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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**EDUCATION
Committee Meeting**

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

**October 10, 2019
3:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Melissa Skillern, PT
15 Donivan Hodge, Public Member
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17 **Member Absent:** Liesl Olson, PT
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19 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
20 Ralph Harper, Executive Director
21 Michael Briscoe, Licensing Manager
22 Karissa Rodriguez, Program Specialist/RMO
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24 **Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General
25 Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General
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27 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
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31 A. Call to order
32 B. Public comment
33 C. Approval of minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting.
34 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
35 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.
36 E. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy
37 Examination (NPTE).
38 F. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for review of educational equivalency from a foreign
39 educated applicant.
40 G. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and
41 continuing competence.
42 H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
43 I. Adjournment
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46 **A. Call to order**
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48 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at 3:00
49 p.m.

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51 **B. Public comment**
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53 There was no public comment.
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1 **C. Approval of minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting.**

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3 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
4 Made by: Melissa Skillern
5 Second: Donovan Hodge

6 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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8 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
9 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.**

10 The report submitted by TPTA was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Gordon was instructed to contact
11 TPTA regarding the following:

- 12 • Why is there still a large number of Non-Issue Applications in the greater than 4 week
13 timeframes?
- 14 • Where was the September CCAP Application Processing Data report?
- 15 • Why aren't the following minimum requirements as specified in the MOU being reported:
 - 16 ○ Number of continuing competence activities approved, denied, and pending approval;
 - 17 ○ Types of issues with applications;
 - 18 ○ Number of peer reviewers and panels per category;
 - 19 ○ Participation numbers for online repository system.

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22 **E. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical**
23 **Therapy Examination (NPTE).**

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25 There were no requests for appeal to re-take the NPTE. Ms. Gordon reported that there was one
26 candidate who previously appealed and was approved to take the PTA NPTE who re-took the exam on
27 October 3, 2019 and did not pass. She also reported that there are 4 candidates that have been
28 approved for the PT exam that are pending testing.
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30 **F. Discussion and possible action on a request(s) for review of education equivalency from a**
31 **foreign educated applicant(s).**

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33 After review and discussion on three requests, the Committee made the following recommendation:
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35 Motion: To recommend that the education of F1 be deemed substantially
36 equivalent.

37 Made by: Melissa Skillern
38 Second: Donovan Hodge

39 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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41 Motion: To recommend that the education of F2 be deemed substantially
42 equivalent.

43 Made by: Melissa Skillern
44 Second: Donovan Hodge

45 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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47 Motion: To recommend that the education of F3 be deemed substantially
48 equivalent.

49 Made by: Melissa Skillern
50 Second: Donovan Hodge

51 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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1 **G. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
2 **education and continuing competence.**

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4 The Committee reviewed a letter from Foreign Academic Credentialing Tools and Services (FACTS)
5 requesting formal acknowledgement by the board to accept their credential evaluations for non-CAPTE
6 graduates. The Committee determined that there is no critical need for additional credentialers, and that
7 FACTS has no proven track record to consider at this point.
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9 **H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

10 The next committee meeting was set for January 16, 2020 in Austin with agenda TBA.
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13 **I. Adjournment**

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15 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

16 Made by: Donivan Hodge

17 Second: Melissa Skillern

18 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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20 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.
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23 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 1/16/2020

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