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Maine Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy Draft Minutes of May 26, 2023, Board Meeting

**Unofficial Minutes** – These draft minutes do not represent the opinion of the Department or the Administration. Minutes will become official after the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy votes to accept the minutes at the next scheduled board meeting.

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board Chair Anderson.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Leslie Anderson, Physical Therapist, Chair Jennifer Adrienne McAuley, Physical Therapist, Vice Chair Tracie Papsadora, Physical Therapist, Complaint Officer Ashley Gagnon, Physical Therapist

#### STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
Megan MacRae-Hudson, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I

#### MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of January 27, 2023 Papsadora moved to accept the minutes of January 27, 2023, as presented, seconded by McAuley. Unanimously voted.

## COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS

2021-PHY-17822

McAuley moved to approve the disciplinary supervisor and the reports provided by the supervisor for the months of January, February, and March of 2023, seconded by Gagnon. Unanimously voted.

2022-PHY-18743

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Anderson moved to dismiss 2022-PHY-18743 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Papsadora. Unanimously voted.

#### 2023-PHY-18863

Papsadora moved to table for further investigation, seconded by McAuley. Unanimously voted.

#### 2023-PHY-18941

Anderson recused and was placed in the waiting room

Papsadora moved to table for further investigation, seconded by McAuley. Papsadora, Gagnon and McAuley in favor, Anderson recused.

#### 2023-PHY-18944

Papsadora moved to dismiss 2023-PHY-18944 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Gagnon. Unanimously voted.

#### 2023-PHY-18949

Papsadora moved to dismiss 2023-PHY-18949 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Anderson. Unanimously voted.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY – DRAFT**

Anderson moved to adopt the policy as written, seconded by Papsadora. Unanimously voted.

An opportunity for the public to comment regarding the policy was provided and no comments were received.

#### PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Gwen Simmons thanked Administrator Bett's and staff for the work on LD1749, An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Administrator Bett's informed the board that LD1749 has not completely passed, when that happens, she will send members detailed written information regarding the official bill.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Papsadora moved to adjourn at 10:08 a.m., seconded by McAuley. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II Board approved: