

## Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Board Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Zoom

**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:** Becky Crenshaw, Matt Gilmore, Kendall Rogers

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Rob Jordan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the June 20, 2023 regular minutes and the July 6, 2023 special meeting minutes.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the last meeting:

PTs by exam: 67

PTs by reciprocity: 21

PTs temporary: 0

PTAs by exam: 42

PTAs by reciprocity: 3

PTAs temporary: 0

Total PTs: 2630

Total PTAs: 1733

Total Permanent Licensees: 4363

Total Temporaries: 0

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of the treasury account balance was reported as \$1,708,026.09

**Total Assets - \$1,708,026.09**

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

#### **Revenue Reconciliation**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Roberta Leite Application**

Roberta Leite previously failed the NPTE and is requesting to sit for the NPTE-PTA. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ms. Leite to sit for the NPTE-PTA.

### **Blake Pepper Complaint**

A complaint was received against Blake Pepper from Reliant Rehabilitation regarding fraudulent documentation. The Board reviewed the complaint and Mr. Pepper's response and determined a hearing will be held on October 26, 2023. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

### **Miranda Cohn Complaint**

A complaint was received against Miranda Cohn from Encompass Health Rehabilitation regarding theft of time. The motion was made, seconded and passed to offer a consent agreement to Ms. Cohn.

### **Darby Brighton Complaint**

A complaint was received against Darby Brighton. The Board determined there was no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint.

### **Angela Quattlebaum CE Request**

The Board reviewed continuing education submitted by Angela Quattlebaum. The Board determined the continuing education is not clinically applicable and was not approved.

### **William Doerhoff CE Request**

The Board reviewed continuing education submitted by William Doehoff. The Board did not approve the continuing education.

### **Ken Lancaster Inquiry**

Ken Lancaster called the board office asking about the Board's stand on a physical therapist possessing a medical marijuana card. The board discussed and declined to respond to a hypothetical question.

### **Online Renewal Fees**

The Board discussed the new renewal fees and determined the board will no longer absorb the INA online fee. This will be paid by the licensee.

### **Acupressure**

The Board discussed acupressure. Rob Jordan received an email from Leigh Ann Warriner, a member of the Massage Therapy Technical Advisory Committee. They want to form a committee to address people practicing acupressure without a license.

### **Scholarship MOU**

The Board discussed the scholarship. One board member will serve on the scholarship committee. Julie Chavis will draft the MOU.

### **Telehealth**

The Board discussed the telehealth rule.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen  
Executive Director