

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on January 26, 2021.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael J. Parisi, PT, Chairman  
Laurie Devaney, PT  
James Ware, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andrea O'Brien, PT

**ALSO PRESENT** Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General  
Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Parisi at 9:02 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Devaney made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ware, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. DECLARATORY RULING – DRY NEEDLING**

The Board reviewed a draft of the proposed declaratory ruling concerning physical therapy scope of practice in relation to acupuncture and dry needling.

Ms. Devaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to adopt the decision as edited. The motion passed.

The proposed ruling will be sent to the parties and intervenors. (parties will be provided with the opportunity to submit comments) and then sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health for approval pursuant to § 19a-14(f)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Parisi, PT  
Chairman  
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists