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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**RULES AND PRACTICE
Committee Meeting**

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

**May 1, 2014
1:00 pm**

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13 **Members Present:** **Gary Gray, PT, Acting Chair**
14 **Melinda Rodriguez, PT**
15 **Harvey Aikman, PT**
16 **Philip Vickers, Public Member**

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18 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
19 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
20 Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
21 Lea Weiss, Assistant Licensing Manager

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23 **Guests:** *Stacey Mather, TPTA*
24 *Amber Townsley, TPTA*

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- 27 A. Call to order
 - 28 B. Public comment
 - 29 C. Approval of minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting
 - 30 D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, regarding
 - 31 restoration procedures for PTAs and verification of licenses.
 - 32 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination,
 - 33 regarding NPTE eligibility changes.
 - 34 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1, General Licensure Requirements
 - 35 and Procedures, regarding allowing new licensees to work on the basis of website verification of
 - 36 licensure.
 - 37 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §343.1, Definitions, regarding streamlining
 - 38 the process of filing a complaint.
 - 39 H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1 Provision of Services regarding
 - 40 making changes to the reevaluation requirements and the role of the PTA in the Discharge.
 - 41 I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence Exam.
 - 42 J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - 43 K. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Gary Gray called roll and determined a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order at 1:04
4 p.m.

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6 **B. Public comment**

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8 There was no public comment.

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10 **C. Approval of minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting**

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12 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*

13 *Made by: Melinda Rodriguez*

14 *Second: Philip Vickers*

15 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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17 **D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, and**
18 **on restoration procedures for PTAs**

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20 The Committee discussed reinserting the requirement for verification of all licenses previously held and
21 adding supervised clinical practice as an option of demonstrating continued competency for both PTs
22 and PTAs restoring a license.

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24 *Motion: To recommend changes to §341.6 as submitted.*

25 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*

26 *Second: Philip Vickers*

27 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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29 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination,**
30 **regarding NPTE eligibility changes**

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32 The Committee noted that this item was also on the Education Committee's agenda and decided that
33 further discussion and action on this item was best suited for the Education Committee.

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35 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1, General Licensure**
36 **Requirements and Procedures, regarding allowing new licensees to work on the basis of website**
37 **verification of licensure.**

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39 The Committee discussed allowing individuals approved for their Texas license to begin work once their
40 licensure could be verified on the website instead of having them wait until they received their paper
41 license via mail.

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43 *Motion: To recommend changes to §329.1 as submitted.*

44 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*

45 *Second: Melinda Rodriguez*

46 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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48 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §343.1, Definitions, regarding**
49 **streamlining the process of filing a complaint.**

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51 Mr. Turek, Chief Investigator explained that the changes would allow a more expeditious procedure for
52 filing a complaint against a licensee of the Board.

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1 Motion: To recommend changes to §343.1 as submitted.
2 Made by: Melinda Rodriguez
3 Second: Harvey Aikman
4 Motion passed unanimously.
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6 **H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1 Provision of Services**
7 **regarding making changes to the reevaluation requirements and the role of the PTA in the**
8 **Discharge.**
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10 Paul Hardin, ED reported that the TPTA is in the process of gathering documentation for review by their
11 Payment Policy Committee and will have a report for the July meeting. The committee discussed the role
12 of the PTA in assisting with the discharge of a patient and in assisting with the preparation of the
13 Discharge Summary. No action was taken on either issue.
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15 **I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence**
16 **Test.**
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18 The Committee discussed reviewing the current questions/answers for accuracy as several changes to
19 the Rules have been made over the last several years. Also, the Committee instructed staff to prepare a
20 synopsis of each new rule for the Committee to use in formulating new questions/answers at the July
21 meeting.
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23 **J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**
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25 The Committee agreed to discuss possible changes to the reevaluation requirements and updating the
26 JP exam questions as established above, as well as discussing whether or not to allow a facility to begin
27 providing physical therapy on the basis of website verification of initial registration. The next committee
28 meeting was set for July 24, 2014.
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30 **K. Adjournment**
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32 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*
33 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*
34 *Second: Philip Vickers*
35 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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37 Mr. Gray adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.
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40 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 07/24/2014

41 **Action taken by the Committee:** Approved without corrections.
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