available for use by its jurisdictions:
  - ♦ aPTitude is a free continuing competency management system for licensees, continuing education activity vendors and jurisdiction licensing boards. The FSBPT is also partnering with the APTA to develop data sharing with the Online Learning Center.
  - ♦ ProCert is a certification program for continuing competence activities/continuing education conferences that evaluates the activities and certifies those meeting FSBPT standards.
- The following motions were adopted (some with amendments) at the Delegate Assembly:
  - ♦ National Physical Therapy Exam ("NPTE") Eligibility
    - Establish a lifetime limit of six attempts at passing the NPTE. Candidates who have not passed within the allotted six attempts will not be allowed to sit for the NPTE again. The FSBPT will work with member boards to address conflicts with specific jurisdiction requirements.
    - Establish a low score policy to ensure that candidates with two failing scores at or below 400 (out of 800 points) will not be allowed to sit again for the NPTE. The FSBPT will work with member boards to address conflicts with specific jurisdiction requirements.
    - Institute a requirement that all non-exempt candidates will demonstrate English language proficiency by meeting the most recent Test of English as a Foreign Language ("TOEFL") score requirements as defined by the FSBPT prior to sitting for the NPTE. Candidates must achieve the

- TOEFL score requirements in one sitting.
- Support FSBPT instituting a requirement that prior to sitting for the NPTE, graduates of non-CAPTE accredited schools meet the standard of the FSBPT's most recent Coursework Tool (CWT), which evaluates the education and training of PT or PTA exam candidates.
- ♦ Support development of a Common Licensure Application Service and encourage FSBPT member boards to participate in this service.
- ♦ Support development of a Credential Verification Service and encourage FSBPT member boards to participate in this service.
- ♦ Support the concept and exploration of a licensure compact.
- ♦ Refer to the Board of Directors the motion that the FSBPT support a uniform change in the regulatory designation of physical therapists in all jurisdictions to "DPT" by the year 2020, working in collaboration with the APTA to devise and implement a plan to achieve the change.

Ms. Kubota noted that Vice Chair Iopa was planning to report on the other areas of the conference.

This matter was deferred.

6. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

Approved for Physical Therapist License

- PT 3682 KAELEN C ARNOLD
- PT 3683 ELIZABETH A DYER
- PT 3684 AANI C CALVO
- PT 3685 MARTINA CHAVIS
- PT 3686 SCOTT T YASUMOTO
- PT 3687 CHERYL E YASUMOTO
- PT 3688 WILLIAM C THOMAS
- PT 3689 AMBER B PIPPEN
- PT 3690 LESLIE S LOOP
- PT 3691 CORINNE K NAKAMURA
- PT 3692 MEGAN L KOLBE
- PT 3693 DEBORAH J REESE
- PT 3694 GAMALIEL P DAWAY

- PT 3695 KRISTINA A BULLER
- PT 3696 KIMBERLY L JONES
- PT 3697 MARIE A SANCHEZ
- PT 3698 MARK M KOZUKI
- PT 3699 DIANA L RENTROP
- PT 3700 SUZANNE M GILL
- PT 3701 EILEEN P M MANALO
- PT 3702 TYLER L VANDER ZANDEN
- PT 3703 JENNYZEN C SANTIAGO
- PT 3704 QUISTO G OUCHAREK
- PT 3705 KIRSTEN B URTIAGA
- PT 3706 CARIE K SUMIDA
- PT 3707 DANA STRAGER

b. Applications

None.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, Hawaii Administrative Rules - Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”) Licensure Language Working Committee – Proposed Language Draft #2

The PTA Licensure Language Working Committee presented Draft #2 to the Board.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Turner, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the proposed language for PTA licensure.

At 9:52 a.m., Vice Chair Iopa arrived.

At this time, Chair Turner announced he was taking the agenda out of order to resume discussion on the following agenda item:

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Vice Chair Iopa presented the following report:

- Dry Needling was one of the hot topics of the conference. Currently, 33 states include dry needling in their formal scope of practice. Eight states (including Hawaii) do not include it in their scope of practice. Nine states are undecided. Hawaii is the only state that does not allow PTs to penetrate the skin.
- There was also much discussion about regulating PTAs and the role of PTA board members. Of 53 jurisdictions, 29 have PTAs on their boards. Boards without PTA members are forgetting to include PTAs in regulatory language as well as failing to recognize the implications of their decisions on PTAs.

Chair Turner asked if there were any questions or comments.

EO Nichols noted that HRS §461J-2.5 states "A physical therapist shall not use invasive procedures. For purposes of this section, an invasive procedure is the breaking or puncturing of a person's good skin integrity, for example, through surgery or injections."

Mr. Yee stated that language was inserted as a concession to the acupuncturists in order to get the practice act passed by the legislature. He noted that any time the Board proposes any legislative changes, it opens up all areas of the practice act to potential objections by other related professions such as acupuncturists, chiropractors, etc.

Ms. McCreary asked what the status of the portability issue is.

Ms. Kubota stated that the FSBPT is still exploring and investigating the issue, though portability is the reason they are looking into developing a licensure compact.

The Board returned to its regular order of business.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2013  
9:00 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Turner adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

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Jennifer Fong  
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Kenyatta Nichols

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Mr. Kenyatta Nichols  
Executive Officer

12/04/13

Minutes approved as is.

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