

1 **Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

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3 **EDUCATION**
4 **Committee Meeting**

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6 **333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510**
7 **Austin, Texas 78701**

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9 **July 20, 2017**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Jeff Tout, PT
15 Liesl Olson, PT
16 Glenda Clausell, Public Member
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18 **Staff:** John Maline, Executive Director
19 Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
20 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
21 Michael Briscoe, Licensing Manager
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23 **Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General
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25 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, TX Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
26 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
27 Lindsey Green, TPTA Staff
28 Darian Miller, TPTA Staff
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31 A. Call to order
32 B. Public comment
33 C. Approval of minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting.
34 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
35 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.
36 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination
37 pursuant to SB 317 amendments to Sec. 453.205. LICENSE EXAMINATION, Occupations
38 Code and Sec. 453.207 REEXAMINATION, Occupations Code during the 85th Legislative
39 Session.
40 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing Competence
41 Requirements pursuant to SB 317 amendment to Sec. 453.254 CONTINUING
42 COMPETENCE, Occupations Code during the 85th Legislative Session.
43 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure
44 regarding a licensee from another jurisdiction teaching in an accredited PT or PTA program in
45 Texas.
46 H. Discussion and possible action on a request for review of educational credentials from a
47 Canadian educated physiotherapist.
48 I. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National Physical
49 Therapy Examination (NPTE).
50 J. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5.(2) Proof of English language
51 Proficiency regarding a request to reevaluate the methodology Speaking portion of the
52 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
53 K. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and
54 continuing competence.
55 L. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
56 M. Adjournment
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2 **A. Call to order**
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4 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
5 1:02 p.m.
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7 **B. Public comment**
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9 There was no public comment.
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11 **C. Approval of minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting.**
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13 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.

14 Made by: Liesl Olson

15 Second: Jeff Tout

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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18 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
19 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.**
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21 Stacey Mather reported that the processing time for CCAP applications is now averaging 4 weeks
22 and that TPTA staff is completing an analysis of CCAP applications submitted since 2013 to
23 determine if process changes are needed in order to eliminate processing errors. A report will be
24 submitted for the next PT Board meeting in October 2017. She also presented the CCAP PRS/APS
25 Course Policy addition regarding not allowing partial credit for course participation per the previous
26 request of the Committee.
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28 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by**
29 **Examination pursuant to SB 317 amendments to Sec. 453.205. LICENSE EXAMINATION,**
30 **Occupations Code and Sec. 453.207 REEXAMINATION, Occupations Code during the**
31 **85th Legislative Session.**
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33 The Committee reviewed the rule changes necessitated as a result of the statute amendment that
34 will be effective September 1, 2017. The Committee will bring forward a proposed rule change at
35 the October 2017 meeting.
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37 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing**
38 **Competence Requirements pursuant to SB 317 amendment to Sec. 453.254**
39 **CONTINUING COMPETENCE, Occupations Code during the 85th Legislative Session.**
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41 The Committee reviewed the rule changes necessitated as a result of the statute amendment that
42 will be effective September 1, 2017. The Committee will bring forward a proposed rule change at
43 the October 2017 meeting.
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45 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.7. Exemptions from**
46 **Licensure regarding a licensee from another jurisdiction teaching in an accredited PT**
47 **or PTA program in Texas.**
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49 Dr. Sanders reported on a developing distance learning PT program at Baylor University that would
50 utilize PTs that are licensed in other jurisdictions to teach online courses and periodically be onsite
51 in Waco, TX for hands-on laboratory sessions. The Committee determined that the PTs would be
52 exempt from TX licensure if they were instructing onsite for not more than 60 days in a 12 month
53 period and submitted the required notification to the PT Board.
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1 **H. Discussion and possible action on a request for review of educational credentials from**
2 **a Canadian educated physiotherapist.**
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4 The Committee discussed the credentials evaluation and support documentation provided by a
5 Canadian educated physiotherapist and determined that the Medical Science - Geriatric content
6 deficiency had been met and that the Related Professional Coursework – Consultation, Screening,
7 Delegation would be met upon completion of the Duke University’s Foreign Educated Physical
8 Therapy Course.
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10 Motion: To recommend that the support documentation submitted by the Canadian
11 educated physiotherapist be accepted to meet the Medical Science –
12 Geriatric content deficiency noted on the credentials evaluation.

13 Made by: Liesl Olson
14 Second: Jeff Tout

15 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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17 **I. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National**
18 **Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).**
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20 The Committee discussed the request for an appeal to re-take the NPTE.
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22 Motion: To recommend that the request for an appeal to re-take the NPTE be
23 granted.

24 Made by: Liesl Olson
25 Second: Glenda Clausell

26 *Motion passed with one dissenting vote.*
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28 **J. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5.(2) Proof of English**
29 **Language Proficiency regarding a request to reevaluate the methodology Speaking**
30 **portion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).**
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32 The Committee discussed a request to reevaluate the methodology of determining the Speaking
33 portion of the TOEFL that was submitted by a foreign-educated physical therapist and determined
34 that since the methodology used was developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) with the
35 collaboration of experts in psychometrics and statistics, the PT Board did not have the authority
36 to change the methodology.
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40 **K. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
41 **education and continuing competence.**
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43 There was no discussion on this item.
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45 **L. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**
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47 The next committee meeting was set for October 12, 2017 in Austin with proposal of Rules
48 amendments as indicated in Agenda Items E. and F.
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50 **M. Adjournment**
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52 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
53 Made by: Liesl Olson
54 Second: Jeff Tout

55 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 10/12/2017

Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted