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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**RULES AND PRACTICE
Committee Meeting**

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

**October 10, 2019
1:00 pm**

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- Members Present:** Philip Vickers, Public Member, Chair
Harvey Aikman, PT
Jeff Tout, PT
Manuel "Tony" Domenech, PT
- Staff:** Ralph Harper, Executive Director
Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
Amy Carter, Chief Investigator
Michael Briscoe, Licensing Manager
Karissa Rodriguez, Program Specialist/RMO
- Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General
Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General
- Guests:** Kathleen Manella, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
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Agenda

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- A. Call to order.
 - B. Public comment.
 - C. Approval of minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting.
 - D. Discussion and possible action on comments and questions regarding the proposed amendment to §322.1. Initiation of physical therapy services. pursuant to HB 29 amendments to Sec. 453.301, Occupations Code during the 86th Legislative Session.
 - E. Discussion and possible action on a petition for adoption of rule changes regarding §322.5. Telehealth.
 - F. Discussion and possible action on whether or not wet cupping is within the physical therapy scope of practice.
 - G. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - H. Adjournment.
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A. Call to Order.

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Philip Vickers, Chair called the roll and determined a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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B. Public comment.

1 There was no public comment.

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3 **C. Approval of minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting.**

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5 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
6 Made by: Harvey Aikman
7 Second: Jeff Tout
8 Motion passed unanimously.

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10 **D. Discussion and possible action on comments and questions regarding the proposed**
11 **amendment to §322.1. Initiation of physical therapy services. pursuant to HB 29 amendments to**
12 **Sec. 453.301, Occupations Code during the 86th Legislative Session.**

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14 The Committee reviewed and discussed the comments received regarding the proposed rule amendment
15 and determined that no changes were recommended based on the comments. The Committee also
16 discussed the questions that had been submitted and instructed Ms. Gordon to update the online PT
17 Treatment without Referral FAQs accordingly.

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19 The Committee also reviewed and discussed the draft of the Physical Therapy Treatment without Referral
20 Disclosure form.

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22 Motion: To recommend approving the Physical Therapy Treatment without Referral
23 Disclosure form.
24 Made by: Harvey Aikman
25 Second: Jeff Tout
26 Motion passed unanimously.

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28 **E. Discussion and possible action on a petition for adoption of rule changes regarding §322.5.**
29 **Telehealth.**

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31 The Committee reviewed and discussed the petition and suggested rule changes to add physical therapist
32 assistants as authorized to treat patients via telehealth.

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34 Motion: To recommend proposing the amendment to §322.5. Telehealth.
35 Made by: Harvey Aikman
36 Second: Tony Domenech
37 Motion passed unanimously.

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39 **F. Discussion and possible action on whether or not wet cupping is within the physical therapy**
40 **scope of practice.**

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42 The Committee reviewed and discussed an article on the use of wet cupping for persistent nonspecific low
43 back pain that was submitted by a licensee. The Committee determined that the article that was published
44 in The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine did not provide enough evidence as to the
45 efficacy to determine that it is within the physical therapy scope of practice.

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47 The Committee instructed Ms. Gordon to notify the licensee and invite him to provide more evidence-based
48 literature pertinent to physical therapy for consideration.

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50 **G. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**

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52 The next committee meeting was set for January 16, 2020 in Austin.

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1 **K. Adjournment.**

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3 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

4 Made by: Jeff Tout

5 Second: Harvey Aikman

6 Motion passed unanimously.

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8 Mr. Vickers adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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11 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 10/09/2020

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