

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 **January 29, 2015**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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15 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, 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 Randy Glines, Assistant Licensing Manager
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25 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
26 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
27 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
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30 A. Call to order
31 B. Public comment
32 C. Approval of minutes from the October 23, 2014 meeting
33 D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program
34 (CCAP) report.
35 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing
36 Competence Activities, including criteria for approving continuing education activities.
37 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination,
38 including revising additional education requirements for re-examination, low score policy, and
39 letter of weakness/plan for remediation.
40 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures for
41 Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign Language
42 (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for examination
43 applicants, and utilization of the PTA CWT.
44 H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
45 I. Adjournment
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2 **A. Call to order**
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4 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
5 1:05 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 October 23, 2014 meeting**
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13 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*

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 October 23, 2014 meeting.
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23 The Committee discussed the following questions regarding awarding CC credit:
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25 Whether or not full credit for a course that has to be cut short due to inclement weather can be
26 awarded to attendees. The Committee decided that if extenuating circumstances exist and if the
27 content of the course has been covered, attendees could receive full credit for the course.
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29 Whether or not there is a minimum number of reviews per year that a peer reviewer must complete
30 in order to qualify for the 3 CCUs per year of service. The Committee decided that a minimum of 10
31 reviews and/or 75% of reviews must be completed in order to qualify for the CC credit.
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33 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing**
34 **Competence Activities including criteria for approving continuing education activities.**
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36 The Committee reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) standards
37 for continuing competence activities and decided that no revision to the criteria for approving
38 continuing education courses set forth in §341.3. is warranted at this time.
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40 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by**
41 **Examination, including revising additional education requirements for re-examination,**
42 **low score policy, and letter of weakness/plan for remediation.**
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44 The Committee discussed the revisions that need to be made in order to comply with FSBPT
45 changes of maximum six attempts and low score policy to the NPTE eligibility requirements which
46 will be implemented in January 2016, and discussed eliminating the requirement for a letter of
47 weakness and remediation for applicants failing the NPTE two or more times.
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49 *Motion: To recommend changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination as submitted.*

50 *Made by: Shari Waldie*

51 *Second: René Peña*

52 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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54 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures**
55 **for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign**

1 **Language (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for**
2 **examination applicants, and utilization of the PTA CWT.**

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4 The Committee decided to defer this item until the FSBPT put forth a definitive timeline for
5 implementing the changes to the eligibility requirements of foreign-educated applicants.

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7 **H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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9 The next committee meeting was set for April 23, 2015.

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11 **I. Adjournment**

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13 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

14 *Made by: Shari Waldie*

15 *Second: Jeff Tout*

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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18 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

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21 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 04/23/2015

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