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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY APRIL 21, 2009 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy met in regular session on April 21, 2009, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

David Perry, L.P.T., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Perry asked board members and staff to introduce themselves to new board member Smietana.

##### **Members Present:**

Jill A. Marlan, P.T.  
Andrew G. May, P.T.  
Ginger Smietana, Public Member  
Sandra Austin, Public Member  
Linda Thomas-Pilarczyk, Public Member (arrived 1:55 p.m.)  
Elizabeth Mostrom, P.T.  
David Perry, P.T., Chairperson

##### **Members Absent:**

Vijay Kumar, P.T., Vice Chairperson  
Mecha Crockett, Public Member

##### **Staff Present:**

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary  
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division  
Todd Cohan, Assistant Attorney General  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Enforcement Section  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division  
Bill Hurth, Manager, Enforcement Section

##### **Others Present:**

Max Hoffman

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Austin, seconded by Mostrom, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting with the following amendment:

Under **NEW BUSINESS, Establish Goals for 2009**, the last paragraph should read "Perry stated that the board goals for 2009 will be **to implement recently revised administrative rules (Spring 2009); initiate work on new revision of Administrative Rules to address impending PTA licensure legislation and continuing professional development guidelines (Spring/Summer 2009); monitor legislative activities that could impact Physical Therapy practice; increase Board educational outreach to physical therapists, PTA's and physical therapist students in Michigan; and formalizing school contacts.**

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Austin, seconded by Mostrom, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Perry reported that he has reviewed several complaints and returned them to the Bureau for appropriate action and participated as conferee in a compliance conference in Detroit.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DRY NEEDLING**

Perry reported that he submitted this issue to the MPTA for an opinion but that they deferred it back to the Board. He briefly explained the dry needling process. Perry stated that the question is whether this would be within the scope of practice for physical therapists.

Discussion followed.

Perry stated that if dry needling is deemed within the scope of practice for physical therapists, new administrative rules would need to be developed.

Ramsdell stated that the Public Health Code does not address this issue and that there could be a conflict with acupuncture.

Ramsdell stated she will develop FAQs to address this issue.

#### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Ramsdell reported that the Bureau is in the final stages of developing draft rules for Continuing Professional Development program. Discussion followed in which it was agreed that the Board would develop administrative rules for continuing professional development as well as for PTA licensure.

#### **FSBPT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

Ramsdell reported that with the budget shortage, the Department may not authorize travel for Board members to attend the FSBPT Conference. However, if travel is authorized, Perry will be the delegate and Mays will be the alternate delegate.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

#### **PTA LICENSURE**

Perry stated that Senate Bill 151 regarding licensure for PTA's is on the fast track to adoption and that it passed out of the House Committee. It will now go to the full House. Perry stated that there does not appear to be any opposition to this Bill.

#### **GRANDFATHERING**

Perry stated that Senate Bill 151 provides for individuals who graduated from a CAPTE accredited program prior to January 1, 2008 to have the NPTE exam waived. Those individuals who graduated after January 1, 2008 must take and pass the NPTE exam. He inquired of the members if those who graduated prior to January 1, 2008 should be required to submit proof of clinical experience within the previous five (5) years. The consensus of the members is that this should be a requirement of individuals who graduated prior to January 1, 2008.

#### **FOREIGN GRADUATES**

Perry stated that SB 151 provides for foreign graduates of a non-accredited PT or PTA programs and those who graduated in the military who can demonstrate educational equivalency to be granted the ability to sit for the NPTE exam.

#### **MPTA UPDATE**

No report.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

No report.

**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

Mays left the room at 3:15 p.m.

**BABUBHAI BHURABHAI RATHOD, P.T. – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION/REINSTATEMENT**

**Motion** by Austin, seconded by Thomas-Pilarczyk, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement, in the matter of Babubhai Bhurabhai Rathod, P.T.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Austin, Marlan, Mostrom, Smietana, Thomas-Pilarczyk and Perry

*MOTION PREVAILED*

Mays returned to the room at 3:28 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

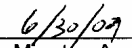
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

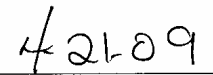
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by May, seconded by Austin, to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

  
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David Perry, L.P.T., Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared