

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Physical Therapy on July 18, 2019.*

## **Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Board of Physical Therapy Meeting**

Rachel Reiman, Chairperson, called the conference call meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Licensure Unit, Conference Room 1 at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice and Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Reiman announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members and Department staff were present at the meeting: Dr. Kirk Peck; Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; and Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator. Dr. Betsy Becker, Rachel Reiman and Tom Victor joined by telephone.

Peck moved, seconded by Victor to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, Reiman and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Becker moved, seconded by Victor to approve the minutes from April 2, 2019. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, Reiman and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Covert-ByBee provided an update on the regulation review process. The licensure unit submitted the regulations that were revised during the April 2, 2019 meeting to department legal. The licensure unit received the draft regulations back with revisions regarding formatting and wording as well as guidance on content. Covert-ByBee asked the Board to help clarify required scores and other issues regarding foreign-based training requirements. The Board recommended not listing individual credentialing agencies and instead state that any association that uses the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Coursework Tool is approved for purposes of the regulations. The Board also suggested maintaining the minimum scores enumerated for the TOEFL exam and removing the paper delivered test because it does not test for speaking proficiency and is not consistent with the Foreign Credentialing Commission of Physical Therapy. The Board discussed the requirements for licensure for individuals licensed in another jurisdiction who have not practiced within the 3 years preceding and individuals who have passed the licensure examination more than 3 years prior but are not currently practicing and recommended increasing the required continuing education requirements to 50 hours for those individuals. The Board discussed the inclusion of dry needling and how to format that section with fine-wire electromyography.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tom Victor, Secretary