

1 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
2 PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
3 MEETING
4 Board Room
5 333 Guadalupe, Ste. 2-500
6 Austin, TX 78701
7 February 21, 2020 8:00 a.m.

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9 Persons present:

10 Council Members

11 **Manoranjan Mahadeva**, Presiding Officer
12 **Stephanie Johnston**, OTR
13 **Manuel Domenech**, PT
14 **Eddie Jessie**, OT Board Public Member
15 **Donivan Hodge**, PT Board Public Member

16 Staff:

17 **Ralph Harper**, Executive Director
18 **Karen Gordon**, PT Board Coordinator
19 **Lea Weiss**, OT Board Coordinator
20 **Karissa Rodriguez**, Program Specialist
21 **Ebony Holley**, Senior Accountant
22 **Randall Glines**, Staff Services Officer
23 **Rosalind Hunt**, AG Assigned Counsel

24 Persons absent:

25 Council Members

26 **Barbara Sanders**, PT

27 **I. Call to order.**

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29 At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Manoranjan Mahadeva, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to
30 order. Mr. Mahadeva called the roll, and a quorum was determined to exist.

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32 **II. Excusing council member absences.**

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34 **Motion: To approve the excuse of Barbara Sanders for the absence at**
35 **the February 21, 2020 Executive Council meeting**
36 **Made by: Stephanie Johnston**
37 **Second: Eddie Jessie**
38 **Motion passed.**

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40 **III. Public comment**

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42 There was no public comment

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45 **IV. Minutes from the November 1, 2019 meeting.**

46 **Motion: To approve without changes minutes of November 1, 2020**
47 **Executive Council meeting**
48 **Made by: Stephanie Johnston**
49 **Second: Manuel Domenech**
50 **Motion passed.**

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52 **The Executive Council then proceeded to Agenda Item 7.**

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54 **V. Executive Director's Report, concerning fiscal and budgetary matters, performance**
55 **measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters, and other agency**
56 **business.**

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58 Executive Director Ralph Harper briefed the Board on fiscal and budgetary
59 matters, performance measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters,
60 Executive Council and board activity, and the slated relocation of the agency,
61 along with other state agencies located in the William P. Hobby building, to a new
62 capital area complex in Austin in 2022. In addition, Ralph Harper referred to recent
63 legislation and agency responses, including SB 1995, HB 2059, HB 1432 and SB
64 1264. No action was taken.

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66 **VI. Rule amendments proposed by the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy**
67 **Examiners as follow: Proposed rule changes to §374.1(c) regarding changes to the**
68 **Schedule of Sanctions.**

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70 OT Coordinator Lea Weiss explained the proposed submission for publication in
71 the *Texas Register*.

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73 **Motion: To approve proposed §374.1, Disciplinary Actions, for submission**
74 **for publication in the *Texas Register***
75 **Made by: Manuel Domenech**
76 **Second: Stephanie Johnston**
77 **Motion passed.**

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79 **VII. Rule amendments proposed by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners as**
80 **follow: Proposed rule changes to §344.1 regarding changes to the Schedule of**
81 **Sanctions.**

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83 PT Coordinator Karen Gordon explained the proposed submission for publication
84 in the *Texas Register*.

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86 **MOTION: To approve proposed amendment to PT Rules §344.1**
87 **regarding changes to the Schedule of Sanctions for submission to the**
88 **Texas Register for publication once reviewed and approved by the**
89 **Governor's Office.**
90 **Made by: Manuel Domenech**
91 **Second: Stephanie Johnston**

92 **Motion passed.**

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94 **The Executive Council then proceeded to Agenda Items 5, 6, 8, 10 &**
95 **11.**

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98 **VIII. Proposing a rule review of the following chapters of the Council Rules as required**
99 **by §2001.039 of the Government Code: Chapter 651, Fees**

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101 OT Coordinator Lea Weiss explained the proposed submission for publication in
102 the *Texas Register*.

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104 **Motion: To propose and submit for publication in the *Texas Register* a rule**
105 **review of Chapter 651, Fees**

106 **Made by: Eddie Jessie**

107 **Second: Donovan Hodge**

108 **Motion passed.**

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110 **IX. Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation,**
111 **reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director of the**
112 **Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners.**

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114 The Executive Council went into Executive Session at 9:36 a.m.

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116 The Executive Council returned to Open Meeting at 10:28 a.m.

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118 **Motion: To increase the current annual salary of Executive Director by 3%,**
119 **with future increases considered upon annual review.**

120 **Made by: Stephanie Johnston**

121 **Second: Eddie Jessie**

122 **Motion passed.**

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126 **X. Presiding Officer's Report, introducing the presiding officer and new board**
127 **members.**

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129 Mr. Mahadeva briefly addressed the Executive Council, acknowledging incoming
130 council member Donovan Hodge.

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132 **XI. Future Executive Council meeting dates and agenda items.**

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134 The next Executive Council meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2020 at 9:00
135 a.m.

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137 **The Executive Council then proceeded to Agenda Item 9.**

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XII. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

DATE REVIEWED BY THE COUNCIL: May 15, 2020

ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL: Approved as written