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**Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

**VISION  
Committee Meeting**

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

**May 2, 2014  
8:00 a.m.**

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**Members Present:** **René Peña, Public Member, Chair**  
**Gary Gray, PT**  
**Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT**

**Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator  
Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager  
John Maline, ED  
Mark Turek, Chief Investigator

**Guests:** *Paul Hardin, TPTA*  
*Barbara Sanders, PT, TPTA*  
*Stacey Mather, TPTA*  
*Amber Townsley, TPTA*  
*Harvey Aikman, PT*

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- A. Call to order  
B. Public comment  
C. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2014 meeting.  
D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September 18-20, 2014 and Federation changes to National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) eligibility requirements.  
E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy.  
F. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in Texas including enforcement issues due to increased violations.  
G. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.  
H. Adjournment
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**A. Call to order**

Mr. Peña called roll, and determined that a quorum did exist. He called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**B. Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**C. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2014 meeting**

*Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected.*  
*Made by: Gary Gray*  
*Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September 18-20, 2014 and Federation changes to National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) eligibility requirements.**

The Committee discussed recommending Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT and Harvey Aikman, PT as delegate and alternate delegate respectively to the FSBPTE Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The Committee noted that the NPTE eligibility requirements item was also on the Education Committee’s agenda and decided that further discussion and action on this item was best suited for the Education Committee.

**E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy**

Mr. Paul Hardin, ED reported that the TPTA had established a Telehealth Task Force to gather and provide information to the TBPTE for their consideration. The Task Force Chair will be Daniel Renderio, PT, DSC, OCS who is the Director of Occupational and Physical Therapy for the Army’s Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Hood, and that he expects that the task force will begin meeting by June.

Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, who is a member of the Federation’s Ethics & Legislation Committee, reported that that committee will be researching and developing guidance for member boards regarding PT performed via telehealth.

**F. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in Texas including enforcement issues due to increased violations.**

The Committee discussed that there is too little known about the effects of the Affordable Care Act at this point to determine whether or not the Board will see a potential increase in enforcement issues.

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

The Committee agreed to keep the telehealth/teletherapy and the Affordable Care Act issues on the agenda as well as adding Sunset review and the physical therapist’s role in performing physical examinations for the Department of Transportation . The next committee meeting was set for July 25, 2014.

1 **H. Adjournment**

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*Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*  
*Made by: Gary Gray*  
*Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

7 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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9 Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

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12 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 07/25/2014

13 **Action taken by the Committee:** Approved without corrections.

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