# DRAFT Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Board Minutes

Friday, April 14, 2023 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup>, Little Rock, AR

Board Members Present: Rob Jordan, Rob Tillman, Joe Farrer, Velvet Medlock, Don Pierce

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Nga Mahfouz

**Staff Present**: Nancy Worthen, Lyndsey Kinsey

Others Present: Becky Crenshaw

#### CALL TO ORDER

Rob Jordan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **MINUTES**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the February 16, 2023 regular minutes and the February 23, 2023 special meeting minutes.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the last meeting:

PTs by exam: 1

PTs by endorsement: 8 PTs temporary: 0 PTAs by exam: 0

PTAs by endorsement: 3

PTAs temporary: 0

Total PTs: 2512 Total PTAs: 1663

Total Permanent Licensees: 4175

Total Temporaries: 0

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of the treasury account balance was reported as \$ 1,690,615.68

**Total Assets - \$ 1,690,615.68** 

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the financial report as presented.

### **Revenue Reconciliation**

The Board reviewed the revenue reconciliations. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the revenue reconciliation reports as presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Hanna Harris Reinstatement Disclosure

Hannah Harris is requesting reinstatement of her PT license that lapsed in 2019. She disclosed that she was convicted of felony drug charges in 2021. The Board discussed information with Ms. Harris and determined a consent order will be offered to her with requirements for reinstatement. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

#### **Dustin Beeson Reinstatement**

Dustin Beeson is requesting reinstatement of his license. The Board reviewed information and discussed with Mr. Beeson. The motion was made, seconded and passed to deny reinstatement of Mr. Beeson's license. Mr. Beeson is allowed to request a hearing that will be scheduled in the future.

## **Christian Huskins Complaint**

A complaint was received from Tracie Johnson against Christian Huskins for improper billing and inaccurate labor time reporting. His response stated he had issues due to supplements he was taking and is not taking them anymore. The Board reviewed all information and determined a hearing will be scheduled. The motion was made, seconded and passed to schedule a hearing.

## **Daniel Cothern Complaint**

A complaint was received from Tressa Johnson and Denise Carlson against Chris Cothern. A patient accused Mr. Cothern of sexual abuse. The Board reviewed all information and determined further investigation is needed. The motion was made, seconded and passed to hire an investigator.

#### **Kyle Jewel Complaint**

A complaint was received from Adrienne Kennedy against Kyle Jewel, PTA. The complainant alleged inappropriate behavior with a child patient. The Board reviewed all information and determined there was no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to take no action.

#### **Telehealth Rule**

Emails were received requesting clarification of the Telehealth Rule. The Board would like an opinion from the Attorney General. Nancy will speak with Matt Gilmore.

## **Fund Balance**

Senate Bill 336 was passed in the 2023 session. The Board is required to set up a scholarship program. The Board discussed forming a committee to determine how the scholarship is to be handled. The motion was made, seconded and passed to form a committee.

## Lynda Kennepp CE Request

Lynda Kennepp uploaded a published article to CE Broker for approval. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the course.

## Jim Farris CE Request

Jim Farris uploaded a published article to CE Broker for approval. The motion made,

seconded and passed to approve the course.

## **Published Articles**

The Board determined the board staff is allowed to approve published articles. If there is a question it will be brought to the Board.

# **Becky Crenshaw OPTimize request**

Becky Crenshaw is requesting the Board fund speakers for OPTimize. The motion was made, seconded and passed to fund \$6,000.00 toward speakers for OPTimize.

# **FSBPT** Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Administrator

The Board determined Rob Jordan will serve as the delegate, Rob Tillman as the alternate delegate and Lyndsey Kinsey as the administrator. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

## **Return to Play**

The Board previously discussed return to play and drafting a letter to Triple A. The Department of Health and the Governor's Office suggested the Arkansas Physical Therapy Association meet with Triple A to discuss this. Board members are allowed to attend the meeting as physical therapists, not as board members.

## **Stipends and Mileage**

The motion made, seconded and passed to pay stipends and mileage to board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen Executive Director