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**Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

**EDUCATION  
Committee Meeting**

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

**January 17, 2019  
3:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair  
14 Liesl Olson, PT  
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16 **Members Absent:** Jeff Tout, PT  
17 Glenda Clausell, Public Member  
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19 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator  
20 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator  
21 Michael Briscoe, Licensing Manager  
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23 **Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General  
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25 **Guests:** Lindsey Green, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Staff  
26 Darian Miller, TPTA Staff  
27 Kathleen Manella, TPTA Liaison  
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30 A. Call to order  
31 B. Public comment  
32 C. Approval of minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting.  
33 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing  
34 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.  
35 E. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the  
36 Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) and TPTA.  
37 F. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy  
38 Examination (NPTE).  
39 G. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for review of educational equivalency from a foreign  
40 educated applicant(s).  
41 H. Discussion and possible action on a request for a continuing competence requirement waiver.  
42 I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and  
43 continuing competence.  
44 L. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.  
45 M. 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 3:00  
51 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 18, 2018 meeting.**

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2 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.  
3 Made by: Liesl Olson  
4 Second: Barbara Sanders

5 *Motion passed unanimously.*  
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7 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**  
8 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.**  
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10 Darian Miller reported on the CCAP processing times, an issue that had occurred with an Individual  
11 Application, three (3) new approved Accredited Providers, and the Accredited Provider Status audit.  
12 Lindsey Green provided an update on the new CCAP website and the upcoming rollout of the CCU  
13 Tracker.  
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15 There were several action items contained within the CCAP report that the Committee reviewed and  
16 discussed. The Committee made the following recommendations to increase the efficiency of the  
17 application processing times:

- 18 • Eliminate reviewers who are consistently non-responsive to requests for application review,
- 19 • Solicit new reviewers as needed to complete review panels,
- 20 • Work toward reducing the application processing times to 4 weeks and under for non-issue  
21 applications,
- 22 • Minimize the time between receipt of an application and the beginning of application processing,
- 23 • Track dates for each step of the application process.  
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25 **E. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between**  
26 **the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) and TPTA.**  
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28 Ms. Gordon reported that the MOU had been developed according to the specifics outlined in the  
29 Request for Proposal.  
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31 Motion: To recommend accepting the MOU as submitted.  
32 Made by: Liesl Olson  
33 Second: Barbara Sanders

34 *Motion passed unanimously.*  
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36 **F. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical**  
37 **Therapy Examination (NPTE).**  
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39 After review and discussion, the Committee made the following recommendation:  
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41 Motion: To recommend that the request for an appeal to re-take the NPTE be approved.  
42 Made by: Liesl Olson  
43 Second: Barbara Sanders

44 *Motion passed unanimously.*  
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46 **G. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for review of education equivalency from a**  
47 **foreign educated applicant(s).**  
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49 After review and discussion of two (2) requests, the Committee made the following recommendation:  
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51 Motion: To recommend that the request to waive the TOEFL requirement for  
52 Request #1 be denied.  
53 Made by: Liesl Olson  
54 Second: Barbara Sanders

1 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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4 Motion: To recommend that the education for Request #1 not be deemed  
5 equivalent.

6 Made by: Barbara Sanders  
7 Second: Liesl Olson

8 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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10 Motion: To recommend that the education for Request #2 be deemed equivalent.

11 Made by: Barbara Sanders

12 Second: Liesl Olson

13 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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15 **H. Discussion and possible action on a request for a continuing competence requirement**  
16 **waiver.**

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18 The Committee reviewed the request letter and support information from the licensee's physician.

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20 Motion: To recommend that the request for a continuing competence requirement  
21 waiver be granted.

22 Made by: Liesl Olson

23 Second: Barbara Sanders

24 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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26 **I. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**  
27 **education and continuing competence.**

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29 There was no discussion on this agenda item.

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

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33 The next committee meeting was set for April 11, 2019 in Austin with agenda TBA.

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35 **M. Adjournment**

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37 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

38 Made by: Liesl Olson

39 Second: Barbara Sanders

40 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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42 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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45 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 4/11/2019

46 **Action taken by the Committee:** Approved as submitted