

Minutes of the October 29, 2019 Board of Physical Therapy Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Rachel Reiman, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 1:17 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Conference Room C at Cornhusker State Industries, 800 Pioneers Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of 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.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Rachel Reiman, Chairperson

Dr. Betsy Becker, Vice-Chairperson

Tom Victor, Secretary

Dr. Kirk Peck, Member

Others Present:

Rachel O'Toole, DHHS Staff Attorney

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager

Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF JULY 18, 2019 MINUTES

MOTION: Peck moved, seconded by Victor to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, Reiman and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION/RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

Covert-ByBee stated that all comments at the meeting were positive and supportive of the recommended changes to the regulations. Since all of the comments were positive, there is no need for a board response. Additionally she outlined the next steps in the process. The revisions will be submitted to the Board of Health for review and approval, then to the Chief Medical Officer/Director of Public Health Dr. Gary Anthone. After that they will go to the Attorney General's Office to review for constitutionality and then to the Governor's Office for final approval. Once approved by the Governor's Office, they will be filed with the Secretary of State's office and become official five days after filing. At any point during the review process if issues are identified they can be sent back to the department and restart the process.

5. ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

MOTION: Peck moved, seconded by Victor to adopt 172 NAC 137 as written. Voting aye: Becker, Peck, Reiman and Victor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

6. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for the next meeting included a FSBPT Annual Meeting Report, PT Compact Update, Recognition of Rachel Reiman, model board guidelines and conviction review guidelines, outreach to licensees regarding revisions to 172 NAC 137, scheduling meetings for 2020 and 2019 Nebraska Pass Rates Report by School.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Victor, Secretary