

Oregon Board of Physical Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13 and March 15, 2024

Wednesday, March 13

Board Members Present: Erica Shanahan, PTA, Chair; Hoku Okumura, PT, Vice Chair; Erin Crawford, PT; Sandra Hahn; Michael Rennick, PT; Susan Reynolds, PT; Dwight Terry.

Board Members Absent: None-one vacancy.

Staff: Michelle Sigmund-Gaines, Executive Director; Sherri Paru, PT, Clinical Advisor/Investigator, Gayla Goodwin, Licensing Coordinator, Sarah Casey, Operations and Policy Analyst.

Staff Absent: None.

Legal Counsel: Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG.

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

Chair Shanahan convened the Board into Public Session at 4:04 PM for the purpose of roll call. No members of the public were present.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

After roll call, the meeting entered into Executive Session at 4:06 PM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(L).

At 6:14 PM, Chair Shanahan adjourned Executive Session.

Friday, March 15

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

Chair Shanahan convened the Board into Public Session at 8:39 AM.

Board Members Present: Erica Shanahan, PTA, Chair; Hoku Okumura, PT, Vice Chair; Erin Crawford, PT; Sandra Hahn; Michael Rennick, PT; Susan Reynolds, PT; Dwight Terry.

Board Members Absent: None-one vacancy.

Staff: Michelle Sigmund-Gaines, Executive Director; Sherri Paru, PT, Clinical Advisor/Investigator, Gayla Goodwin, Licensing Coordinator, Sarah Casey, Operations and Policy Analyst.

Staff Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG.

Members of the Public Present: Yes

Board Motions:

Case PT 836-12/23

Motion by Member Hahn to offer settlement for 2-year suspension with conditions for reinstatement.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 815-06/23

Motion by Member Hahn to close case.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 816-06/23

Motion by Member Hahn to close case.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 823-08/23

Motion by Member Hahn to close case.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 828-9/23

Motion by Member Hahn to close case.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 840-12/23

Motion by Member Hahn of finding of violation of ORS 688.140(2)(a), OAR 848-045-0020(2)(i) and (2)(l) and offer settlement agreement requiring completion of board approved courses.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 848-2/24

Motion by Member Hahn to close case.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Case PT 849-2/24

Motion by Member Hahn to ratify the administrative closure of this case pursuant to delegated authority.
Motion seconded by Member Okumura.
Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were presented as a consent agenda. Board members reviewed the items prior to the meeting.

- 1 Board Meeting Minutes, Draft—Jan 17 & 19, 2024; Jan 29, 2024; Feb 27, 2024.
- 2 Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses & Temp Permits issued, and renewals approved, Jan 1, 2024 – Feb 29, 2024.
- 3 Executive Director’s Report for March 2024.

It was noted that the ratification report reflected the addition of renewals. As a result of the current renewal period, we are starting to see a positive net income. Typically, we see a 13-17% drop each renewal which is offset by new licenses issued throughout the next 2- year cycle.

Motion by Member Hahn to approve the consent agenda items as written.

Member Okumura seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Public Comments

None.

Board Member/Committee/Delegate Reports

PT Compact Commission and FSBPT Delegate Update:

PTCC:

No new states have been added to the PT Compact since the last meeting. Jeff Rosa with the PT Compact Commission has recently reached out to the Oregon Medicaid Director asking that they recognize PT and PTA compact privilege holders as being fully authorized under the Oregon PT Practice Act to practice and be recognized as qualified providers for Medicaid consistent with direction from CMS.

FSBPT:

The FSBPT Regulatory Training is scheduled for May 16-18, 2024 and Members Terry and Hahn will be attending. No other updates.

Election of PTCC and FSBPT Delegates:

Director Sigmund-Gaines reviewed the roles of each position. After discussion, a motion was made by Member Hahn to elect Erin Crawford as PTCC delegate, Micheal Rennick as FSBPT delegate, and Erin Crawford as FSBPT alternate delegate.

Member Okumura seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Strategic Plan Progress Review:

Board staff is transferring the Board's current strategic plan into the standard format released by the Governor's office for all State agencies for submittal. The Board also anticipates next steps in strategic planning work at our next meeting in June.

Open Roundtable:

None.

Board General Discussion & Action Items

Rulemaking relating to Compact Rule Changes:

Item has been moved to a future meeting.

Rulemaking relating to OAR 848-010-0015 and OAR 848-010-0022.

Director Sigmund-Gaines provided an overview of the temporary rule based on input from the Rules Advisory Committee. The direction was to simultaneously initiate the permanent rulemaking process. The permanent rulemaking notice was published and there were no additional public comments.

Motion by Member Hahn to adopt the proposed amendments to OAR 848-010-0015 and OAR 848-010-0022 as written.

Member Okumura seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

2024 Legislative Session:

Brief overview/update on items presented at previous meeting. These included HB 4071 and bill introduced by Senator Dembrow regarding future applicants having the opportunity to request a Board evaluation of previous criminal history to determine eligibility for licensure prior to starting the required education. There was also some clarification on public meetings law and significant changes made during the last session. The Oregon Ethics Commission is in the process of rulemaking and building out training in regards to the public meeting law. Staff and Board members will complete the training when available.

2024 Renewals

Discussion about the renewal process. A paper postcard notice was mailed Feb 26 to all active licenses who had not yet renewed. The planned migration to new version of operating system will streamline renewals for next period (2026).

PT Aide Certification Programs

Discussion regarding PT Aide Certification. Director Sigmund-Gaines presented information about programs offered by Rogue Community College, the NCCB-Physical Therapy Aide Specialist Certification, and the AMCA Physical Therapy Aide/Technician. The certification requires no specific education degree requirements. Various companies offer prep programs varying from 100s to 1,000s of dollars. Many partner with Community Colleges for non-degree offerings.

The Board expressed concern since the position of a PT Aide does not require a any degree or specific certification; only 40 hours of on the job training even if individual holds a certification. It was suggested to post additional information on our website regarding the roles and requirements for PT, PTA and PT Aide positions to made clear that certification is optional and not required in the state of Oregon.

Board Meeting Calendar-Change of date.

Motion by Member Hahn to reschedule the May 17, 2024 meeting to June 5, 2024.

Member Okumura seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Other Business

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09 AM.