

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF

PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2013

- Item 1- Call to order / roll call to determine the presence of a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Vice Chairman Puentedura. Board members present in the Board office: Louie Puentedura, PT, DPT, PhD, FAAOMPT, Vice Chairman; Tina Baum, PT, ATC, CLT, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim McKivigan, DC, PT, MPA, MA. Board members from the north appearing telephonically: Kathy Sidener, PT, Certified MDT, Chairman; Andrea Menicucci, MS, CCC-SLP, Public Member. Non-members in attendance in the Board office: Allison Tresca, executive director. Richard Dreitzer legal counsel, appeared telephonically.
- Item 2- Public comment period. Board member Puentedura reported that he attended the 2013 FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum and wanted to provide a brief summary of that meeting. He noted that a detailed report will be provided at the September 12, 2013 meeting in Reno. He reported that the FSBPT is leaning towards a maximum lifetime of 6 attempts at the NPTE. He noted there were very interesting statistics, including that the pass rate decreases with each attempt. He noted that the evidence supports limiting the attempts and the upcoming annual meeting in October will address this issue, so it is not something to delay discussing. Mrs. Tiutiunnyk's husband stated his wife will be testing for the fourth time and he did not believe it was appropriate to bring up these statistics now because she is already very nervous. Board Member Puentedura stated he was not trying to make anyone nervous, he believed the more the applicants know, the better they can make their decision to test.
- Item 3- Applicant Jennifer L. Tiutiunnyk requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist's Assistants a fourth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Sidener.

Second: McKivigan.

Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to allow applicant to test in January, provided she submits a practice test with passing score: Menicucci,

Second: Sidener.

Passes unanimously.

Item 4- Applicant Maysssa Marguerite Elias requests to be licensed as a physical therapist's assistant. The appearance is necessary to address the applicant's arrest record.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant license, noting that probation is not necessary as new PTAs must work with a supervising PT on-site for their first 2000 hours: Baum.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes.

Item 5- Applicant Ashley Nicole Smith requests to be licensed as a physical therapist's assistant. The appearance is necessary to address the applicant's arrest record.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant license, noting that probation is not necessary as new PTAs must work with a supervising PT on-site for their first 2000 hours: Baum.
Second: Puentedura.
Passes.

Item 6- Applicant David Theodore Williams requests to be licensed as a physical therapist's assistant. The appearance is necessary to address the applicant's arrest record.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.
Second: Menicucci.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant license, noting that probation is not necessary as new PTAs must work with a supervising PT on-site for their first 2000 hours:
Puentedura.
Second: Baum.
Passes.

Item 7- Applicant Jackson Lee Allen requests to be licensed as a physical therapist's assistant. The appearance is necessary to address the applicant's arrest record.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant license, noting that probation is not necessary as new PTAs must work with a supervising PT on-site for their first 2000 hours: Menicucci.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes.

Item 8- Applicant Dana Kuns requests to be licensed as a physical therapist's assistant. The appearance is necessary to address the applicant's arrest record.

Motion to enter closed session: Sidener.
Second: Baum.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant license, noting that probation is not necessary as new PTAs must work with a supervising PT on-site for their first 2000 hours: Baum.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes.

Item 9- Applicant Emily A. Kimball requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist's Assistants a fifth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Sidener.
Second: McKivigan.
Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant request to take the January 2014 test: Baum.
Second: Sidener.
Passes.

Item 10- Applicant Vincent K. Edwards requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapists a fifth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.

Second: McKivigan.

Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant request to take the October 2013 test: Baum.

Second: Menicucci.

Passes.

Item 11- Applicant Craig August Willis requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapists a fifth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Baum.

Second: McKivigan.

Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant request to take the October test: Baum.

Second: Puentedura.

Passes.

Item 12- Applicant Christopher A. Nelson requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapists a fifth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Sidener.

Second: Menicucci.

Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant request to take the October test: Baum.

Second: Sidener.

Passes.

Item 13- Applicant Neil Andre Deles Palma requests to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist's Assistants a fourth time in accordance with NRS 640.140.

Motion to enter closed session: Sidener.

Second: Baum.

Passes unanimously.

After returning to open session:

Motion to grant request to take the October test: Baum.

Second: McKivigan.

Passes.

Item 14- Public comment period. There was no public comment.

Item 15- Adjournment of the Board meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Puentedura at 6:56pm.