

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 26, 2017**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Jeff Tout, PT
15 Liesl Olson, PT

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17 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
18 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
19 Michael Briscoe, Licensing Manager
20 Karissa Rodriguez, Assistant Licensing Manager

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22 **Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General

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24 **Guests:** Don Haydon, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Executive Director
25 Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
26 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
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29 A. Call to order
30 B. Public comment
31 C. Approval of minutes from the October 27, 2016 meeting.
32 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
33 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including conclusion of the audit of TPTA approved
34 courses.
35 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements
36 regarding approving organizations to accredit providers and to evaluate and approve continuing
37 competence activities.
38 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination regarding an
39 applicant educated as a physical therapist testing as a physical therapist assistant.
40 G. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy
41 Examination (NPTE).
42 H. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing
43 competence.
44 I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
45 J. Adjournment
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48 **A. Call to order**

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50 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
51 1:00 p.m.

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53 **B. Public comment**

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55 There was no public comment.

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57 **C. Approval of minutes from the October 27, 2016 meeting.**
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1 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
2 Made by: Liesl Olson
3 Second: Jeff Tout

4 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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6 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
7 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including conclusion of the**
8 **audit of TPTA approved courses.**
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10 Don Haydon, TPTA Executive Director explained to the Committee that TPTA is going through
11 some staff reorganization and that the TPTA Board had authorized funding for an additional CCAP
12 person. He stated that the goal for length of time to process an application is 4 – 6 weeks with
13 target by the PT Board's April meeting.
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15 The Committee discussed TPTA's recommendation to adopt policies that restrict the Accredited
16 Provider System (APS) retroactive accreditations and the Peer Review System retroactive credit for
17 a course application to 60 days, but decided that the restrictions were not warranted at this time.
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19 The Committee discussed and approved adding CCAP policies for the following:

- 20 • Requiring PRS applicants to respond to CCAP request within 60 days, or the application is
21 withdrawn and a new application will be required, and
- 22 • Prohibiting co-sponsorship of PRS and APS courses unless specifically approved for all co-
23 sponsoring organizations or offered by multiple APS accredited providers.
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25 The Committee reviewed the requested schedule for the Interventions to Maximize
26 Functional Mobility Recovery in Patients with Neurological Disorders/Diseases
27 course and determined that TPTA was compliant with all of their audit submissions.
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29 The Committee reviewed the APS reaccreditation application from TPTA and
30 granted TPTA reaccreditation as an APS provider for the period of 2/01/2017 –
31 1/31/2020.
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33 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing**
34 **Competence Requirements regarding approving organizations to accredit providers**
35 **and to evaluate and approve continuing competence activities.**
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37 The Committee reviewed information on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
38 (FSBPT) ProCert program for certifying continuing competence activities. It was noted that ProCert
39 only certifies continuing education courses and conferences for vendors, and does not accept
40 individual applications for courses/conferences for review and certification and does not certify
41 degree coursework, examinations and assessments, residencies and fellowships, or teaching
42 activities. The method of assigning CCU credit could not be determined in order to compare to the
43 rule requirement as FSBPT has a proprietary method of calculating credit. The Committee
44 determined that ProCert does not meet all of the approval needs of the PT Board's current
45 continuing competence model.
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47 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by**
48 **Examination regarding an applicant educated as a physical therapist testing as a**
49 **physical therapist assistant.**
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51 The Committee reviewed the §329.2 and determined that there was no specific time limit for taking
52 the PTA exam after failing the PT exam. The Coordinator was instructed to notify the individual who
53 inquired that they were eligible to apply as a PTA by examination.
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1 **G. Discussion and possible action on a request for an appeal to re-take the National**
2 **Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).**
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4 The Committee reviewed a request for an appeal to re-take the NPTE and determined that the
5 individual was not eligible for Texas consideration as the last 4 attempts since October 2014 had
6 been for Connecticut. The Coordinator was instructed to notify the individual of the Committee's
7 decision and to inquire about the number of appeals that had been made to and granted by
8 FSBPT.
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10 **H. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
11 **education and continuing competence.**
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13 The Committee discussed the difficulty that foreign-educated physical therapists were having in
14 remediating clinical deficiencies. Ms. Gordon informed the Committee that the Foreign Educated
15 Standards Committee of FSBPT has proposed alternate options for a portion of clinical education
16 hour requirements but that they have not been approved by the FSBPT Board yet.
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18 **I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**
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20 The next committee meeting was set for April 20, 2017 in Austin.
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22 **J. Adjournment**
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24 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
25 Made by: Jeff Tout
26 Second: Liesl Olson

27 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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29 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.
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32 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 7/20/2017

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