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#### **DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**



Jim Pillen, Governor

## Board of Physical Therapy Meeting Agenda

Date:

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

This is an **in-person** meeting.

You may choose to attend in person at the following location:

Nebraska State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14<sup>th</sup> and M Streets) Lincoln, Nebraska

Lower Level, Goldenrod Room

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- Reaffirmation of Mail Ballot
- 4. Closed Session
  - A. Investigation(s)
  - B. Application(s)
  - C. Other Confidential Information

    Purpose: To hear discussions regarding confidential information and
    to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such
    discussions.
- Board Recommendations on Applications
- Scope of Practice:
  - 1. For the practice of IASTM/ Gua Sha/ Cupping, is it sufficient for a licensed physical therapist to pursue continued education courses, engage in peer learning through demonstrations, and study relevant research to meet the Board's standards for education and training? Or is it a requirement to obtain specific certification from recognized organizations (e.g., Graston, HawkGrips) before a licensee is authorized to perform these techniques on patients?
  - 2. In cases where a licensee holds current certifications in methodologies such as Graston and Astym, does the Board permit such an individual to impart training to others within their professional scope, albeit not for certification purposes? For example, can a physical therapist certified in the Graston technique legally instruct a massage therapist or athletic trainer (soft tissue mobilization is also in their scope of practice) in the application of this method, solely to enhance the latter's skill set or for demonstration purposes, without issuing formal certification? To be specific, can I perform a small demonstration of Astym (5-10 minutes) to another professional for education and not certification purposes?
- Communication with Stakeholders
- Discussion of Board Membership
- Update on New Licensure Database
- 10. Legislative Update
- 11 Licensure Application Processing Report
- 12. Public Comment
- 13. Topics for Next Meeting
- 14 Adjournment

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