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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**VISION
Committee Meeting**

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

**January 17, 2014
8:00 a.m.**

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

Staff: Nina Hurter, PT Coordinator
Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager

Guests: Paul Hardin, TPTA
Barbara Sanders, PT, TPTA
Stacey Mather, TPTA
Amber Townsley, TPTA
Wally Doggett, TAAOM
William Morris, AOMA
Kathy Grant

- 30 A. Call to order
31 B. Public comment
32 C. Approval of minutes from the September 6, 2013 meeting
33 D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy,
34 including a report on the 2013 annual conference and delegate assembly, and discussion of
35 Federation changes to NPTE eligibility requirements
36 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §325.1, Elections
37 F. Discussion and possible action on a letter regarding dry needling from the National Center for
38 Acupuncture Safety and Integrity
39 G. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy
40 H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items
41 I. Adjournment
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A. Call to order

Mr. Peña called roll, and determined that a quorum did exist. He called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

B. Public comment

There was no public comment.

C. Approval of minutes from the September 6, 2013 meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected.
Made by: Gary Gray
Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, including a report on the 2013 annual conference and delegate assembly, and discussion of Federation changes to NPTE eligibility requirements

Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman reported on the motions passed by the FSBPT delegate assembly. The Committee reviewed the FSBPT’s plans to delay implementation of changes to exam eligibility requirements adopted at the assembly to allow states time to prepare for the changes. The Committee decided to recommend that the Board implement the changes in the coming year.

The Committee reviewed and had no concerns with the FSBPT budget for the coming year or the exam policy changes submitted for comment by the FSBPT.

E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §325.1, Elections

There was no discussion of this item, which would move the elections until the second meeting attended by newly appointed board members.

Motion: To recommend changes to §325.1, Elections.
Made by: Gary Gray
Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion and possible action on a letter regarding dry needling from the National Center for Acupuncture Safety and Integrity

The Committee determined that there was no evidence that dry needling by PTs is a public safety issue, but that it would seek advice from the Board’s legal counsel.

G. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy

The Committee asked Mr. Hardin to report on the status of the TPTA taskforce on this issue. Mr. Hardin stated that TPTA currently had 10 volunteers for the taskforce, and had selected a chair. The Committee delegated Mr. Peña and Mr. Gray to attend the phone conferences for the Board.

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

The Committee will keep telehealth/teletherapy on the agenda. Mr. Peña suggested that the Committee discuss the affect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in Texas, specifically whether the Board

1 needs to increase enforcement capability to deal with increased violations that may be caused by lower
2 reimbursement rates.

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4 **I. Adjournment**

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6 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

7 *Made by: Gary Gray*

8 *Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

9 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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11 Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

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14 **Date reviewed by the Committee: 05/02/2014**

15 **Action taken by the Committee: approved as corrected**

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