

Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
March 10, 2023
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, IA

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room #526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Holly Little, OT
Melinda Shetler, OT
Rachel Judisch, Public Member
Robert Palmer, Public Member
Jeremy Kuhn, PT
Dr. Brett Speirs, PT
Steven Cassabaum, PT

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General
Venus Vendoures Walsh, Board Executive
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator
Lacy Hepp, Assistant to Board Administration
Jackson Boes, Clerk Specialist

Public Present

Mark Blankespoor
Kory Zimney
Shivani Sehgal

Introductions

All board members and staff were introduced.

Announcements

Last meeting for Melinda Shetler, Rachel Judisch and Robert Palmer. In honor of their continued hard work on this board, we gave them a certificate of appreciation.

Jackson Boes is the new licensure clerk for the Physical & Occupational Therapy Board. Please reach out to Jackson with any questions.

Currently have two vacant seats on the board. Please refer anyone interested in the openings to the Talent Bank of Iowa. Laura Green, a licensed Occupational Therapist from Johnson County Iowa, has been appointed effective 05/01/2023 to a three-year term on the board.

Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes December 9, 2022

Kuhn moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of December 9, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Palmer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

Upcoming Conferences: Leadership Issues Forum is July 15, 16, 2023 in Arlington, VA. One voting delegate and one board administrator may attend. The Annual education meeting is Oct 19-21, 2023 in Jacksonville, FL. A voting delegate, a funded alternate delegate and one board administrator may attend. Holly Little can commit to attending the education meeting in October. Please let Venus know if you are able to attend.

The Physical Therapy compact currently has twenty-eight states participating. Currently there are 28,662 individual holders with a net amount of \$33,640.

Jackson Boes reported on the number of current and active and inactive licensees: 3,596 active physical therapists and 3,730 inactive physical therapists; 1,701 active physical therapy assistants and 1,225 inactive physical therapy assistants; 1,880 active occupational therapists and 1,894 inactive occupational therapists; 774 active occupational therapist assistants and 87 inactive occupational therapist assistants.

There is currently a bill in legislation session regarding diagnostic imaging. This bill would allow PT or OT therapists to order imaging and provide that information to the patient's primary physician. More information to be presented at the next meeting.

Board Chair Report

Shetler commented “Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this board. Appreciate all of the time on this board. Best of luck in the future!”.

AAG Report

None at this time.

Administrative Rules

Notice of Intended Action – Rule ready to be adopted and filed

ARC 6661C to amend Chapter 200, “Licensure of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists Assistants,” Chapter 203, “Continuing Education for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants,” Chapter 206, “Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Little motioned to file and adopt ARC 6661C as amended. Palmer seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

Little talked about the efficiency of renewing her license online.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Little to enter into closed session at 9:33 a.m. to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(d) and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a). A second was made by Judisch.

Roll call was taken:

Judisch – Aye

Little – Aye

Shetler – Aye

Kuhn – Aye

Spiers – Aye

Cassabaum – Aye

Palmer – Aye

The Board returned to open session at 12:16 p.m.

Return to Open Session

September 9, 2022

Palmer moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of September 9, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Judisch. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Little motioned to close case files 23-0049, 22-0149, 21-0276, 22-0063 and 22-0258. Cassabaum seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

June 9, 2023

September 8, 2023

December 8, 2023

Adjournment

Judisch moved to adjourn the meeting. A second was received by Palmer. All ayes, nays none. The meeting adjourned unanimously at 12:19 p.m.