

# STATE OF NEVADA

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

3291 North Buffalo Drive, Suite 100  
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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2023

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Item 1. Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Joines.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Katherine Joines, Board Chair; Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair; Laura Branco, PTA Member - Secretary/Treasurer; Jennifer Nash, Board Member; Aaron Stevens, Public Board Member.

**Staff in Attendance:** Charles D. Harvey, Executive Director; April Ramirez, Board Operation Support Specialist; Muriel Morin Mendes, Licensing Coordinator; Debby Dieter Investigator.

**Board Counsel:** Ziwei Zheng, Deputy Attorney General.

Item 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 16. Report from Board Chair and Members (*Informational Only*) - Taken out of order.

Departing PTA Member Branco and Board Operations Support Specialist Ramirez were recognized. The Board presented Laura Brano and April Ramirez with a plaque and Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and service to the Board.

Item 3. Review and Discussion of July 28, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*)

**Motion:** Motion to approve the July 28, 2023, meeting minutes as presented: Jessie Fisher, PT Member.

**Second:** Laura Branco, Public Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- Item 4. Review and Discussion 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 requests for the following applicants.

A. Kenneth Igno

**Motion:** Motion to approve licensure for Kenneth Igno, provided he completes an additional 15 CCUs in addition to the 15 CCUs required for license renewal. All courses must be approved by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, and Mr. Igno must be supervised by a physical therapist for the first six (6) months of his license: Laura Branco, PTA Member.

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- Item 5. Report from Nevada Physical Therapy Association (APTA NV) (*Informational Only*).

Pamela Smith, APTA Nevada Secretary, welcomed the Board to attend the APTA Nevada annual board meeting at Sunrise Hospital, which will be followed by continuing education.

- Item 6. Report from Board Lobbyist (*Informational Only*).

Update on the LCB review of Proposed Changes to Nevada Administrative Code 640 (R124-21)

Michael Hillerby, Lobbyist, reported on the status of proposed regulations and presented several options for Board discussion and consideration.

- Item 7. Report from Board Legal Counsel (*Informational Only*).

Nothing to report at this time.

- Item 8. Disciplinary Matters (*For Possible Action*). The Board will hold formal hearings wherein it may impose disciplinary action or accept a stipulated settlement agreement, if one is presented, in the following case:

A. Case 2022-21: Davin Christensen, PT, License No. 2804

**Motion:** Motion to accept the Consent Decree as presented, Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**Second:** Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair.

**PTA Member Branco recused herself.**

**The motion passed with one abstention.**

B. Recommendation for Case Dismissal. The Board will review and possibly approve action regarding the dismissal of the following cases:

- i. Case 2021-13
- ii. Case 2023-13
- iii. Case 2023-14
- iv. Case 2023-15

**Motion:** Motion to dismiss the four (4) cases: Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair.

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 9. Review and Discussion on the Application for Licensure by Endorsement for foreign-educated applicants. *(For Possible Action)*.

After discussion, the item was tabled until the December meeting.

Item 10. Review and Discussion of Model Board Action Guidelines *(For Possible Action)*. The Board will review, discuss, and possibly approve Model Board Action Guidelines.

**Motion:** Motion to adopt the Model Board Action Guidelines and move forward: Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**Second:** Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 11. Review and Discussion on fees for military and veterans *(For Possible Action)*. The Board will discuss possible fee changes for military/veteran applicants, and whether regulatory changes are necessary.

**Motion:** Motion to reduce the fees for military, veterans, and their families: Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**Second:** Jessie Fisher, PT Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 12. Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence (ACCC) Update *(For Possible Action)*

A. Consideration of recommendations for continuing competence courses reviewed at the September 8, 2023, ACCC Meeting.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the course reviewed and approved by the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence: Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair.

**Second:** Laura Branco, PTA Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Request to consider accepting all other State PT Board-approved courses going forward. The Board will review and discuss the request from Redefine Health and the ACCC's determination.

After discussion, the item was tabled.

Item 13. Board Operations

- A. 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 licenses being presented:** Jessie Fisher, Vice Chair.

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Report from Executive Director *(Informational Only)*.

Informational report provided by Director Harvey

- C. Board Financial Audit *(For Possible Action)*. The Board will review, discuss, and approve the annual financial audit conducted by Campbell, Jones, Cohen, CPAs. (If completed).

Informational report provided by Director Harvey.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the 2023 Financial Audit: Jessie Fisher, Vice-Chair

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- Item 14. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) *(For Possible Action)*. The Board will receive an update on DEIJ initiatives and possibly approve additional actions.

**Motion:** Motion to allocate an initial \$50,000 for DEI initiatives with the stipulation that allocation of such funds will be discussed at future board meetings prior to being utilized for such initiatives: Laura Branco, PTA Member

**Second:** Aaron Stevens, Public Member.

**Abstained:** Jennifer Nash, PT Member.

**The motion passed with one abstention.**

- Item 15. Selection of Board Meeting Dates for 2024. *(For Possible Action)*.

The following meeting dates were agreed upon for 2024.

- January 12, 2024
- March 16, 2024
- May 10, 2024
- July 12, 2024
- September 27, 2024
- December 6, 2024

- Item 17. Discussion of Future Agenda Items *(Informational Only)*.

- Proposed regulation
- Foreign-trained applicants and reentry forms

- DEIJ

Item 18. Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.