

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 7, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

Ms. Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes as edited. The motion passed.

CHAIR UPDATES

NONE

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there were two cases currently under investigation and one case has been referred Department's Office of Legal Compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approved Physical Therapy Schools and Examination Requirements

Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification, was present on behalf of the Department to discuss these requirements.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to reaffirm the current requirement that that all candidates for physical therapy licensure must have graduated from a program of study approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and that applicants trained outside of the United States may qualify for licensure provided the applicant receives an acceptable credentials evaluation from the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, that the current examination requirement is successful completion the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) with a criterion-referenced passing score for the respective administration of the examination; that applicants who took the examination prior to February, 1996, but after February, 1991, the passing score is 1.5 standard deviations below the national mean; and that applicants who took the examination prior to February, 1991, the passing score is 1.5 standard deviation below the national mean for each of the three parts. In addition, that the department, with the consent of the board, shall determine the subject matter of such examination, which shall be designed to show proficiency in physical therapy and related subjects, and shall determine whether such examination shall be written, oral or practical, or a combination thereof. Passing scores shall be established by the department with the consent of the board. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement Application Review – Sarah Wallace, PT

Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health and Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification presented a reinstatement application for Sarah Wallace, PT. Ms. Wallace was present via telephone.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, recommending to the Department that Ms. Wallace's license be reinstated after compliance with current continuing education requirements to included American Physical Therapy Association reentry to practice courses (Screening for Medical Disorders; Professionalism Module 8: Evidenced-Based Practice in the Real World; Pharmacology in Rehabilitation: Basic Principles; and Professionalism Module 3 – Ethical Compass), followed by 1 year of supervised clinical practice/work experience with the provision of quarterly supervisor reports which begins upon commencement of the work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. on a motion by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 2, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

Ms. Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes as edited. The motion passed.

CHAIR UPDATES

NONE

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there were two cases currently under investigation and one case has been referred Department's Office of Legal Compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Reinstatement Application Review – Elizabeth Almeida-Sanborn, PT

Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health and Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification presented a reinstatement application for Elizabeth Almeida-Sanborn, PT. Ms. Sanborn was present via telephone.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, recommending to the Department that Ms. Sanborn's license be reinstated after compliance with current continuing education requirements to included American Physical Therapy Association reentry to practice courses (Screening for Medical Disorders; Professionalism Module 8: Evidenced-Based Practice in the Real World; Pharmacology in Rehabilitation: Basic Principles; and Professionalism Module 3 – Ethical Compass); 6 months of part time (16 hours per week) supervised clinical hands-on practice/work experience by a licensed physical therapist; the provision of work experience plan from her supervisor and the provision of a final report following completion of the supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Parisi, seconded by Ms. O'Brien.

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

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 29, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

Ms. Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

CHAIR UPDATES

Ms. Sanders reported that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's Board of Directors, having considered the extent of the hurricane damage and the projected period of recovery for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, has agreed to waive:

- The jurisdiction membership dues for 2018 for both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and
- The registration fees to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly for board members and staff from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there is one case currently under investigation by the Department.

Memorandum of Decision

Olufemi Afuape, PTA - Petition No. 2015-282

The Board reviewed the draft decision in this matter. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to adopt the decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sanders signed the Order which revokes respondent's license.

HEARING

Gary Beard, PT – Petition No. 2016-1151

The held an administrative hearing in the matter of Gary Beard, PT. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Tom Anderson, and Attorney Kyle Deskus. Hearing Officer Stacy Schulman provided counsel to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The hearing concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 21, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN

ALSO PRESENT Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 29, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

CHAIR UPDATES

None

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there is one case currently under investigation by the Department. One case was dismissed since the last meeting

OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Danielle Faux, P.T. - Petition No. 2017-674

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. Mr. Parisi signed the order which imposes a reprimand, a \$3000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of 18 months..

FACT-FINDING

Gary Beard, PT – Petition No. 2016-1151

The Board conducted fact-finding in this matter. Hearing Officer Stacy Schulman provided counsel to the Board. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to find on all charges except paragraphs 4d and 4e of the first count. The motion passed.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. To impose a six month suspension with two years of concurrent probation. The motion passed. Respondent will be required to complete course work and must have his employment as a physical therapist monitored.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates for 2018

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2018

February 6, 2018; May 1, 2018; September 25, 2018 and November 27, 2018

Meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Meeting dates are subject to change.

ADJOURNMENT

The hearing concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Parisi, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists