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**Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

**RULES AND PRACTICE  
Committee Meeting**

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

**September 5, 2013  
1:00 pm**

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13 **Members Present:**        **Shari Waldie, PT, Acting Chair**  
14                                    **Karen Gordon, PT**  
15                                    **Gary Gray, PT**

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17 **Staff:**                        Nina Hurter, PT Coordinator  
18                                    John Maline, Executive Director  
19                                    Mark Turek, Chief Investigator  
20                                    Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager  
21                                    Marilyn Hartman, 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 May 2, 2013 meeting  
30 D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §337.1, License and Renewal Certificate as per  
31 HB 588  
32 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.1, Requirements for Renewal as per HB  
33 588  
34 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, as per HB 588  
35 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1, General Licensure Requirements, as  
36 per HB 588  
37 H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.6, Licensure by Endorsement, regarding  
38 licensure of military spouses  
39 I. Discussion and possible action on a letter requesting clarification on whether a PT may refer a patient to  
40 another provider  
41 J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items  
42 K. Adjournment  
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Ms. Waldie called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

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5 **B. Public comment**

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7 There was no public comment.

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9 **C. Approval of minutes from the May 2, 2013 meeting**

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11 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*  
12 *Made by: Gary Gray*  
13 *Second: Karen Gordon*  
14 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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16 **D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §337.1, License and Renewal Certificate**  
17 **as per HB 588**

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19 *Motion: To recommend changes to §337.1 as submitted.*  
20 *Made by: Karen Gordon*  
21 *Second: Gary Gray*  
22 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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24 The changes would remove the requirement that a renewal certificate be displayed. There was no discussion  
25 of this item.

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27 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.1, Requirements for Renewal as**  
28 **per HB 588**

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30 *Motion: To recommend changes to §341.1 as submitted.*  
31 *Made by: Gary Gray*  
32 *Second: Karen Gordon*  
33 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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35 This change would reword the requirements for late renewal of a license and reorder existing information.  
36 Staff noted that wording had been changed slightly from what was initially sent to them, so that the use of  
37 “renew” and “reinstate” matched the usage in the law. There was no discussion of this item.

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39 Ms. Waldie reordered the agenda.

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41 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1, General Licensure**  
42 **Requirements, as per HB 588**

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44 This amendment adds “address of record” to the contact information that licensees must update within 30  
45 days, and establishes that military training or education used for credit towards a degree is acceptable to the  
46 Board.

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48 Staff described how “address of record” will be collected and documented by the Board.

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50 *Motion: To recommend changes to §329.1 as submitted.*  
51 *Made by: Gary Gray*  
52 *Second: Karen Gordon*  
53 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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55 **H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.6, Licensure by Endorsement,**  
56 **regarding licensure of military spouses**

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1 This amendment establishes that issuance of a license by endorsement to the spouse of a military service  
2 member will be expedited, which will include verification of license via the internet where possible.

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4 The Committee discussed how online verification works.

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6 *Motion: To recommend changes to §329.6 as submitted.*  
7 *Made by: Gary Gray*  
8 *Second: Karen Gordon*  
9 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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11 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6, License Restoration, as per HB**  
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14 The Committee discussed how long a person could go without practicing as a PT or PTA and retain their  
15 knowledge, skills and abilities. It also discussed what types of activities would be useful in ensuring that  
16 person who had not practiced was still competent. It reviewed restoration requirements established by other  
17 boards and professions, and noted the fact that licensees in Texas are not required to show evidence of  
18 practice at any point in their licensure.

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20 *Motion: To recommend changes to §341.6 as written by the committee.*  
21 *Made by: Gary Gray*  
22 *Second: Karen Gordon*  
23 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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25 **I. Discussion and possible action on a letter requesting clarification on whether a PT may refer a**  
26 **patient to another provider**

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28 The Committee discussed a letter from a licensee regarding whether a PT may refer to another healthcare  
29 provider. The Board agreed with the licensee that the PT Practice Act does not prohibit PTs from referring a  
30 patient to a more appropriate provider when necessary, and that determining the necessity of an outside  
31 referral is well within the clinical decision making abilities and scope of practice of the PT. During that  
32 discussion, it also confirmed that the interpretation of medical tests, including diagnostic imaging, is outside  
33 the PT scope of practice as established by Texas law.

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35 **Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**

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37 The Committee agreed to discuss §322.1(d), regarding the requirements for reevaluation, at the next meeting.

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39 **Adjournment**

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41 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*  
42 *Made by: Karen Gordon*  
43 *Second: Gary Gray*  
44 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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46 Ms. Waldie adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.



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49 **Date reviewed by the Committee: 1/16/2014**  
50 **Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted.**  
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