



State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board**

**AGENDA**  
**August 9, 2016**

- 2:00pm** Informal Conference 2016-I-008 (AB) Patrick Cook  
**3:00pm** Informal Conference 2016-I-013 (RS) Patrick Cook  
**2:45pm** Orientation: Advisory Committee Members
- 4:00pm** **Call to Order**  
Approve Agenda  
Approve Minutes
- 4:05pm** **Executive Session**  
Discuss sensitive information related to disciplined licensees
- 4:45pm** **Officer Reports**  
Chairman's Report  
Secretary/Treasurer's Report  
Executive Director's Report
- 5:45pm** **LTF Report**
- 6:00pm** **Licensing Interview**
- 6:15pm** **CEU Committee Report**  
CEU Report  
CEU Audit Ratification of Decisions
- 6:30pm** **Special Programs: Peak Media Presentation/PSA**
- 7:00pm** **CEU Application Discussion: Upledger/Healing from the Core**
- 7:15pm** **Legal Report**  
Complaint Summary  
Rules §335 and §337  
Other Legal Business
- 8:30pm** **New Business**  
Correspondences
- 9:00pm** **Old Business**
- 9:05pm** **Public Comment**
- 9:15pm** **Adjourn**
- August 10, 2016**
- 10:00am** **Hearing**

# Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

## MINUTES

### Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2016

**APPROVED**

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on August 9, 2016 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman, Alvin "Al" C. Moreau, Secretary/Treasurer, Don Cassano, and board members Elizabeth "Beth" Austin, Kristina Lounsberry and Patrick Cook. Advisory Committee Members present were Althea Jones, Eugene Noel, and Robert Montanaro. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; board attorneys, Courtney P. Newton and George Papale, and Paul Hildreth, public member were also present.

Chairman Moreau called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The board reviewed the agenda. The board voted and approved to amend the agenda to move the CEU Committee report to follow the approval of the minutes. The board members reviewed the minutes and approved the minutes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### The CEU Committee

The CEU Committee reported that 82 courses were approved since the last board meeting. Of the 82 courses approved 40 were traditional and 42 were distance learning. Of the 82 courses approved 80 were clinical, 1 was administrative and 1 was ethics. One course was denied due to speaker qualifications. The board reviewed the denied course for ratification of the decision of the committee. The average time for approval was 4 days.

The board discussed the application for The Summit Health & Rehab Services Elector Therapeutic Interventions course and approved the course for one hour CE credit in Louisiana.

The Board reviewed an inquiry from David Qualls regarding CE credits for Louisiana delegates that attend American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates each year. The Board reviewed his request and took it under advisement. They requested that the staff draft a policy to be reviewed and approved at the September board meeting.

The CEU Committee reported that 13% of audited licensees were not initially in compliance with the audit for the CEU Audit 2016. A total of 186 licensees were audited and of those 24 were not in compliance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Moreau motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. The Board voted and all were in favor to move into Executive Session.

The board exited Executive Session.

### **DECISION ON MONITORING OF DISCIPLINED LICENSEE**

The board voted and unanimously approved the essay for Gretchen Duplantis.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Moreau updated the board that a PTA member, Nancy Churchill has been appointed by the Governor. Ms. Churchill is unable to attend the August board meeting due to a conflict and the short timeframe since the appointment.

Chairman Moreau reminded the board to submit their performance evaluations on Mrs. Martin for her annual performance review. Courtney Newton and George Papale provided legal guidance on Executive Order JBE 2016-32 regarding merit increase freeze on unclassified employees. It is advised that the Board follow the advice of the governor's legal counsel and not grant a merit increase to unclassified staff during the fiscal year 2016-17.

The Board discussed the PTA position on the Advisory Committee vacancy. The board will appoint new members advisory committee in December 2016.

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The legislative auditor of the state recommended that the board report financials from two months prior. At the end of June 2016, cash in the bank totaled \$364,508.49. Total Income for June 2016 totaled \$17,780 and ordinary expenses totaled \$51,575.36. The two Certificates of Deposit total \$602,314.31.

### Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Martin reported that 76 applications were approved since the last board meeting. The initial applicants approved are as follows:

PTA New Graduates: 27  
PTA Reciprocity: 4  
PT New Graduates: 45  
PT Reciprocity: 0

Mrs. Martin shared information regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Alternate Approval Pathway to the licensure examination. If the LPTB would participate in this program, the FSBPT report on the score of applicants and the Board would not participate in the eligibility of the examination process. The Board expressed concern in the potential of the FSBPT not granting eligibility to a Louisiana applicant. At this time, the LPTB will not participate in the program.

Mrs. Martin provided an update on foreign-trained PT applicant Anna Stuivenberg.

Mrs. Martin consulted with the board on the level of security needed at board hearings and board meetings.

Mrs. Martin updated the board on her recent participation of the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum and confirmed that Al Moreau will be available to serve as the Delegate and Don Cassano will be available to serve as the alternate delegate at the FSBPT annual meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### LTF Committee

The LTF presented a draft of the physical therapy diagnosis letter to be sent to the licensees clarifying questions related to diagnosis that have come to the board following the passage of the direct access legislation. The board voted to approve the letter and send it to licensees and post it on the website.

The LTF reported on the Senate Concurrent Resolution 65 and discussed the LPTB representation that would attend that meeting.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### Peak Media

Melissa Campbell from Peak Media presented a tv script to the LPTB along with an updated agenda. The board approved moving forward with the Public Service Announcement in a fiscally responsible manner. The board will approve \$175,000 of the \$250,000 project and will vote at the end of the fiscal year for consideration of purchasing an additional \$75,000 of media after the 2017 renewal period.

### CEU Application: Upledger/Healing from the Core

Myra Buller, PT presented to the Board requesting reconsideration of the Upledger Institute courses that were denied by the Board for Louisiana continuing education credit. The Board requested that Ms. Buller submit a packet of information for the Board to reconsider the courses.

## **LEGAL REPORT**

Board Attorney, Courtney Newton provided an update on:

### Complaint Summary

Current Investigations: 7  
Complaints Received since last board meeting: 3  
Informal Conferences: 2  
Hearings Scheduled: 0  
Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender: 0  
Closed Cases: 7 (Dismissed)

The Board voted to continue Rules §335 and 337 until the PTA board member could be present to discuss these two rules at the board meeting.

Beth Austin motioned to continue discussion with Courtney Newton to possibly become staff legal fulltime as a board staff position while remaining within the budget. Don Cassano seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Correspondences

*A licensee asked what is the most recent discussion from the board related to Tele therapy. The Board asked Mrs. Martin to respond with the latest update from the Board.*

*A licensee asked if there is a way to get primary source verification for therapist that are dry needling certified. The Board asked Mrs. Martin to respond that Dry Needling is not a special certification but that there are coursework hours as educational requirements that licensees must adhere to in accordance with Rule §311.*

*Several licensees have asked the board about the need to write progress notes every week since in a nursing home setting full progress notes must be written every ten visits. The Board considered the question and requested more information to ensure that the licensees are using the correct terminology with the documentation standards according to Board Rule.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Chairman Moreau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Cook seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.