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*Board Investigator*

## PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

3291 North Buffalo Drive, Suite 100  
Las Vegas, NV 89129

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2023

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

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jennifer Nash, Board Chair; Jessie Fisher Board Member; Aaron Stevens, Public Member; Laura Cerame, PTA, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Staff in Attendance:** Charles D. Harvey, Executive Director; Debby Dieter Investigator; April Ramirez, Board Operations Support Specialist.

**Board Counsel:** Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General

Item 2. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Item 3. Review and Discussion of March 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*).

**Motion:** Motion to approve March 17, 2023, meeting minutes as presented: Jessie Fisher, PT Member

**Second:** Laura Cerame, PTA Member.  
Roll Call Vote Completed.

**The motion passes unanimously.**

Item 4. Review and Discussion of March 31, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*).

**Motion:** Motion to approve March 31, 2023, meeting minutes as presented: Laura Cerame, PTA Member

**Second:** Jessie Fisher, PT Member  
Roll Call Vote Completed.

**The motion passes unanimously.**

- Item 5. Review and decision regarding pending licensure application *(For Possible Action)*. This appearance is necessary to review the applicant's work history. The Board will review, discuss, and possibly decide on the pending licensure request for the following applicants.
- A. Maeve M. Curran
- Motion:** Motion to approve a probationary license for Maeve Curran under the stipulations of submitting monthly proof of attendance to AA meetings until September 1, 2024, and a background check be completed in order to get a full release of an unrestricted license: Jessie Fisher, PT Member  
**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member  
Roll Call Vote Completed.  
**The motion passes unanimously.**
- Item 6. Report from Nevada Physical Therapy Association *(APTA NV) (Informational Only)*.
- Pamela Smith, APTA NV Secretary: The APTA NV is looking forward to the Legislative Impact Day and is supportive of the Board and all the proposed legislation.
- Item 7. Report from Board Lobbyist *(Informational Only)*
- Board Lobbyist Neena Laxalt gave the Board an update in regards to the 2023 Legislative session, PT Compact Bill SB97, and an update on proposed changes to NAC 640 (R-124-21). There is no update at this time on the proposed changes to NAC 640.
- Item 8. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) *(For Possible Action)*. The Board will receive an update on DEIJ initiatives and possibly approve additional actions.
- PT Member Fisher updated the Board on some ideas on the possibility of posting on our website and using the APTA and linking their tool kit to our website, Annual required education on LGBTQ on how to respectfully approach. Adding a link to an article or video in regards to DEIJ in the newsletter and our website.  
PTA Member Cerame informed the Board that she does not agree with moving forward with a scholarship at this time. The Board decided to table this discussion for a future Board meeting. No Action Taken.
- Item 9. Disciplinary Matters *(For Possible Action)*
- A. None
- Item 10. Report from Board Legal Counsel *(Informational only)*
- DAG Ward gave the Board a brief update on Board legal matters. A consent decree has been signed by a licensee in regard to another matter but did not make the agenda for this meeting for approval.
- Item 11. Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence (ACCC).
- A. Consideration of recommendations for continuing competence courses reviewed at April 14, 2023, and April 21, 2023, ACCC Meetings.  
**Motion:** Motion to approve the ACCC Course Recommendations as presented: Laura Cerame, PTA Member

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member.  
Roll Call Vote Completed  
**The motion passes unanimously.**

Item 12. License Ratifications (*For Possible Action*). The Board will review, and approve licenses issued by the authority of the Board pursuant to NRS 640.090, NRS 640.146, NRS 640.240, and NRS 640.250.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the License ratifications as presented; Jessie Fisher, PT Board member

**Second:** Aaron Stevens. Public Member  
Roll Call Vote Completed

**The motion passes unanimously.**

Item 13. Report from Executive Director (*Informational only*)

Director Harvey updated the Board on Board operations. The Board Operations report was reviewed by Board members. No action.

Item 14. Report from Board Chair and Members (*Informational only*)

1. Kat Joines, Vice Chair will be going to FSBPT LIF Conference
2. I appreciate that the APTA will be going to Carson City for A Day on the Hill
3. Future conversation on the possibility of biannual license renewal in the future. decreasing the financial burden on licensee's making sure we are being fiscally responsible.

Item 15. Discussion of Future Agenda Items (*Informational only*)

1. Scholarship-DEIJ
2. BAR Resource
3. Biannual License Renewals
4. Report from Vice Chair Kat Joines on the FSBPT LIF Conference.

Item 16. Public Comment

Dr. Andrea Avruskin is in support of a discussion on biannual renewals.

Item: 17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.