

Minutes of the September 30, 2020 Board of Physical Therapy Teleconference Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Betsy Becker, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in Conference Room 3C at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South in 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 web site at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on September 20, 2020.

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
Dr. Kirk Peck, Vice-Chairperson
Tom Victor, Secretary
Kimberly Oliphant, Member

Others Present:

Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Staff Attorney
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot approving the minutes from the July 23, 2020 Board Meeting. All members voted to approve the minutes as written and the minutes were approved on August 10, 2020.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Victor moved, seconded by Peck to go into closed session at 2:06 p.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Becker, Oliphant, Peck and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

(The Board took a break at 3:25 p.m. and returned at 3:31 p.m.)

These minutes were approved by the Board of Physical Therapy via mail ballot on October 9, 2020.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS– OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 5:11 p.m.

MOTION: Peck moved, seconded by Oliphant to approve the changes to the NELaw exam as proposed with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Voting aye: Becker, Oliphant, Peck and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

6. LICENSURE APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Carranza provided an application processing report. This was for informational purposes only.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for next meeting include a legislative update, outreach to licensees follow-up, regulation update, FSBPT annual meeting report, update on the Athletic Training 407 Credentialing Review and continuing education audit requirement discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Victor, Secretary