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Public Hearing for the Adoption of proposed Regulations of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board and the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers

**MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2019**

Item 1 - Call to Order/ Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Nevada Physical Therapy Board Chair Smith

Board Members in Attendance – Nevada Physical Therapy Board: Sherise Smith, Chair; Brian Fearnley, Vice-Chair; Eathan O’Bryant, Public Member; Jennifer Nash, Secretary/ Treasurer

Board Members in Attendance – Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers: Jeremy Haas, Chairman; Tedd Girouard, Vice-Chair; Frank Sakelarios; Keoni Kins

Staff in Attendance – Nevada Physical Therapy Board: Charles Harvey, Executive Director; Neena Laxalt, Lobbyist; Deborah Dieter, Investigator; Muriel Morin-Mendes, Licensing Coordinator; Sarah Bradley, Senior Deputy Attorney General; Michael Detmer, Deputy Attorney General

Staff in Attendance – Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers: Michelle Cothrun, Executive Secretary

Public Members in Attendance – Southern Nevada: Nicole Lang, PT; Louis Hillegass, PT; Matt Biancuzzo, AT

Public Members in Attendance – Northern Nevada: None

Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3 - Purpose of hearing, introduction and explanation of proposed regulation, and procedure for taking oral comments.

Item 4 - Public Comment

A. Louis Hillegass, PT.

Mr. Hillegass read his comments into the record and provided a written copy of his comments which are attached.

B. Kirk Sachtler, PT.

Mr. Sachtler provided written comments which were read into the record by Executive Director Harvey. Copy of written comments is attached.

Item 5 -

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board and the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers will receive comments and input from interested persons on proposed dry needling regulations. **(For Possible Action)**. The proposed changes will revise Chapter 640 and Chapter 640B of the Nevada Administrative Code and are being proposed in accordance with Senate Bill 186 of the 2019 Legislative Session. After receiving and considering public comment, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board and the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers may vote to adopt or amend regulations.

a. The proposed regulations provide provisions for the following:

- i. Qualifications a physical therapist or athletic trainer must obtain before he or she is authorized to perform dry needling.
- ii. Procedures concerning the handling of needles used to perform dry needling.
- iii. Procedures to ensure that a physical therapist or athletic trainer does not engage in needle retention.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Bradley advised both Boards to fully consider the public comments and decide whether or not those comments merit any change to the proposed regulations. Members discussed the public comments provided by Mr. Hillegass regarding the qualifications a physical therapist or athletic trainer must obtain before he or she is authorized to perform dry needling. Members also discussed the public comments provided by Mr. Sachtler regarding needle retention.

Chair Smith discussed two different forms that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board will be working on. These include an educational form that licensees will have to complete to show how they meet the training hour requirements, and an attestation form for licensees who may not have their certificates of education. Licensees are only required to keep these records for four years, although they may be able to contact their provider to obtain copies. This form would also apply to licensees currently practicing dry needling who may have received training eight or nine years ago and do not have copies of their certificates. These licensees will be able to attest under penalty of perjury that the training information they are providing is true and accurate. Senior Deputy Attorney General Bradley informed board members that if a licensee provides false information and we find out about it, they will be investigated and disciplined.

Item 6 –

The Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers will review, discuss and possibly adopt or amend proposed regulations regarding Dry Needling (For Possible Action).

Motion: I propose that we approve the proposed regulation regarding Dry Needling, in regard to LCB File #R053-19; Tedd Girouard

Second: Jeremy Haas
Motion passes unanimously

Item 7 - The Nevada Physical Therapy Board will review, discuss and possibly adopt or amend proposed regulations regarding Dry Needling (For Possible Action).

Motion: I proposed that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board adopt the regulation in LCB File #R05-19, regarding Dry Needling; Sherise Smith

Second: Eathan O'Bryant

Motion passes unanimously

Item 8 - Public Comment

None

Item 9- Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Meeting adjourned by Chair Smith at 2:30 p.m.