



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board

*Physical Therapy Section*  
*May 3, 2007*  
*10:05 a.m.*

**Members Present**

Donna Baker  
Raymond Bilecky  
Thomas Caldwell  
Beth Gustafson  
Mike Herbert  
Janet Howells  
Barbara Kraynik  
Averell Overby

**Member Absent**

Robert Frampton

**Staff Present**

Christine Bass, Investigator  
Lisa Foor, Enforcement Division Supervisor  
Joseph Kirk, Executive Assistant  
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director  
Andrew Snouffer, Investigator

**Legal Counsel**

Melinda Snyder Osgood, Assistant Attorney General

**Guests**

Hunny Adams  
Julie Alecusan  
Amber Blinker  
Matt Ebner  
Nancy Garland, OPTA  
Laura Hall  
Katie Johnston  
Tressa Judge  
Stephanie Likavec  
Erin Mahan  
Angela McClain  
Martin Minrovic  
Lindsey Mussen  
Cortney Myer  
Andrew Naylor  
Mehgna Patel  
Crystal Seamon  
Erin Slates  
Timothy Varughese

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Section Chairperson, Beth Gustafson, at 10:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Barbara Kraynik moved that the March 1, 2007 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Donna Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Correspondence**

**Action:** The Section reviewed the correspondence received by the Board and instructed the staff to send responses. The letters and responses are on file with the Board.

**1. Pamela Dixon:** Ms. Dixon asked the Section a question regarding physical therapists accepting verbal physician orders

**2. Ty Meyer:** Mr. Meyer asked the Section if suturing is within the scope of physical therapy practice.

**3. Sema Patel:** Ms. Patel asked the Section if a physical therapist may continue treatment at the request of a patient even after the patient may receive no further benefit from services.

**4. Melissa Kerr:** Ms. Kerr asked the Section for clarification regarding practicing without a referral.

**5. April Guin:** Ms. Guin asked the Section is venipuncture is within the scope of physical therapy practice.

**6. Eva Nakos:** Ms. Nakos asked the section a question regarding the use of the Dix-Hallpike procedure.

**7. Joseph Wells:** Mr. Wells asked the Section if a physical therapist with an advanced degree may use the prefix "Dr."

**8. Cindy Fasline:** Ms. Fasline asked the Section several questions regarding referral and diagnosis.

**9. Ronald Farabaugh:** Mr. Farabaugh asked the Section several questions regarding the use of physical medicine codes.

**10. Lisa Riley:** Ms. Riley asked the Section if dietary supplement information distribution is within the scope of physical therapy practice.

**11. Alisa Herman:** Ms. Herman asked the Section a question regarding patient responsibility.

**12. Katherine Leff:** Ms. Leff asked the Section a question on the use of physical medicine codes.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Education Oversight Report**

The Education Oversight Liaisons reviewed the applications of the following individuals:

Adams, Tracie	Beeler, Deidra	Harris, Carmen
Lane, Tom	Ramirez, Anthony	Robinson, Heather
Rouse, Alisa	Savarino, Elizabeth	Thorn, Michael

### **Physical Therapist Applications**

**Action:** Donna Baker moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the individuals approved by the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to sit for the national physical therapy examination for physical therapists from March 1, 2007 through May 3, 2007, taking into account those individuals subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Ms. Baker further moved that the following persons be licensed as physical therapists pending passage of the national physical therapy examination and Ohio laws and rules examination. Ms. Baker further moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the physical therapist licenses issued by endorsement or reinstated by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from March 1, 2007 through May 3, 2007, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Janet Howells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Physical Therapist - Examination**

Dauch, Nichole	Day, Heather	Feinauer, Natalie
Goodwill, Matthew	Hodulik, Luke	Lenk, Tiffany
Magadia, Jimarie	Moeller, Katharine	Nemunaitis, Jason

**Action:** Barbara Kraynik moved to waive the English equivalency requirements of rule 4755-23-03 for Christopher Lenihan. Donna Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Physical Therapist – Endorsement**

Bleacher, Jerald	Bures, Beth	Christman, Stephanie
Felke, Erin	Gomez, Mary Therese	Hall, Ralph
Huchko, Sharon	Kaye, Jill	Kiger, Nikki
Kinner, Karen	Koenig, Jonna	Leverett, Edward
Leverett, Nicole	Papa Jr., Dominador F. Clarence	Patton, Emily
Pinnammareddy, Nalini	Qureshi, Irina	Root, David
Sands, Andrea	Short, Matthew	Smith, Mary
Toner, Janet	Trusty, April	Ubalde, Maria
Wilhelm-Olsen, Lisa	Winslow, Amy	

#### **Action: Affidavit Consideration**

The Section reviewed the affidavit submitted by Jeffrey Rosa regarding Neelima Venapally, PT endorsement applicant.

**Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved to go into executive session to discuss a case pending before the Section. Donna Baker seconded the motion.

Joseph Kirk called the roll:

Donna Baker	Present
Raymond Bilecky	Present
Thomas Caldwell	Present

Robert Frampton	Absent
Beth Gustafson	Present
Mike Herbert	Present
Janet Howells	Present
Barbara Kraynik	Present
Averell Overby	Present

The Section went into executive session at 12:20 p.m. and came out at 12:40 p.m. The staff was invited to stay.

**Action:** Thomas Caldwell moved to accept the recommendation in the affidavit regarding Neelima Venapally. Janet Howells seconded the motion. The motion carried. The endorsement application of Neelima Venapally is hereby denied.

**Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved to rescind the notice of opportunity of hearing for case number PT-06-034. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rationale

The Section rescinded the notice of opportunity for hearing to keep the spirit of House Bill 403 (enacted April 6, 2007) intact. The Section was functioning in its capacity to protect the public when the notice of opportunity for hearing was issued in November 2006. House Bill 403, sponsored by Representative Fessler, granted the Section more authority to work with foreign educated licensure applicants in order to find their education equivalent.

Physical Therapist – Reinstatement

Belyusar, Joseph	Powrie, Karla	Rytel, Jennifer
Souffrant, Guy-Yoma	Uecker, Juliana	

Physical Therapist Assistant Applications

**Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the individuals approved by the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to sit for the national physical therapy examination for physical therapist assistants from March 1, 2007 through May 3, 2007, taking into account those individuals subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Mr. Bilecky further moved that the following persons be licensed as physical therapist assistants pending passage of the national physical therapy examination and Ohio laws and rules examination. Mr. Bilecky further moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the physical therapist assistant licenses issued by endorsement or reinstated by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from March 1, 2007 through May 3, 2007, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Barbara Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Physical Therapist Assistant – Examination

Brady, Jennifer	Brigode, Denise	Delasko, Sally
Fike, Nancy	Hamilton, Kimberly	Mccann, Jennifer
Mollick, Jeannie	Ohler, Albert	Reimer, Amy
Ross, Ashlee	Tabler, Anita	West, Joanne
Wilt, William		

Physical Therapist Assistant – Endorsement

Aluisia, Jeanne	Blackman, Alsenia	Jones, Erin
Juan, Denise	Labelle, Christopher	Martin, Melinda
McCoy, Donna	Stroud, Emily	

Physical Therapist Assistant – Reinstatement

Paesani, Richard	Peace, Dawn
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**Assistant Attorney General Report**

Melinda Snyder Osgood had no report for the Section.

### **Investigative Report**

The Enforcement Division closed four cases and opened fifteen cases since the March 1, 2007 meeting. There are thirty cases currently open. There are four disciplinary consent agreements and two non-disciplinary agreements being monitored. There is one adjudication order being monitored.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved that the consent agreement for case PT-06-039 be accepted in lieu of hearing. Donna Baker seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Linsey Wolfe, PTA.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved that the consent agreement for case PT-06-042 be accepted in lieu of hearing. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Ann Mudgett, PTA.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved that the consent agreement for case PT-06-035 be accepted in lieu of hearing. Donna Baker seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Donna Rae Lindsay, PT.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved that the consent agreement for case PT-07-010 be accepted in lieu of hearing. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Mary Wahrer, PTA.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved that the consent agreement for case PT-07-011 be accepted in lieu of hearing. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section accepted the consent agreement for Kristin McIntyre, PTA.

**Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved to rescind the notice of opportunity for hearing for case number PT-06-047 issued at the March 1, 2007 Section meeting. Donna Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-06-047 for documenting services not performed, not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-018 for failure to respond to the continuing education audit. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-019 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-020 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-021 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-022 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-023 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-024 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-025 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**Action:** Janet Howells moved to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing for case PT-07-026 for not meeting the continuing education requirements contained in rule 4755-23-08 of the Administrative Code and falsification of a renewal application. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. Janet Howells abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Janet Howells recommended to the Section that Timothy Blecky be approved for a license by endorsement. The Section agreed by General Consent to approve Timothy Blecky for endorsement.

### **Old Business**

#### *Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) Report*

- Nancy Garland attended the meeting on behalf of OPTA.
- Ms. Garland says that OPTA is continuing to work on comments for the Continuing Competence Committee regarding the suggested changes to the structure of continuing education.

#### *Code of Ethical Conduct*

The Section tabled discussion on the Code of Ethical Conduct until a special retreat to be held on May 17, 2007 in the Verne Riffe center.

#### *Rule Changes*

The Section reviewed the potential rule changes submitted by the staff to implement the changes brought about by House Bill 403 and gave feedback to the staff.

**Action:** Averell Overby moved to file rule 4755-23-06 as submitted. Raymond Bilecky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### *Joint Board Structure*

- The Section planned to ask the Joint Board for more time to review the proposals, and asked that Robert Frampton be present at a meeting before they move forward.
- This item was added to the retreat agenda for May 17, 2007.

### **New Business**

#### **FSBPT**

- The Executive Director asked if there are any motions the Section would like to propose at the annual FSBPT meeting.
  - The Section asked for input on what other states may be proposing. The Section will revisit this issue at the May 17, 2007 retreat.
- Joseph Kirk asked if any Section members were interested in attending the FSBPT meeting. Thomas Caldwell and Raymond Bilecky will already be attending as the Section's delegates. Barbara Kraynik will be attending as

a member of the Education Committee, and Jeffrey Rosa will be attending as a member of the Finance Committee.

- The Section suggested sending Robert Frampton and Melinda Snyder Osgood. The Section feels that Ms. Osgood would benefit from the meeting in representing the Section. Joseph Kirk was also mentioned as a candidate to attend the meeting.

#### Licensure by examination Fee

**Action:** Donna Baker moved to reduce the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant examination application fee to \$100.00 effective May 7, 2007. Barbara Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### CE Denial Appeal

Skip Fritz submitted an appeal to the Section regarding a DVD based course entitled “Practical Applications of Electrophysical Agents”. The Section reviewed the information submitted by Mr. Fritz.

**Action:** Thomas Caldwell moved to uphold the decision of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association in denying the course for approval of continuing education hours. Janet Howells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### Items for Next Meeting

- The Section will review the standard responses.
- The Section will continue discussing “licensure applicant status.”
- FSBPT Jurisprudence Examination.
- The Section will continue discussion on proposed changes to the structure of Joint Board.
- The Section will continue discussing the proposed Code of Ethics rule.
- The Section will continue discussing the draft ADA policy.
- Executive Director’s Performance Evaluation. (copy of blank form to be sent to each member)
- Public Rule Hearing.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Physical Therapy Section is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2007.

The next meeting date of the Continuing Competency Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2007.

#### Adjournment

Thomas Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Kraynik seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joseph A. Kirk*

ABSENT

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Robert Frampton, PT, Chairperson  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
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Beth Gustafson, PT, Secretary  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board, PT Section

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Jeffrey M. Rosa, Executive Director  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and  
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