

South Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janelle Toman, Lay Member

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2024: Suel made a motion to approve the minutes from December 24, 2024. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported year-to-date financials as of January 31, 2025: Revenue of \$14,503.71 expenses of \$98,893.96 and a Cash Balance of \$1,180,759.32.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

SB 110: The board discussed SB 110, an act to revise licensure and supervision requirements for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. Berg-Poppe explained due to time constraints, the board remained neutral on the language but that there could be further clarifications made to supervision requirements, including telehealth and supervision. Following discussion, the board formed a committee comprised of two board members, Suel and Thuringer as well as members from the profession to address potential issues with the new language that may need further clarification in rules. Suel reported, and Pallotta confirmed, that SDCL 36-10-36 should provide enough legislative authority to promulgate additional rules pertaining to supervision. The board will plan to review the committee's suggestions at a future meeting and ultimately move forward with drafting additional language for the administrative rules, assuming passage of SB 110.

Other Legislative updates: Tellinghuisen Geddes indicated that SB 74 passed which will require the board to review open meeting laws at a regular meeting, annually. Pallotta advised that he has not heard further guidance on how that will need to be implemented.

CEU WORKGROUP UPDATE: Berg-Poppe reported that the SD-APTA has been working with CEU Locker on finalizing their application process for individual and provider CEU requests. It was reported that all applications and instructions have been formulated, and the system is almost ready to go live. She recommended once the new process is live, the board should send correspondence to all licensees explaining the process for utilizing CEU Locker for individual and provider approval requests.

DRY NEEDLING NEW COURSE REQUESTS: The board discussed the process for approving new dry needling courses. Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that most dry needling approval requests are from courses that have been previously approved by the SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, however, there have been new requests from unknown courses in recent months. New requests have been going to Suel for confirmation the course meets requirements in ARSD 20:66:04:02. Berg-Poppe recommended the board filter future approvals through the same formal approval process for CEU's by utilizing SD-APTA and CEU Locker. Suel also recommended the board utilize CEU Locker in the future. Following discussion, Berg-Poppe advised that until CEU Locker gets set up for regular CEU and provider approvals, the board can continue to approve new courses utilizing the form and sending to Suel for review. Once the formal process for CEU approvals are established, the board should plan to send new dry needling course approvals to CEU Locker for approval.

FBPBT VOTING DELEGATES: Weigel confirmed he will be attending the Leadership Issues Forum in July and can represent the Board as the Voting Delegate. Suel volunteered to be the Voting Delegate for the Annual Education Meeting in October, and Berg-Poppe volunteered to be the alternate delegate. Tellinghuisen Geddes confirmed she is planning to attend as the funded administrator to the Annual Education Meeting as well.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S): Two meetings are scheduled as follows: May 13, 2025, at 11AM MDT/12 PM CDT via Microsoft Teams and August 19, 2025, at 11AM MDT/ 12 PM CDT via Microsoft Teams.

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.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: Suel made a motion to renew the executive secretary contract with Professional Licensing with the cost-of-living increase consistent with the cost-of-living increase granted by the state. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Thuringer made a motion to adjourn at 12:54 PM CST. 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.