

MINUTES
North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
December 05, 2018
Siena Hotel
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Members Present:

David C. Reed, PT, Chair
Stacia H. Britton, PT, Secretary-Treasurer
C. David Edwards, PT
Paul Garcia, MD
Crystal Morris, PTA
Teresa F. Hale, PT
Stuart W. MacRoberts, Public Member
Pearl L. Rhone, PTA

Members Absent: none

Staff Present:

Kathy Arney, PT, Executive Director (ED)
Debbie Ragan, PT, Deputy Director (DD)
Cindy D. Kiely, Director of Administration / Recorder
Gregg Seipp, Director of Information Technology
John M. Silverstein, Attorney

Others Present:

Gerry Dodd, CPA
Mark Scott, Investigator
Jeff Rosa, FSBPT, Managing Director
Curt Schrank – PTA Exam applicant

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

Meeting Called to Order by Reed, Chair at 8:31AM

Announcements

- D. Reed, Chair, announced the following:
- The Board expressed their condolences to G. Seipp, IT Director, regarding the passing of his mother
 - There was no decision from the NC Supreme Court on November 30, 2018 as the opinion release date was deferred to December 07, 2018.
 - The Public Notice of Meeting is published on the Board website and in the Board office

-Notice of Meetings was mailed/mailed to government officials and those requesting the agenda

Conflict of Interest Reminder by the Chair

D. Reed, Chair, reminded members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest. In addition, D. Reed 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.

V-68'18 Passed Minutes September 12, 2018 [Attachment 1]

- Board adopted a motion to approve draft of the Minutes of the Board Meeting on September 12, 2018. **(Hale)**
Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None

APPLICATIONS

The Board was advised by the ED that a “Board Application for Licensure Evaluation – Resource Manual” has been prepared for their reference and is available in electronic and hard-copy form at the meeting today.

V-69-'18 Passed Endraws, Youssef (PT Endorsement Applicant)

The applicant’s credentials were not considered substantially equivalent to the first professional degree in physical therapy in the United States at the time of graduation based on 08/31/2018, credentials evaluation review from ICD using Coursework Tool #5 (CWT#5). CWT#5 requires a total of 150 combined credits. Applicant has a combined total of 134.5 General and Professional Education credits which lacks 15.5 total credits to meet the requirement. All content has been identified with the exception of deficiencies in Social Science. The applicant submitted additional information including the facts he has been working in the United States since 2010, and has earned his tDPT from Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY. The Board voted to approve the application for endorsement without completion of one Social Science course and completion of additional credit hours to meet the required 150.00 minimum credits. **(MacRoberts)**

- Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
- Members voting in the negative: None

V-70-'18 Passed – Dayandante, Rodisa (PT applicant for Exam - NPTE Appeal) The applicant has already taken the NPTE nine (9) times without achieving a passing score and has submitted an Appeal to retake the examination. The applicant’s personal statement indicated the reason for the appeal was that she would take “..intensive review classes if given an opportunity again.” However, the records demonstrate the applicant graduated more than ten (10) years ago, failed the exam nine (9) times in six (6) years and no further evidence was furnished that an additional attempt would likely result in a different outcome. The applicant has not taken the exam in the

past four years. In addition, the applicant could have completed a preparation course before the 9th exam retake. The Board voted to deny the appeal for an additional exam retake. **(Hale)**

Members voting in the affirmative:	Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative:	None

V-71-'18 -Passed - SA#13-18 (PT Exam Applicant)

The applicant provided the required Accommodation Request Form and documentation dated 10/17/2018, submitted by M.B. Waddell, Director, Department of Disability Services (WWS). Also submitted was medical documentation from Darris A. Ferguson, MA, LPA, Solutions of Hickory, dated January 07, 2016. The applicant documents history of receiving special accommodations for testing in education and standardized testing settings. The Board voted to approve a motion for granting the request of time and one half and separate testing room accommodations for the NPTE. **(Rhone)**

Members voting in the affirmative:	Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative:	None

V-72 -'18 -Passed - SA#14-18 (PT Exam Applicant)

The applicant provided the required Accommodation Request Form and documentation dated 11/28/2018, submitted by Marc Harari, Ph.D. The applicant documents history of receiving special accommodations for testing in education and standardized testing settings. The applicant has had time and a half and a separate room in educational sessions and increased breaks were added for standardized tests. After discussion and information from the Board's medical doctor regarding the diagnosis and the applicant's request, the Board voted to approve a motion for granting the request of time and one half and separate testing room accommodations for the NPTE. Request for increased breaks was denied. **(Edwards)**

Members voting in the affirmative:	Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative:	None

V-73-'18 -Passed - SA#15-18 (PT Exam Applicant)

The applicant provided the required Accommodation Request Form and documentation dated 12/03/18, and additional documentation submitted by Kari M. Eddington PhD. The applicant documents history of receiving special accommodations for testing in PT school education of time and a half and a separate room. The Board voted to approve a motion for granting the request of time and one half and separate testing room accommodations for the NPTE. **(Hale)**

Members voting in the affirmative:	Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative:	None

V-74 -'18 Passed – Schrank, Curtis Edward (PTA Exam Applicant)

Answered “yes” to application question #5, “Have you ever used drugs or alcohol to the extent it adversely affects professional competence?” Mr. Schrank attended the Board meeting to answer questions from the Board members and Board’s attorney. Board approved the application to sit for the PTA Exam based on responses to background check, personal statement demonstrating his rehabilitation, length of time since his conviction, stable work history and additional information provided during his interview and with his application.(*MacRoberts*)

Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None

Attorney Report

General update from Silverstein. The legislature is in session but there is no legislative action affecting occupational licensing boards or commissions to report.

Investigative Committee Recommendations for Disciplinary Actions

(D. Reed, Member of the Investigative Committee, did not participate in votes related to investigations in which he participated)

V-75-'18 Passed - Baker, Daniel (A5696) (Suspension)

A review of the case and recommendations proposed by the Investigative Committee were provided by Silverstein to the Board. The Board approved the recommendation of the Investigative Committee for a one (1) year suspension of license, commencing January 1, 2019, including six (6) months of active suspension and six (6) months stayed with conditions (the employer will file quarterly reports to the Board verifying documentation and patient visits have been accurately completed.) Mr. Baker will also reimburse the Board for costs of the investigation of \$500.00. **(Rhone)**

Members voting in the affirmative: Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None
Members recusing: Reed

V-76-'18 Passed - Jones, Melynda (A688) (Revocation of PTA License)

A Contested Case Hearing was held involving licensee Melynda F. Jones, PTA, License #A668. After the hearing, review of the facts of the case and recommendation of the Investigative Committee, the Board voted to approve revocation of her license and reimbursement of the Board for costs of the investigation. **(Hale)**

Members voting in the affirmative: Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None
Members recusing: Reed

Executive Director's (ED) Update – [Attachments-2-3]

The Executive Director provided the following update and requests for discussion:

- An updated Board Address list was provided and updates solicited.
- Current licensee count demonstrates a 4.05% increase. In comparison to recent quarterly licensee counts averaging 4.5%, this quarter is slightly reduced which may be due to the earlier timeframe the count was accessed, not representing an exact year to year date comparison.
 - 2018-2019 Exam Schedule and Board Member Score date notification – reminder update was provided: Important dates – eligibility deadlines; score days and Board review of non-accredited PT/PTA program applicants
- Adopted NCBPTE Goals and Priorities – 2017 – 2018 – These have minor changes for this quarter and will be reviewed in depth in the coming year
- 2019 Renewal - Progress update is consistent with past years and to date is at approximately 17% completion.
- Communication with NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners – “Osteopractic” definition was discussed and the individual components are regulated by the NCBPTE as they are all within the PT scope of Practice in NC.
- **Board Office Updates:**
 - Punchlist completion – The Board staff has a short list that is outstanding including: electronic upfit of the Board conference room and door signage and conference room window coverings.
 - Fall Office Intern – Caroline “Calley” Mangum – Assisted with post-move organization and new office processes; last day 11-29-18.
- **Board website:**
 - NC governmental requests for postings post hurricane and tropical storms were posted upon request on the Board’s Announcement page
 - Substance use Disorder Announcement was posted with Dr. Garcia’s recommendations
- **Licensing Processes for Board approval**
 - **License verification** – update to an online verifications process to using secure document submission with password access

V-77-'18 Passed Licensing Verification Processes for Board

Motion to move forward to an online verification process to using secure document submission with password access. *(Rhone)*

Members voting in the affirmative:

Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia,
Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone

Members voting in the negative:

None

Guest – Jeff Rosa, FSBPT, Managing Director - Post-Licensure Services – Educational presentations via WebEx were completed for the Board on the Alternate Approval Pathway and Jurisprudence Assessment Module:

- **Alternate Approval Pathway –(AAP)** Exam eligibility process for CAPTE accredited graduates; endorsed by ACAPT
- Discussion- Per Board legal counsel, there is concern about passing the exam before being made eligible for NC PT/PTA licensure and denying the license based on moral character. The Board would need to update the Rules in order to inform the

public of the process for eligibility prior to implementing the AAP. The Board questioned if the FSBPT would indemnify the Board from any legal action as a result of using the AAP.

V-78-'18 Passed Alternate Approval Pathway

Motion to table further consideration of the Alternate Approval Pathway for a later time. *(Edwards)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None

- **Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM)** – offers a valid, reliable methodology for creating new or updating older Jurisprudence Modules
- Discussion- NC has a good system in place that is an “exercise”, not an exam, whose intent is to educate licensees about the Practice Act, Board’s rules, and other aspects of Board function including where to find this information as a reference as they practice. The cost to licensees in using JAM is a consideration and our current exercises are at no cost to the applicant or licensee. Goal is to learn where to find the answers to PT practice in NC.

Financial Report

[Attachments- 4-7]

- Executive Summary – ED provided a verbal update regarding an improved financial position from last year.
- Financials – July 1, 2018 – July 1, 2017 (Profit – Loss comparison) were reviewed.
- Financials –comparison to same period 2017 (Balance Sheet) were reviewed.
- Adopted Budget for 2018-19 was provided as reference.
- An update as of November 20, 2018 was provided including: Relocation budget, expenses to date and further anticipated expenses
- Financial Audit for FY 2018 – Gerry Dodd, CPA provided a review for the Board and answered questions.
- Financial – Personnel – Retirement Plan Procedure – an explanation regarding plan requirements for Hardship withdrawals was provided and the Board considered how to handle a corrective action process.

V-79-'18 Retirement Plan Procedure for recouping funds

Motion to approve the Executive Director determine handling of any necessary recoupment of Board funds related to a staff member hardship withdrawal. *(Hale)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: none
Members abstaining: Edwards

- **Expenditures for additional staffing:**

- **Information Technology** – The ED discussed resources for increasing IT staffing with the Board. Options include: Applying to FSBPT for a grant scholarship to provide funding or additional information technology expertise. The FSBPT IT Director will discuss needs and next steps with the NCBPTE Director of IT. It was noted that the NCBPTE has more than double the number of licensees since our current IT Director was hired, so have agreed that programming is a priority. NC State University Computer Science Department has a posting for intern positions that the Board may be able to take advantage of or hire an experienced consultant. The Board considered factors for hiring a part time consultant versus an intern including expertise, salary expense, and the specific NCBPTE prioritization of IT needs. The ED has studied the 2018 CAI wage and salary categories for salary scales appropriate wage/salary ranges.
- – Temporary Administrative Contract worker needs were also considered. It is anticipated that 15-20 hours/week would suffice.

V-80-'18 Information Technology & Temporary Administrative Contract Workers:

- Motion is to utilize remainder of move budget as needed for IT and Administrative staffing without going into the Board reserves. The ED can come back if additional allocations are needed..... *(Hale)*

Members voting in the affirmative:	Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative:	None

Federation (FSBPT) – The ED reported the following:

- Future Meeting dates and Recent Meeting Updates – 2019
- Board Regulatory Training – TBD (typically held in June) – Alexandria, -The FSBPT has sent out a survey with several date options for 2019. Board members were encouraged to complete the survey.
- Leadership Issues Forum - Alexandria, VA, July 13-14, 2019 – Delegate and Administrator
- 2019 Annual Meeting – October 24-26, 2019 – Oklahoma City, OK.
- Reports - 2018 Annual Meeting October 25-27, 2018 – Reston, VA (Ragan/Kiely/Britton)

FSBPT Committee Service:

- Kiely – Verification Task Force, Chair
- Ragan – Re-entry Task Force
- Arney – Board Assessment Task Force
- Reed – Finance Committee for end of 2018
- Committee Changes – It was noted that the Foreign Educated Standards Committee has met its goals and has been dissolved.

NCPTA & APTA Updates

NCPTA

- No written report from NCPTA
- The Board reviewed the October 3, 2018 – Letter sent to Governor Cooper re: Board appointments for 2019. The Board is still awaiting a decision from the Governor about 2019 appointments to serve.
- NCPTA is still consideration of changing future Board Member nomination processes
- NCPTA – Newsletters – 2018 are accessible online.
- FYI – NCPTA Fall Conference – October 18-20, 2018 – Congratulations Announcement to Board members:
 - Stacia Britton – Outstanding PT Award
 - Crystal Morris – Voted – PTA Caucus Rep.
 - David Edwards – 2019 NCPTA Founder’s Lecture
- Arney provided the NCBPTE report to the NCPTA membership during the business meeting.
- Ben Massey Scholarship – a scholarship for \$1,500.00 was awarded again this year.
- **Future Meetings** – NCPTA Fall Conference – Oct 3-5, 2019 (location Wilmington, NC)
- **Communication from NCPTA ED** – conflicts of interest with Board Members and NCPTA elections – Silverstein addressed the risk of the appearance of impropriety for NCBPTE Board members holding official elected offices at the NCPTA.

APTA

CSM 2019 – January 23-26, 2019 Washington, DC

NEXT Conference and Exposition, June 12-15, 2019 – Chicago, IL

Report from Deputy Director, which - includes Continuing Competence [Attachment-8]

- A written report was submitted by D. Ragan.

- **Exemptions**

V-81-'18 Passed - Continuing Competence Exemption Request for 17-19 reporting period

Motion to grant exemption from CC for the 2017 – 2019 reporting period due to a personal hardship - Shultze *(MacRoberts)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, MacRoberts, Rhone

Members voting in the negative: None

Members abstaining: Hale

The Board was updated on the “PRT Tool” reference on NCBPTE website – The FSBPT Practice Review Tool (PRT) has been retired and replaced by oPTion, a scenario based reflective practice tool. Some states gave more than 3 contact hours for this activity. NC continues to

agree that 3 contact hours is relevant to the amount of time determine during the beta testing of this activity by FSBPT.

Prometric Report - [Attachment-9]

The Board reviewed the Prometric report for computer-based testing (CBT) comments submitted by examination candidates for period covering July - September, 2018. ED is contacting programs with certain comments and after score reports are received. It was noted that in the latest report, applicants were noting anxiety with regard to taking the exam.

Committee on Board Rules – Deputy Director D. Ragan provided a verbal update

- NCBPTE - Periodic Review Progress- The NCBPTE is on track with the periodic rules review and re-adoption process with the expected date rules become effective is May 1, 2019 for Board Rules 21 NCAC 48F .0102, .0103;48G .0504
- Timeline - Re-adoption of Rules – The date approved by RRC for completion of this process - Nov. 30, 2019,
- Public Hearing Rules – Periodic Review was held at 2:00 pm at the Siena Hotel. It was properly noticed and published.
- Public Comments on Periodic Rules Review Re-adoption were received as follows: The Board received one comment from From P. Turczany- *Biannual license renewal for PT*
Less confusing
Biannual fee and Ceu's and jurisprudence
Please consider
Thank you
- Rules – Technical Changes – The NCBPTE presented three rules (21 NCAC 48E .0110, .0111, .0112) for technical changes to the RRC on October 18, 2018 and the technical changes were approved. They became effective on November 1, 2018 and can be found in the Administrative Code on the Office of Administrative Hearings website.
- Rules – Committee reconvene is slated to be reconvened in the first quarter of 2019.

Recodification of NC PT Practice Act – Codifier of Statutes update . Bly Hall at the General Assembly confirmed that Article 18B of the General Statutes § 90-270.34 through §90-270.39: Recodified as Article 18E of Chapter 90, G.S. 90-270.90 through G.S. 90-270.110, by Session Laws 2017-28, s.1, effective October 1, 2017.

Correspondence with schools and Annual School Reports [Attachments – 10-13]

The Board reviewed score report pass rates for cohorts between the years of 2015-2018.

- Pass rate (**2018**) for North Carolina PT & PTA schools (*as of November 12, 2018*)
- Pass rate (**2017**) for North Carolina PT & PTA schools (*as of November 12, 2018*)
- Pass rate (**2016**) for North Carolina PT & PTA schools (*as of November 12, 2018*)
- Pass rate (**2015**) for North Carolina PT & PTA schools (*as of November 12, 2018*)
- Updated School Addresses – 1 PTA new program was added- Rowan-Cabarrus Comm. College, PTA Program. South University – High Point will close it's PTA program December 15, 2018.

- Schools communications/presentations:
 - Communication with MAHEC re: Building Leadership for the PTA continuing education – NCBPTE participation – Ragan – Dec 8, 2018

Other School Presentations scheduled:

ECU – April, 2019 – Arney

DUKE – January, 2019 – Arney

Wingate – March, 2019 – Arney

Campbell – December, 2018 Ragan

PTA Program – South University – High Point – Closing December 15, 2018

Other School Communications included:

After ED Communication, the Board office received follow up from the schools below re: lower passing rates:

- Martin CC PTA program
- Craven CC PTA program
- South College – Asheville PTA and questions answered

Call with Elon PD re: student application involving answers “yes” to questions

Ethics Commission

- **NEW** - (<https://ethics.ncsbe.gov/>)

IMPORTANT: Reminder regarding requirement for Mandatory Ethics Education (required every 2 years) (submit a reimbursement request)

- *Holiday Gifts – All Board members were reminded of the NC Ethics Laws concerning gifts.*

SEI Due *Annually* – April 15, 2018 – Ethics Commission – SEI reminder and Online filing instructions

Responses from ED/DD to questions addressed at the previous Board Meeting – [Attachments – 14-16]

- Response regarding – Telehealth – various licensees and external inquires
- Response – PTA’s documenting whether a goal is met? Submitted by P. Igold, PTA
- Response – Is there any reason a PTA cannot complete a Braden Scale? Submitted by K. Cox, PT

PT Licensure Compact – The ED provided updates regarding the PT Compact Commission and NC privilege issuing readiness as follows:

Update on Privilege issue dates and NC readiness

- FBI CBC Implementation – anticipate for implementation in January 2019 if programming is completed.
- NCBPTE implementation of privileges – once FBI CBC is accomplished, programming from Gregg on the website and Admin tool are ready, we can have the Commission determine if we are ready to issue privileges.
- Annual PT Compact Commission Meeting – October 28, 2018 – ptcompact.org

- Updated – Proposed Rule and Bylaw Changes were approved at the meeting and can be found on the commission website in addition to the Minutes of the meeting.

Board Appointments: [Attachments-17]

- Board Appointments – 2019 –awaiting Governor’s appointments

Potential legislation (and other materials) that could impact Boards - Silverstein - Legislative Session – convened 11-27-2018

Submission of Reports to the State – These are the reports to the State and other entities submitted in the last quarter: [Attachments-18-21]

- Financial Audit and Annual Report for NCBPTE Y/E 2018 – Emailed to the following State Departments:
 - Secretary of State;
 - Attorney General;
 - Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (APO);
 - Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM);
 - Office of State Auditor; Office of State Controller – Due Oct 30, 2018
- NCBPTE 2018 #50 Newsletter - NC Dept. of Cultural Resources - sent Nov. 05, 2018
- Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Ins. Policy renewal application – effective 2019
- BCBS Affidavit 2019
- NC Dept. of Commerce Quarterly Report (licensee counts for the 3rd quarter) – Sept. 30, 2018
- Submission of Master Employee Dishonesty Crime Renewal Policy - Nov. 2018
- SHEPS Center Request for 2018 NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Data – October 31, 2018
- Ethics Liaison Expense Reports (Arney/Ragan)
- Public Record Request – Credentialing Agency
- HB379 – Request for list of conduct defined as a crime by Board’s – Submission to JLAPO and JLOC on Justice and Public Safety
- Request for Lease clarification from State Property Office

V-82-'18 D&O Insurance for 2019

Motion to proceed with D&O Insurance for this year and look for quotes for 2020 and report back to the Board. *(Edwards)*

Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia, Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone

Members voting in the negative: None

Board Technology Committee:

The Board IT committee consisting of the ED and Director of IT met and determined – Areas of Priority to address include programming, infrastructure, website.

Scope of Practice Questions for Board Consideration

CBD Topical Creams – MB Creams for sale in PT office – submitted by C. Taylor, PT

CBD Topical Creams

Question was posed by the licensee:

Regarding our conversation, we are looking into CBD cream/lotion in our clinic for both use with patients and also to sell. I spoke with the company behind CBD Clinic (the brand SME Medical Supply company offers), they informed me that CBD is NOT an active ingredient in their product per the FDA. In turn the active ingredients are menthol and/or camphor depending on the level of product, they offer Level 1-5. In turn, my understanding based on the information provided, means it is basically the same as offering Biofreeze or Tiger Balm to our clients.

As this is a product that can be purchased literally anywhere (online, at a consignment shop up the street from us, vapor stores, pharmacies, etc - really anywhere in this area (Asheville)), I wanted to confirm that it is within our scope and fine to offer to our clients.

The Board reviewed the question and discussed that CBD (Cannabidiol) Cream can be sold, but it is not the practice of physical therapy and should not be described as such or billed as physical therapy. Sale of this product may violate other NC Healthcare occupational licensing board statutes or rules and that sale of this product is at the risk of the seller. The Executive Director will send a response via email to the licensee.

Microcurrent Point Stimulators

Question was posed by the licensee:

“Microcurrent Point Stimulation device. The device in question is made by a company called Dolphin. It is developed based on Accupuncture points and stimulation of these points. Being experienced with Dry Needling I am comfortable with insertion of a needle into a trigger point to treat musculoskeletal conditions and am also aware of this states past legal proceedings with the acupuncture board over dry needling. My concern with using this Dolphin device is that some of their treatment protocols that can be used to treat musculoskeletal conditions involve acupuncture points that are not in the area of pain. For instance, some of the protocols involve points on the lower extremities to treat shoulder dysfunction or there may be some points on the ear that would be stimulated for a musculoskeletal condition in a place on the body far off from the ear. Would a PT or PTA be outside their scope of practice using acupuncture points for treating musculoskeletal conditions? Should we just stimulate trigger points to treat musculoskeletal conditions?”

The Board reviewed the question and discussed that electrical stimulation is within the scope of PT practice for those licensees who have the education, training and are competent to perform the procedure and have determined that it would be safe to use and effective for a specific patient. PT licensees do not perform acupuncture and should not promote any aspect of physical therapy services as acupuncture without also holding an active acupuncture license. It would be appropriate to consult the manufacturer’s directions for usage of the specific electrical stimulator used.

Election of Officers for 2019

**Board Vote:
Board/Chair 2019
V-83-'18 Chair**

Motion to reelect D. Reed as Board Chair 2019 **(Rhone)**
Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia,
Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None

V-84-'18 Secretary/Treasurer

Motion to reelect S. Britton as Board Secretary/Treasurer 2019 **(Edwards)**
Members voting in the affirmative: Reed, Britton, Edwards, Garcia,
Morris, Hale, MacRoberts, Rhone
Members voting in the negative: None

Appointments to Standing Committees for 2019 by the Chair:

- Investigative Committee Member - Teresa Hale, PT
- Finance Committee Member(s) will continue to be Stacia Britton, PT and David Edwards, PT
- Rules Committee Member(s) will continue to be Teresa Hale, PT and David Edwards, PT

Board Vote: (deferred to March 2019 mtg)

- Election of Board Delegate to FSBPT
- Election of First Alternate Delegate to FSBPT

Regulatory Agency Update –

- **FARB** (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards); - <http://www.farb.org/>
Reminders to Board members by the ED that she will forward communications from CLEAR, but they should be receiving INPTRA communications via email because they are all members
- **CLEAR** (Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation); <http://www.clearhq.org/>.
- **INPTRA** (International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities)

Credentialing Agencies – no updates were noted

- FCCPT
- IERF
- ICD / COGFNS (Commission on Graduates of Foreign Educated Schools)

Correspondence from ED, Articles, etc. - the following questions and answers received and answered by the ED were reviewed:

- C. Edgar re: EMG's
- C. Cox III re: PT and EMG's

- L. Massa re: Educating patients vs counseling patients
- A. Baker re: Use of EpiPen's
- P. Rode re: Newsletter response
- TOEFL DI Confirmation
- R. Chapman re: Ballot
- S. Escaluka re: Board contact information
- N. Garland – status of Spinal Manipulation bill.

Reed reminded the Board of the dates for upcoming Board Meetings:

- March 13, 2019 (Wednesday) Location: Siena Hotel, Chapel Hill, NC
- June 05, 2019– (Wednesday) Location: 8300 Health Park, Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615
- September 11, 2019– Location: 8300 Health Park, Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615
- December 11, 2019– Location: 8300 Health Park, Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615

Meeting adjourned by D. Reed, Chair, at 3:51p.m.

Submitted,

Cindy D. Kiely
 Director of Administration
 Recording Secretary
 *Indicates unanimous approval

Stacia H. Britton, PT
 Secretary/Treasurer