

Adopted – Board Meeting – June 8, 2022

MINUTES
North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
April 28, 2022
NCBPTE OFFICE
8300 HEALTH PARK, Suite 233
Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

Members Present:

Teresa F. Hale, PT, Chair
C. David Edwards, PT, Secretary/Treasurer
Leslie Kesler, PT
Jamie L. Miner, PT
Paul Garcia, MD
Stephanie Bernard, PTA
Megan Wentz, PTA
Rosa Gonzalez, RN, Public Member (Absent)

Staff Present:

Kathy Arney, PT, Executive Director (ED)
David Gadd, Attorney

The format for the Minutes is as follows: *V-# Summary of Motion (Board Member who introduced motion)*

Meeting Called to Order by T. Hale, NCBPTE Board Chair – 4:01 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and was conducted remotely on Zoom and streamed live on YouTube. The meeting was noticed in the Board office, on its website and on the NC Secretary of State website. There were no requests for the meeting agenda prior to the meeting.

Roll Call The roll was called by T. Hale, NCBPTE Board Chair. A quorum was present. All votes for this meeting will be by voice, calling individual Board members for their vote.

Conflict of Interest Reminder by the Chair

T. Hale, Chair, reminded members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest. In addition, T. Hale asked if there were any known conflicts of interest or appearance of conflicts of interest with respect to any matters that were to be brought before the Board today as required by Executive Order 127. No Board member indicated conflicts of interest with the business before the Board today.

This Board meeting was properly noticed and posted ahead of this meeting.

Public Protection Task Force (PPTF) – Hiring PT Research Consultant

The Board’s PPTF has been working on analyzing the request by APTA NC to update Board rules related to imaging. The Chair of the PPTF, Board staff and Attorney met with the NC Medical Board and Chiropractic Board representatives in separate meetings in March and April, 2022. These meetings resulting in the necessity to obtain additional information and feedback from stakeholders related to this issue. It was proposed that a third-party familiar with the issue perform the research and provide information to stakeholders and return a report and communication to the Board with the results. Salary for the position prior to FY2023 is proposed as \$6-7,000 for Board approval.

V-062 – ‘022 Passed Motion to approve a PT Research Consultant related to PPTF investigation of Imaging with stakeholders in FY22 at \$6-7,000. *(Edwards)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Hale, Edwards, Garcia, Kesler,
Miner, Wentz, Bernard
Members voting in the negative: None

NC CDSA change of Division – approval for Continuing Competence Approved Provider Status

Board staff was contacted by an employee of the CDSA regarding a change in the agency Division which changes its status as a pre-approved provider for the purposes of NCBPTE Continuing Competence requirements, by Rule 21 NCAC 48G .0108. The change of Divisions does not change the activities or mission of the CDSA and should not be considered a substantive change to the purpose of NCBPTE continuing competence activities for licensees.

V-063 – ‘022 Passed Motion to approve the NC CDSAs as a pre-approved provider contingent upon the agency providing a letter stating it would comply with the requirements outlined in Board Rule 21 NCAC 48G .0108 for approved providers. *(Edwards)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Hale, Edwards, Garcia, Kesler,
Miner, Wentz, Bernard
Members voting in the negative: None

Monitoring Program for licensees with substance use disorders

In January, 2022, the NC Board of Nursing was no longer able to offer an MOU for Disciplinary and Non-disciplinary monitoring for substance use disorders to the NCBPTE, Board staff researched options for a replacement program. Discussions were held with the NC Professionals Health Program (NCPHP) who offer similar services to the NC Medical Board, Board of Pharmacy and Veterinary Board. A proposed MOU was created between NCBPTE and NC PHP and was reviewed by the Board for approval. The program is designed to assist licensees to return to the unimpaired, competent practice of physical therapy. The Board investment of \$7,500.00 per licensee will be paid from licensure fees to offset the cost of licensee participation.

The program fee will be paid for NCBPTE referred licensees; however, licensees wishing to obtain resources may contact NCPHP and will be assisted with finding resources.

V-064 – ‘022 Passed Motion to approve the MOU between NCPHP and NCBPTE with the Executive Director approved to sign the MOU to expedite implementation. (*Garcia*)

Members voting in the affirmative:	Hale, Edwards, Garcia, Kesler, Miner, Wentz, Bernard
Members voting in the negative:	None

In addition, the Board requested an updated website posting to refer to the NCPHP program and resources for licensees. Dr. Garcia was willing to review and edit the new posting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING AND EVENTS:

The next meeting of the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will be the Quarterly meeting held in-person June 8, 2022.

Meeting adjourned by T. Hale, Chair, at 4:33 p.m.

Submitted,



Kathy O. Arney, PT, Executive Director
Executive Director