



State of Nevada
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

May 3, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order / roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.**

After determining the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Baum at 9:03 am. Members present: Tina Baum, PT, DPT, WCS, ATC, CLT, Chairman; Andrea Menicucci, MS, CCC-SLP, Public Member; Sherise R. Smith, PT, MSPT, CBIS, Vice Chairman; Brian Fearnley, PT, MPT, Board Member; James McKivigan, DC, PT, MPA, MA, Secretary/Treasurer; Non-members present: Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General; Loretta Ponton, Interim Executive Director; for all others in attendance, refer to the sign-in sheet.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comment – No public comment**

No vote may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

4. **Consent Agenda Items (For possible action)**

- Ratification of Licenses approved and issued by authority of the Board; Exhibit A

Motion: Tina Baum, I move that we approve these Licenses

Seconded: Andrea Menicucci

Motion Carries Unanimously

- Ratification of release from probation, Paras Goel, PT

Tina Baum, Chairperson – Read the letter that she wrote on April 19, 2016 into record. (Attached)

Loretta Ponton, Interim Executive Director – I want to clarify that this probation was not a disciplinary probation.

Tina Baum, Chairperson – I believe he was a foreign educated graduate. He has never practiced in the United States.

Loretta Ponton, Interim Executive Director – For the record May 24, 2014 letter to the applicant, necessary to appear before the Board to address their

work experience at the July 17, 2014. They were put on 2 year probation and it has been a year and a half.

Sherise Smith, Vice Chairperson – So we are no longer requiring probationary licensees to appear before the Board to terminate probation?

Loretta Ponton, Interim Executive Director – Correct, Tina Baum has been reviewing the file and making the determination, it was not necessary to incur the additional expense.

Andrea Menicucci, Public Board Member – Did he request to come off of probation early?

Loretta Ponton, Interim Executive Director – Yes.

Tina Baum, Chairperson – Mr. Goel did graduate from Neudeli, India in 2010, he came to the United States and completed a degree in Exercise Science out of Alabama from 2012 to 2013. During that time he worked at 2 different clinics as a Tech staying in the field. He got his other educational requirements met and he was able to pass the exam February, 2014. Mr. Goel then applied to Nevada. All of his references were very sound.

Motion: James McKivigan, I make a motion that we allow Paras Goel to be released from probation

Seconded: Brian Fearnley

Motion Carries Unanimously

- Consideration of recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education for continuing education courses reviewed at the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education meetings of January 26, 2016, February 2, 2016 and April 26, 2016, Exhibit B

Discussion of establishing a code for denial and approval

Motion: Sherise Smith made a motion to approve the courses as listed and deny as listed.

Seconded: James McKivigan

Motion Carries Unanimously

5. Report from Legal Counsel (possible closed session, attorney client privilege)

Motion: Tina Baum made a motion to go into closed session

Seconded: James McKivigan

Motion Carries Unanimously

Upon returning from closed session 9:20 am

Andrea Menicucci – excused herself from the meeting

6. Interview of Candidates for Executive Director Position

- Lisa Cooper
- Jim DeProse
- Jill Greiner
- Andrea Menicucci – Resigned as Public Member prior to interview

- Michael Siva

7. Deliberation and Selection of Executive Director (For possible action)

Motion: James McKivigan made a motion to offer the Executive Director Position to Lisa Cooper.

Seconded: Brian Fearnley

All in Favor: Brian Fearnley, James McKivigan

Motion does not carry

Motion: Brian Fearnley made a motion to offer the Executive Director position to Lisa Cooper.

Seconded: James McKivigan

All in Favor: Brian Fearnley, James McKivigan and Sherise Smith

Opposed: Tina Baum

8. Discussion of Executive Director Employment Contract, Terms and Salary (For possible action)

Tina Baum, Chairperson – You will need to attend the Federation of State Physical Therapy Boards meeting on June 23rd to June 26, 2016.

Salary range: \$72,000.00

Employee manual – PERS system

We need you to man the office May 23rd to 27, 2016 to cover Muriel's vacation.

Motion: Tina Baum, I would like to make a motion for the Interim Executive Director to draw up a contract with the terms and conditions of employment specified and to execute the contract.

Seconded: James McKivigan

Motion Carries Unanimously

9. Consideration of Board Administrative Office Location(s) (For possible action)

Tina Baum, Chairperson – Where are you going to work out of?

Lisa Cooper, Executive Director – I can work out of my house until we establish a location in northern Nevada.

10. Report from Board Chair (For possible action)

Next meeting June 1, 2016

- Future Agenda Items / Meeting Schedule

Next meeting date July 7, 2016 and September 6, 2016

11. Public Comment – No public comment

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12. Adjournment (For possible action) 4:02 pm