

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Hearing Room 1-B

CALL TO ORDER

I. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes from June 25, 2019 and July 8, 2019

II. **Reinstatement process for individuals who have continued to practice with a lapsed license**

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on June 25, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Declaratory Ruling Proceeding - RE: Acupuncture / Dry Needling

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board reviewed requests for status to participate in the Declaratory Ruling proceeding. The Department of Public Health, which made the request for the Declaratory Ruling will be a party in the proceeding.

Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to grant intervenor status to Jennifer Brett, ND, Director, University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant intervenor status to the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant intervenor status to the Connecticut Society of Acupuncturists. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant party status to Amity Physical Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for September or early October. Participants will be notified of due dates for pre-filed testimony and pre-filed rebuttal testimony. A Notice of Hearing will be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and will be sent to the participants.

B. Request to Terminate License Probation - Gary Beard, PT – Petition No. 2016-1151

Hearing Officer Stacy Schulman provided counsel to the Board. Mr. Beard was present but was not represented. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board reviewed Mr. Beard's request to terminate probation, which was ordered pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board on June 19, 2018, and the Department of Public Health's objection to his request.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to deny Mr. Beard's request to terminate the remainder of his probation. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Brian Sniffin, P.T. - Petition No. 2018-92

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sanders signed the order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of four years.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

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The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on July 8, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN – *via telephone*
Andrea O'Brien, PT – *via telephone*
Michael J. Parisi, PT – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General – *via telephone*
Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Declaratory Ruling Proceeding - RE: Acupuncture / Dry Needling

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board reviewed a request for Party status from the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. Although the request is dated May 31, 2019 and was sent to a Department of Public Health fax number on May 31, 2019, this request was not received by the Board until July 2, 2019.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by, to grant party status to Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. The motion passed unanimously.

This supersedes the intervenor status designation granted on June 25, 2019.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
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