

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 28, 2016**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Jeff Tout, PT
15 Shari Waldie, PT
16 Philip Vickers, Public Member
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18 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
19 Randall Glines, Assistant Licensing Manager
20 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
21 Lea Weiss, OT Coordinator
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23 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
24 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
25 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
26 Erick Fajardo, Sunset Advisory Commission, Policy Analyst
27 Alan Leonard, Sunset Advisory Commission, Policy Analyst
28 Diane Switzer, Compliance CE
29 Hunter Ainsworth, Compliance CE
30 Tyler Rabon, Rabon Media
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33 A. Call to order
34 B. Public comment
35 C. Approval of minutes from the November 13, 2015 meeting
36 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
37 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.
38 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and
39 Procedures, including the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) alternate path for
40 exam eligibility approval.
41 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination, including the
42 National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Appeal Process.
43 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensure Procedures for Foreign-
44 Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and the Duke University online module on the
45 US healthcare delivery system.
46 H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements
47 regarding the ethics/professional responsibility requirement, including FSBPT's online Jurisprudence
48 Assessment Module (JAM) and a proposal from Compliance CE.
49 I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing
50 competence.
51 J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
52 K. 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 1:00 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 Dr. Sanders reordered the agenda for consideration of item H. for a proposal of a continuing
11 education course combining jurisprudence and ethics as presented by Diane Switzer from
12 Compliance CE.

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14 **C. Approval of minutes from the November 13, 2015 meeting**

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

17 *Made by: Jeff Tout*

18 *Second: Shari Waldie*

19 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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21 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
22 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.**

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24 Ms. Townsley from TPTA summarized activities of the CCAP since the November 13, 2015 Board
25 meeting. She presented information regarding the specialty examinations for the Certified Wound
26 Specialist (CWS) offered by the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM), and the Wound
27 Care Certification (WCC) examination offered by the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy
28 (NAWCO).

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30 *Motion: To recommend adding the CWS and WCC examinations to the list of*
31 *specialty examinations that qualify for 30 CCUs.*

32 *Made by: Philip Vickers*

33 *Second: Shari Waldie*

34 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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36 Ms. Townsley presented the curriculum for the Pima Medical Institute's program for PTAs that have
37 graduated from an accredited PTA program with an Associate's Degree to transition to a PTA
38 Bachelor's Degree.

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40 *Motion: To recommend including the courses related to physical therapy in the Pima*
41 *Medical Institute's Bachelor's Degree for PTAs as pre-approved post*
42 *professional college courses for continuing competence credit.*

43 *Made by: Shari Waldie*

44 *Second: Jeff Tout*

45 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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

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51 The Committee discussed an update from the FSBPT on the alternate path for approval scheduled
52 to be implemented later in the year, and the role that the schools will have in verifying a candidate's
53 eligibility for examination. The Committee took no action as additional information from the FSBPT
54 regarding implementation will be forthcoming.

1 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by**
2 **Examination including the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Appeal**
3 **Process.**
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5 Adding language to §329.2 regarding the NPTE appeal process for candidates who reach the
6 maximum exam takes of six (6) or who score two (2) very low scores or 400 or less was deferred
7 from the November 13, 2016 meeting as the section's previous amendments would not be effective
8 until 1/01/2016.

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10 *Motion:* To recommend approval of amending §329.2 (b) to add the NPTE appeal
11 process .

12 *Made by:* Shari Waldie

13 *Second:* Jeff Tout

14 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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16 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures**
17 **for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and**
18 **Duke University online module on the US healthcare delivery system.**
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20 The Committee discussed the upcoming changes to the NPTE eligibility requirements scheduled
21 for 2017 and an outline of the module being developed by Duke University to introduce the US
22 healthcare delivery system that could be used as a licensure requirement for applicants from
23 outside the US. The Committee took no action as ongoing discussion was needed.
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25 **H. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing**
26 **Competence Requirements regarding the ethics/professional responsibility**
27 **requirement, including FSBPT's online Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) and a**
28 **proposal from ComplianceCE.**
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30 The Committee revisited item H to discuss the proposals from the FSBPT to establish an online
31 JAM and from ComplianceCE to establish an online course to combine the current ethics and
32 jurisprudence exam requirements.
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34 *Motion:* To recommend entering into a contract with the FSBPT to develop an online
35 jurisprudence and ethics module.

36 *Made by:* Shari Waldie

37 *Second:* Jeff Tout

38 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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40 **I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
41 **education and continuing competence.**
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43 There was no discussion on this item.
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45 **J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**
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47 The next committee meeting was set for April 28, 2016 with ongoing agenda items as noted above.
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49 **K. Adjournment**
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51 *Motion:* To adjourn the meeting.

52 *Made by:* Jeff Tout

53 *Second:* Philip Vickers

54 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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1 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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4 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 4/28/2016

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