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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
MEETING
Telephonic Conference
Austin, TX
February 12, 2021 8:00 a.m.**

8 In connection with Governor Greg Abbott's March 13, 2020 proclamation of a state of disaster affecting all
9 counties in Texas due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor's March 16, 2020 suspension of certain
10 provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the May 15, 2020 council meeting of the Executive Council of
11 Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners will be held by telephonic conference call at 8:00 AM, as
12 authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.125.

13 Members of the public will have access and a means to participate in this meeting, by two-way audio, by calling
14 877 853 5247 US Toll-free or 888 788 0099 US Toll-free, Meeting ID: 923 4344 4491.

15 An electronic copy of the agenda is now available at <https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/meeting-dates>. A recording
16 of the meeting will be available after November 13, 2020. To obtain a recording, please email your request to
17 info@ptot.texas.gov.

18 For public participants, after the meeting convenes, the Chairperson will do a roll call. Please identify yourself by
19 name and state whether you would like to provide public comment. When the Council reaches the public
20 comment item, the Chairperson will recognize you by name and give you an opportunity to speak. All public
21 comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

22 The Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners may discuss and/or take action
23 on any of the following agenda items. The Council may go into executive session on any agenda item listed below
24 as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, chapter 551.

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26 **Persons present:**

27 **Council Members**

Manoranjan Mahadeva, Presiding Officer
Stephanie Johnston, OTR
Barbara Sanders, PT
Eddie Jessie, OT Board Public Member
Donivan Hodge, PT Board Public Member

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33 **Staff:**

Ralph Harper, Executive Director
Karen Gordon, PT Board Coordinator
Lea Weiss, OT Board Coordinator
Amy Carter, Director of Enforcement
Karissa Rodriguez, Licensing Manager
Randall Glines, Staff Services Officer
Rosalind Hunt, AG Assigned Counsel

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42 **I. Call to order.**

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44 At 8:10 a.m., Mr. Manoranjan Mahadeva, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to
45 order.
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II. Roll Call for Members

Mr. Mahadeva called the roll, and a quorum was determined to exist.

III. Roll Call for Public Participants

No public participants called into the meeting.

IV. Excusing council member absences

There were no absent council members.

V. Public comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Minutes from the November 13, 2020 meeting.

**Motion: To approve without changes minutes of November 13, 2020
Executive Council meeting
Made by: Stephanie Johnston
Second: Barbara Sanders
Motion passed**

VII. Executive Director's Report concerning fiscal and budgetary matters, performance measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters, impact of COVID-19 on the agency, and other agency business.

Executive Director Ralph Harper briefed the Executive Council on fiscal and budgetary matters, performance measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters, impact of COVID-19 on the agency, and other agency business.

VIII. Approval for the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to publish in the Texas Register proposed amendments to the following Board rules in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, concerning §329.1 regarding the requirement for a statement from the program director or other authorized school official stating that the applicant has successfully completed the PT or PTA program

Barbara Sanders discussed agenda item VIII.

94 **Motion: To approve proposed rule [§329.1] relating to the [General**
95 **Licensure Requirements and Procedures] for submission for publication in**
96 **the Texas Register**
97 **Made by: Eddie Jessie**
98 **Second: Donivan Hodge**
99 **Motion passed.**

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102 **IX. Presiding Officer's Report events concerning the Executive Council of Physical**
103 **Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners**

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105 Mr. Mahadeva gave recognition to the Executive Council, AG Assigned Counsel
106 and the agency staff for their continued efforts.
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109 **X. Future Executive Council meeting dates and agenda items.**

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111 The next Executive Council meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2021 at 8:00
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115 **XI. Adjournment.**

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117 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.
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120 **DATE REVIEWED BY THE COUNCIL: August 13, 2021**

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123 **ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL: Approved as written**