

1 **Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

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3 **EDUCATION**
4 **Committee Meeting**

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6 **333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510**
7 **Austin, Texas 78701**

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9 **October 23, 2014**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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- 15 **Members Present:** Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT, PhD, Chair
16 René Peña, public member
17 Jeff Tout, PT
18 Shari Waldie, PT
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- 20 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
21 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
22 Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
23 Sherry Grimes-Brock, Assistant Licensing Manager
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- 25 **Guests:** Paul Hardin, TPTA Executive Director
26 Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
27 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
28 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
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- 31 A. Call to order
 - 32 B. Public comment
 - 33 C. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting
 - 34 D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program
35 (CCAP) report.
 - 36 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing
37 Competence Activities, including criteria for approving continuing education activities and
38 awarding CCUs for supervision/mentorship of a resident or fellow.
 - 39 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination,
40 including revising additional education requirements for re-examination, low score policy, and
41 letter of weakness/plan for remediation.
 - 42 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures for
43 Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign Language
44 (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for examination
45 applicants, and utilization of the PTA CWT.
 - 46 H. Discussion and possible action on a request for waiver of humanities course requirement from
47 Shubhanshu Saxena, PT
 - 48 I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence
49 Exam.
 - 50 J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - 51 K. Adjournment
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2 **A. Call to order**
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4 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to
5 order at 1:04 p.m.
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7 **B. Public comment**
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9 There was no public comment.
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11 **C. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting**
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13 *Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected.*

14 *Made by: René Peña*

15 *Second: Shari Waldie*

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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18 **D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval**
19 **Program (CCAP) report.**
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21 Ms. Mather summarized activities of the CCAP since the July 24, 2014 meeting.
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23 The Committee discussed a question regarding whether or not a large hospital physical therapy
24 department could purchase an unapproved continuing education module and have it approved for
25 all of their PT personnel. It was decided that TPTA would make the determination dependent upon
26 who would be responsible for records maintenance and course administration.
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28 The Committee also discussed recommendations that the credit for serving as a Clinical Instructor
29 be an accumulation of hours instead of based on a range of weeks, and that a Clinical Instructor be
30 required to be a certified Clinical Instructor in order to claim CCUs for service. The Committee took
31 no action to amend the current rule which requires consecutive weeks of service to be eligible for
32 CCUs and decided that it was not within the purview of the Board to offer CCUs to a select group of
33 licensees who were certified CIs and deny the credit to those who were not certified when both
34 groups were engaged in the same CC activity.
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36 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing**
37 **Competence Activities including criteria for approving continuing education activities**
38 **and awarding CCUs for supervision/mentorship of a resident or fellow.**
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40 The Committee reviewed the FSBPT's standards for continuing competence activities and
41 discussed the criteria for issuing CCUs for supervision or mentorship of a resident or fellow.
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43 *Motion: To recommend changes to §341.3 Qualifying Continuing Competence*
44 *Activities as submitted.*

45 *Made by: René Peña*

46 *Second: Shari Waldie*

47 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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49 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by**
50 **Examination, including revising additional education requirements for re-examination,**
51 **low score policy, and letter of weakness/plan for remediation.**
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53 The Committee discussed the revisions that need to be made in order to comply with FSBPT
54 changes of maximum six attempts and low score policy to the NPTE eligibility requirements which
55 will be implemented in January 2016, and discussed eliminating the requirement for a letter of

1 weakness and remediation for applicants failing the NPTE two or more times. The Committee took
2 no action, but agreed to discuss the issues again at the next meeting.

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4 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures**
5 **for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign**
6 **Language (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for**
7 **examination applicants, and utilization of the PTA CWT.**

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9 The Committee discussed upcoming changes to the utilization of the CWT for examination
10 applicants and TOEFL score reporting proposed by the FSBPT as well as utilization of the PTA
11 CWT for determining equivalency for non-accredited domestic and military PTA programs. The
12 Committee took no action on the issues, but agreed to discuss them again at the next meeting.

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14 **H. Discussion and possible action on a request for waiver of humanities course**
15 **requirement from Shubhanshu Saxena, PT.**

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17 The Committee reviewed the post-professional transcripts submitted by Shubhanshu Saxena, PT
18 and determined there was no evidence of a course that would satisfy the humanities requirement.

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20 *Motion: To recommend denying the request for a waiver of humanities course*
21 *requirement from Shubhanshu Saxena, PT.*

22 *Made by: René Peña*

23 *Second: Shari Waldie*

24 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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26 **I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the**
27 **Jurisprudence Exam.**

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29 The Committee submitted new questions/answers for incorporation into the Jurisprudence Exam.

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31 **J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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33 The Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting will include all of the tabled items as
34 noted above. The next committee meeting was set for January 29, 2014.

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36 **K. Adjournment**

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38 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

39 *Made by: René Peña*

40 *Second: Jeff Tout*

41 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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43 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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46 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 01/29/2015

47 **Action taken by the Committee:** approved as submitted