

1 **Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

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

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6 **Vintage Villas**
7 **4209 Eck Lane**
8 **Austin, Texas 78734**

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10 **November 13, 2015**
11 **1:00 p.m.**
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14 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
15 Daniel Reyna, Public Member
16 Jeff Tout, PT
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18 **Member Absent:** Shari Waldie, PT
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20 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
21 John Maline, Executive Director
22 Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
23 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
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25 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
26 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
27 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
28 Susan Layton, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), COO
29 Mark Lane, FSBPT Vice President
30 Ken Gordon, FSBPT Board Public Member
31 Joe Walraven, Sunset Advisory Commission, Assistant Director
32 Erick Fajardo, Sunset Advisory Commission, Policy Analyst
33 Alan Leonard, Sunset Advisory Commission, Policy Analyst
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36 A. Call to order
37 B. Public comment
38 C. Approval of minutes from the April 23, 2015 meeting
39 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
40 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including review of the updated Memorandum of
41 Understanding for approval recommendation.
42 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and
43 Procedures, including the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy alternate path for exam
44 eligibility approval.
45 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination, including the
46 National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Appeal Process.
47 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures for Foreign-
48 Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes, Duke University online module on the US
49 healthcare delivery system, utilization of PTA Coursework Tool, and TOEFL requirements for
50 endorsement applicants.
51 H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements
52 regarding the ethics/professional responsibility requirement, including FSBPT's online Jurisprudence
53 Assessment Module (JAM).
54 I. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence
55 Activities, including item writers for exams other than NPTE and Resident/Fellow Mentorship partial
56 credit.
57 J. Discussion and possible action on a request for a continuing competence waiver by a licensee.
58 K. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
59 L. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
4 1:10 p.m.

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6 **B. Public comment**

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8 There was no public comment.

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10 **C. Approval of minutes from the April 23, 2015 meeting**

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12 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*

13 *Made by: Jeff Tout*

14 *Second: Daniel Reyna*

15 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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17 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
18 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including review of the**
19 **updated Memorandum of Understanding for approval recommendation.**

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21 Ms. Townsley from TPTA summarized activities of the CCAP since the August 28, 2015 Board
22 meeting.

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24 The Committee reviewed the updated Memorandum of Understanding.

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26 *Motion: To recommend approval of the updated Memorandum of Understanding.*

27 *Made by: Daniel Reyna*

28 *Second: Jeff Tout*

29 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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31 The Committee reviewed information on the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES)
32 to determine if it meets the criteria for continuing competence credit under the Specialty
33 Examinations category.

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35 *Motion: Not to recommend acceptance of the MCHES as an approved Specialty*
36 *Examination.*

37 *Made by: Jeff Tout*

38 *Second: Daniel Reyna*

39 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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41 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1. General Licensure**
42 **Requirements and Procedures, including the Federation of State Boards of Physical**
43 **Therapy alternate path for exam eligibility approval.**

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45 Ms. Layton from FSBPT presented the upcoming changes to the exam eligibility including the
46 option of an alternate path for exam eligibility approval that will be available in late 2016. The
47 Committee discussed the effect that the option would have on the staff's workload especially during
48 peak application periods. The Committee took no action but voiced interest in participating in the
49 pilot program once further details are known.

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51 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by**
52 **Examination including the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Appeal**
53 **Process.**

1 Ms. Layton presented details of the NPTE Appeal Process for candidates that reach the maximum
2 exam takes or score two (2) very low scores or 400 or less. The Committee discussed adding
3 language to §329.2 regarding the appeal process but deferred action until the January meeting as
4 the section's previous amendments will not be effective until 1/01/2016.

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6 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures
7 for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes, Duke University
8 online module on the US healthcare delivery system, utilization of PTA Coursework
9 Tool, and TOEFL requirements for endorsement applicants.**

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11 The Committee discussed the upcoming changes to the NPTE eligibility requirements scheduled
12 for 2017, a module being developed by Duke University to introduce the US healthcare delivery
13 system that could be used as a licensure requirement for applicants from outside the US, utilization
14 of the PTA Coursework Tool to evaluate educational equivalency of military and non-CAPTE
15 graduates, and TOEFL requirements for endorsement applicants who are US citizens educated
16 abroad. The Committee took no action as ongoing discussion was needed.

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18 **H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing
19 Competence Requirements regarding the ethics/professional responsibility
20 requirement, including FSBPT's online Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM).**

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22 The Committee discussed the ethics/professional responsibility renewal requirement and the
23 possibility of combining the ethics and jurisprudence exam requirements. Ms. Layton presented the
24 option for jurisdictions to have the FSBPT develop an online Jurisprudence Assessment Module
25 (JAM) to satisfy the requirement. The Committee took no action as further investigation was
26 needed.

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28 **I. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3. Qualifying Continuing
29 Competence Activities, including item writers for exams other than NPTE and
30 Resident/Fellow Mentorship partial credit.**

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32 The Committee discussed amendments to §341.3 to correct a discrepancy between rule and Board
33 adopted policy for approving a specialty examination, to allow the Board to consider partial credit
34 for mentoring a resident/fellow who rotates through several facilities with separate mentors, and to
35 add credit for item writer for ABPTS specialty examinations as recommended by TPTA and
36 individual licensees.

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38 *Motion: To recommend approval of amendments to §341.3. Qualifying Continuing
39 Competence Activities.*

40 *Made by: Daniel Reyna*

41 *Second: Jeff Tout*

42 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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44 **J. Discussion and possible action on a request for a continuing competence waiver by a
45 licensee.**

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47 The Committee reviewed a request for a continuing competence waiver and the support medical
48 documentation submitted by a licensee.

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50 *Motion: To recommend approving the continuing competence waiver request.*

51 *Made by: Daniel Reyna*

52 *Second: Jeff Tout*

53 *There was one dissenting vote.*

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55 **K. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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2 The next committee meeting was set for January 28, 2016 with ongoing agenda items as noted
3 above.

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5 **L. Adjournment**

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7 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

8 *Made by: Daniel Reyna*

9 *Second: Jeff Tout*

10 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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12 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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15 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 01/28/2016

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