

**Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy  
Board Minutes**

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Rob Jordan, Rob Tillman, Sam Denton, Don Pierce, Velvet Medlock

**Representative from Attorney General's Office:** Sara Farris

**Staff Present:** Nancy Worthen, Lyndsey Kinsey

**Others Present:** Becky Crenshaw, ArPTA, Seth Coulter, ArPTA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rob Jordan, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from 10/01/20.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of December 31, 2020 the treasury account balance was reported as \$54,329.10

As of December 31, 2020 the Money Management funds total \$1,168,720.07

**Total Assets - \$1,223,049.17**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the financial report as presented.

The Board discussed INA keeping \$5.00 for the jurisprudence exam. Nancy will contact INA regarding this.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the last meeting:

PTs by exam: 14

PTs by endorsement: 10

PTs temporary: 2

PTAs by exam: 13

PTAs by endorsement: 7

PTAs temporary: 0

Total PTs: 2440

Total PTAs: 1660

Total Permanent Licensees: 4099

Total Temporaries: 1

**Revenue Reconciliation**

The Board reviewed the revenue reconciliations for October, November and December. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the revenue reconciliation reports as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Rob Jordan CE Email**

The Board discussed continuing education and waiving the 50% rule regarding online continuing education under the Governor's executive order. The motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the 50% rule.

#### **Rehab Net Request**

A letter was received from Becky Crenshaw regarding the passing of APTA AR Lobbyist Bill Phillips. She is requesting financial assistance from the PT Board for a PT scholarship in Bill Phillips' name. Matt Gilmore and Sara Farris advised that this would require a change in the law and the Board also has to consider that fees are being reduced. The Board determined further research is needed and the Board does not want to open the Practice Act at this time. Sara Farris will research what would need to be changed in the Practice Act and Nancy will research other agencies that have scholarships.

#### **Sara Wilhite Inquiry**

A letter was received from Sara Wilhite asking if an aide can be in the home assisting a patient while the PT is giving instruction by teletherapy. The Board discussed this and expressed concerns about patient care and violation of the Practice Act. The Board is not approving this for now but will let Ms. Wilhite know she is welcome to discuss this with the Board at a future meeting. Nancy and Sara will draft a letter and send to Rob Jordan for approval.

#### **Pre-application Background Check – Kyle Anderson**

The Board discussed the pre-application background waiver. This waiver was included in Act 990 of 2019. Future applicants can petition to see if their criminal history would keep them from being licensed. The motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the Board attorney and executive director to make decisions regarding criminal background waivers and inform the board at board meetings.

Kyle Anderson has a history of drug offenses and his crimes would not preclude him from receiving a license. He has been off probation for five years. His waiver is approved.

#### **Blake Pepper Complaint**

A complaint against Blake Pepper was reviewed at the October, 2020 meeting and a consent order was offered to Mr. Pepper. Mr. Pepper requested a hearing instead of signing the consent order. A hearing will be scheduled in March or April.

#### **Devin Dinecola, Colorado PT Board Adverse Action**

An adverse action report was received from FSBPT regarding action against Devin Dinecola by the Colorado Physical Therapy Board. The Board reviewed all information from the Colorado PT Board and Mr. Dinecola. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the action Colorado took against Mr. Dinecola's license and no further action will be taken.

#### **Craig Sanders Texas Adverse Action**

An adverse action report was received from FSBPT regarding action taken by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners against Craig Sanders. The Board reviewed the disciplinary action and Mr. Sanders' response and the motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter of reprimand to Mr. Sanders.

**Larriane Bowlin Texas Adverse Action**

An adverse action report was received from FSBPT regarding action taken by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners against Larriane Bowlin. Ms. Bowlin failed to complete her fingerprint/background check and her license was suspended for 30 days. The Board reviewed all information and the motion was made, seconded and passed to take no further action.

**Megan Cox Texas Adverse Action**

An adverse action report was received from FSBPT regarding action taken by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners against Megan Cox. Ms. Cox failed to complete her fingerprint/background check and her license was suspended for 30 days. The Board reviewed all information and the motion was made, seconded and passed to take no further action.

**Fingerprinting and Other State Statutes**

The Board discussed fingerprinting issues and other statutes. The motion was made, seconded and passed that issues of fingerprinting and other statutes held in other states that are not pertinent to physical therapy practice in Arkansas can be addressed and dismissed by the director.

**Fee Reductions**

The Board previously drafted a Rules amendment to lower fees. The Board discussed possibly lowering fees further in the future. Nancy and Lyndsey will work on a report to show fees in other states and to show the financial impact on the Board.

**AT Bills**

The Board discussed Senate Bill 86. Becky Crenshaw discussed two bills the athletic trainers are presenting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen  
Executive Director