

Minutes of the July 20, 2022 Board of Physical Therapy Video Conference Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Betsy Becker, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 1:03 p.m. on Wednesday July 20, 2022, on the Fifth Floor, Conference Room G, of the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on April 7, 2022.

Becker announced that this is an open meeting and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Betsy Becker, Chairperson (via Webex)

Tom Victor, Secretary (via Webex)

Kimberly Oliphant, Member (via Webex)

Dr. Kirk Peck, Vice-Chairperson (via Webex, joined at 1:05)

Staff Present:

Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General

TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General

Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager

Amy Blinston, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Oliphant moved, seconded by Victor, to adopt the agenda as posted. Voting aye: Becker, Victor, and Oliphant. Absent: Dr. Peck. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot approving the minutes from the April 21st, 2022, Board Meeting. Becker, Oliphant, and Victor voted to approve the minutes as written; Peck did not vote. The minutes were approved on May 18, 2022.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not move into closed session as there were no investigations or confidential information to review.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS – OPEN SESSION

The Board did not make any recommendations.

6. DISCUSSION OF 2022 FSBPT DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Becker indicated Peck is the Nebraska FSBPT delegate and Oliphant is the alternate delegate. Covert-ByBee gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of delegates. The delegates attend FSBPT meetings and represent this Board. Elections are being held however there have been no changes to bylaws or policy. The Board was provided with statements from each candidate along with a short biography, then discussed each candidate and their qualifications.

7. LICENSURE AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-02

Covert-ByBee provided information regarding Executive order 22-02, which extends orders 21-12 and 21-15 through September 30, 2022. At this time, the Department has no information as to whether the Executive Order will be extended. Boards may continue to meet virtually until the end of September, 2022. After the that date, the requirement is that 51% of meetings are to be attended in person.

8. UPDATE ON NEW LICENSURE DATABASE LANCE

Covert-ByBee advised the Board that the Department is now conducting User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for the new database. A launch date has not been set.

9. LICENSURE APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Blinston presented the Licensure Application Processing Report. This was for informational purposes only.

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Topics for next meeting include, Executive Order Update, Update on LANCE, and the Application Processing Report (APR).

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Victor, Secretary