

Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Board of Physical Therapy Meeting

Rachel Reiman, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 9:01 a.m. in the Licensure Unit 1 Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 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.

Ms. 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. Betsy Becker; Dr. Kirk Peck; Rachel Reiman; Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General; and Investigator Carla Cue. Tom Victor was absent.

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

Dr. Becker moved, seconded by Dr. Peck to go into closed session to hear discussion regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, and, Reiman. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Peck moved, seconded by Dr. Becker to return to open session. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, and, Reiman. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Becker moved, seconded by Dr. Peck, to reinstate the physical therapist license of Patricia Bolli. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, and Reiman. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Covert-ByBee provided the Board with an update regarding legislation introduced during the 2018 session of the Nebraska Unicameral. Bills of topic were LB 299, LB 1034, and LB 701. This was for informational purposes only.

Ms. Covert-ByBee provided the Board with an update regarding implementation of LB 734. Discussion centered on the new requirement to obtain a criminal background check via fingerprint and the requirements to update current regulations.

The Board was presented with information concerning a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment that was filed by the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association, INC and

Douglas Vander Broek against Thomas Williams, M.D. in his official capacity as Director of Public Health for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services of the State of Nebraska. Dr. Peck provided public documents from a similar court proceeding that was dismissed in August 2017.

Dr. Peck provided the Board with information from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's Leadership Issues Forum which he attended as Board representative. Major topics discussed were Board Model Procedures, Alternative Approval Process for NPTE candidates, and Determining Board Efficacy in a Deregulatory Climate.

The Board was provided with an Application Processing Report with information regarding license numbers (issued, denied, and currently active) since the last Board meeting. This was for informational purposes only.

The Board meeting originally scheduled for October 18, 2018 was rescheduled for the afternoon of November 1, 2018 due to a scheduling conflict.

Topics for the next meeting include discussions regarding the PT Licensure Compact, the FSBPT Alternate Approval Process, the FSBPT Model Board Action Items, DHHS Regulations Revision, and FSBPT Annual Meeting Report out.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Victor, Secretary