

**Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy
Board Minutes**

Thursday, July 22, 2021

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

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Sara Farris

Staff Present: Nancy Worthen, Lyndsey Kinsey

Others Present by Zoom: Becky Crenshaw, ArPTA, Seth Coulter, ArPTA

CALL TO ORDER

Rob Jordan, chair, called the meeting to order at 09:04 a.m.

MINUTES

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the hearing minutes from April 15, 2021.

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The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from May 19, 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2021 the treasury account balance was reported as \$281,058.20

As of March 31, 2021 the Money Management funds total \$1,169,291.12

Total Assets - \$1,443,955.60

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the last meeting:

PTs by exam: 16

PTs by endorsement: 15

PTs temporary: 5

PTAs by exam: 31

PTAs by endorsement: 6

PTAs temporary: 1

Total PTs: 2418

Total PTAs: 1650

Total Permanent Licensees: 4068

Total Temporaries: 1

Revenue Reconciliation

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

NEW BUSINESS

Stephen Hearn, PT Complaint

The Nursing Board received a complaint from a patient against Stephen Hearn who is a licensed nurse practitioner and a licensed physical therapist. The Nursing Board investigated and forwarded the complaint to the PT Board. The Board reviewed all information and determined there is no violation of the practice act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to take no action.

Devin Dinecola, PTA Complaint

An adverse action report was received against Devin Dinecola and reviewed by the Board at a board meeting in January, 2021. Mr. Dinecola answered no to the question about other actions on his renewal in February. The Board reviewed his response regarding this and the motion was made, seconded and passed to take no action.

Stewart Ong, PT Complaint

A complaint was received against Stewart Ong by a patient regarding a charge for not showing for an appointment. The Board determined there was no violation of the practice act and a motion was made, seconded and passed to take no action.

Diana McCray, PTA Complaint

The Board reviewed additional information from Jenny Vontungeln regarding the complaint against Diana McCray. The Board reviewed all information and determined there is not enough information to make a determination. Ms. Vontungeln will be contacted and asked for their investigation report and records.

Hazel Goines, PTA Late Renewal

Hazel Goines attempted to renew her license online February 24, 2021 but failed to click submit. The Board reviewed all information and the motion was made, seconded and passed to take no action.

Blake Pepper Two Month Update

The Board reviewed a 60-day update regarding disciplinary action against Blake Pepper.

Domingo Atienza, PT Disclosure Update

A disclosure from Domingo Atienza's attorney was received and reviewed by the Board on July 16, 2020. The Board asked that Mr. Atienza keep the Board apprised of the case. The Board reviewed an update stating the case was dismissed. No further action will be taken.

Gina Baumgartner Inquiry

An email was received from Gina Baumgartner asking if anal manometry would be within the scope of practice for a PT. The Board determined this is within the scope of practice.

Angie Morrow, PT Inquiry

An email was received from Angie Morrow regarding PTs volunteering on the sideline for high school sports and if there is a legal concern for the school. The Board determined this is within the scope of practice, however, the Board cannot give legal advice. The motion was made, seconded and passed to respond.

Gabby Keeley Inquiry

An email from Gabby Keeley was received asking if it is possible for a licensed physical therapist to provide neurofeedback. The motion as made, seconded and passed to respond that neurofeedback is within the scope of practice for a licensed physical therapist.

Tonya Jolley, PTA Inquiry

An email was received regarding PTAs and discharge. Ms. Jolley was emailed previous Board decisions concerning PTA discharge. The Board agreed with the information previously sent. Nancy will write a statement with Rob Jordan's assistance.

Jacinda Emerline, PTA Inquiry

An email was received from Jacinda Emerline regarding Medicare practices. The Board determined it is not within the scope of the Board to answer Medicare questions.

Lana Bell, PT Inquiry

An email was received from Lana Bell regarding supervision of a home health aide. The Board determined it is not within the scope of a PT to supervise a home health aide.

Ramona Lazard, PT Inquiry

An email was received from Ramona Lazard asking about health and wellness. The Board determined that physical therapy is health and wellness and Ms. Lazard will be referred to the Practice Act.

Becky Crenshaw Request

Becky Crenshaw, APTA Arkansas, requested that the Board approve to pay \$6,000.00 for speakers at an upcoming conference. The motion was made, seconded and passed to pay \$6,000.00 to APTA Arkansas for speakers.

FSBPT Annual Meeting – Zoom

Sam Denton was the alternate delegate for the FSBPT meeting and is no longer a board member. The Board declined to designate another alternate delegate for the 2021 meeting.

Election of Officers

The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Rob Jordan as chair and Rob Tillman as secretary/treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director