

South Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 2025 VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patti Berg-Poppe, President
Leonard Suel, Vice-President
Rebeca Schmitz, Secretary
Matthew Weigel, Member
Brad Thuringer, Member
Linda Ahrendt, Lay Member
Janelle Toman, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Director
Katie Funke, Executive Assistant
Kelli Gabriel, Administrative Assistant
Howard Pallotta, SD Dept. of Health, General Counsel
Janelle VanOtterloo, Public Member, Sioux Falls

CALL TO ORDER: Berg-Poppe called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM CDT.

ROLL CALL: Tellinghuisen Geddes called the roll. Berg-Poppe, yes; Suel, yes; Schmitz, yes; Thuringer, yes; Toman, yes; Ahrendt, yes; Weigel, yes. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Toman made a motion to approve the agenda. Suel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2025: Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025. Toman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported year-to-date financials as of March 31, 2025: revenue of \$20,263.71, expenses of \$123,142.42 and a cash balance of \$1,162,270.86. It was also reported there was approximately \$39,000 in interest not showing on this report, but the revenue report should be corrected by the next meeting when financials are presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Thuringer made a motion to keep the current slate of officers with Berg-Poppe as President, Suel as Vice-President and Schmitz as Secretary. Toman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF COMPACT COMMISSION DELEGATE AND CONTINGENT DELEGATE: Toman made a motion to elect Weigel as the compact commission delegate and Thuringer as the contingent delegate. Schmitz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

SB 110: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported SB 110 passed during the 2025 legislative session and has been signed by the Governor. It will become effective on July 1, 2025. Berg-Poppe advised that a letter will be drafted to be sent to licensees regarding the changes.

PTA SUPERVISION WORKGROUP UPDATES: Suel reported the workgroup is set to have their first meeting on May 21, 2025. The intent of the workgroup is to get feedback and opinions from various groups of licensees in an effort to identify areas that may need to be clarified. Thuringer reported the workgroup will consist of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants within various areas of the state and various practice settings to identify supervision concerns they may have. Tellinghuisen Geddes recommended that if changes are needed, it may be more beneficial to consider bringing a bill in 2026 considering the supervision regulations are already in statute. Otherwise, the board could run into issues with administrative rules if there is not ample authority or conflicting language in statute. Pallotta agreed.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S): Two meetings are scheduled as follows: August 19, 2025, at 11AM MDT/ 12 PM CDT via Microsoft Teams and November 4, 2025, at 11AM MST/12 PM CST via Microsoft Teams. An additional meeting may be called if the board needs to address legislation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2: The Board did not have a need to enter executive session.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS: None to report.

RATIFICATION ON RE-ENTRY APPLICATIONS: None to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Berg-Poppe reported that CEU Locker was scheduled to be up and running May 1st but is waiting on official confirmation from SD-APTA. Once there is confirmation that CEU Locker is ready to be utilized, the board will send notification to licensees.

Suel made a motion to adjourn at 12:27 PM CDT. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.



Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
Executive Director

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.