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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**VISION
Committee Meeting**

**333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, Texas 78701**

**July 25, 2014
8:00 a.m.**

Members Present: René Peña, Public Member, Chair
Gary Gray, PT
Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT, PhD
Harvey Aikman, PT

Staff: Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
John Maline, ED
Danielle DeVellis, Investigator

Guests: Paul Hardin, TPTA ED
Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff

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- A. Call to order
 - B. Public comment
 - C. Approval of minutes from the May 2, 2014 meeting.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September 18-20, 2014 and fixed-date testing.
 - E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy.
 - F. Discussion and possible action on trigger point dry needling (TPDN).
 - G. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in Texas including enforcement issues due to increased violations.
 - H. Discussion and possible action on the role of a PT in performing physical examinations for the Department of Transportation.
 - I. Discussion and possible action on Sunset Review, 2017.
 - J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - K. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Mr. Peña called roll, and determined that a quorum did exist. He called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

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5 **B. Public comment**

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7 There was no public comment.

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9 **C. Approval of minutes from the May 2, 2014 meeting**

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11 *Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected.*

12 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*

13 *Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

14 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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16 **D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical
17 Therapy (FSBPT), including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September
18 18-20, 2014 and fixed-date testing.**

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20 The Committee discussed the motions for the Delegate Assembly at the upcoming FSBPT Annual
21 Meeting, the candidates for the 2 Director positions and Nominating Committee, and the adverse effects
22 of fixed-date testing.

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24 *Motion: To vote in favor of the motions at the Delegate Assembly.*

25 *Made by: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

26 *Second: Gary Gray*

27 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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29 *Motion: To vote for Ben Massey from North Carolina for Director position.*

30 *Made by: Gary Gray*

31 *Second: Harvey Aikman*

32 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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34 *Motion: To garner support at the Annual Meeting for proposing an increase in the number
35 of test dates per year.*

36 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*

37 *Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

38 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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40 **E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy**

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42 Mr. Paul Hardin, reported that the TPTA Telehealth Task Force had met via conference call and would
43 have recommendations by the next committee meeting.

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45 **F. Discussion and possible action on trigger point dry needling (TPDN).**

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47 Ms. Gordon reported that the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) recently amended its
48 current guidelines on physical therapist scope of practice to explicitly include dry needling and that dry
49 needling will be included in the next edition of the APTA's Guide to Physical Therapist Practice to be
50 released in August.

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52 **G. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in
53 Texas including enforcement issues due to increased violations.**

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55 There was no discussion on this agenda item.

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H. Discussion and possible action on the role of a PT in performing physical examinations for the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Gray reported that he had corresponded with the Chief of Medical Programs for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration division of the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding a PT's ability to perform Medical Examination Reports, and had responded that a PT demonstrating the required competencies and passing the required examination testing would be acting within the scope of PT practice in Texas.

I. Discussion and possible action on Sunset Review, 2017.

Ms. Gordon presented a crosswalk of current Practice Act language and potential revised language that was prepared prior to the 2005 scheduled Sunset Review and had been amended to reflect language changes in the Act effective September 1, 2011. The Committee agreed to review the document and identify additional sections of the Act that need updating.

J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items

The Committee agreed to add APTA's resolution DPT as licensure designation by 2025. The next committee meeting was set for October 24, 2014.

K. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Made by: Gary Gray
Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 10/24/2014
Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted