

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 26, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on April 11, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

Mr. Parisi will attend this year's annual meeting of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Request for Declaratory Ruling from Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this discussion.

The Board reviewed a request from Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations asking:

1. Is acupuncture, as defined in Section 20-206aa(3), within the scope of practice of a physical therapists?
2. Is dry needling*, provided that the practitioner is trained and competent to do so, within the scope of practice of a physical therapist as defined in Section 20-66(2) of the General Statutes?

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to initiate a Declaratory Ruling proceeding and to hold a hearing to answer these questions. The motion passed unanimously.

A notice of the Board's intent will be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and sent to other entities.

The Board will schedule a meeting for June 2019 to rule on any requests to participate in the Declaratory Ruling proceeding and to schedule a hearing.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on June 25, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Declaratory Ruling Proceeding - RE: Acupuncture / Dry Needling

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board reviewed requests for status to participate in the Declaratory Ruling proceeding. The Department of Public Health, which made the request for the Declaratory Ruling will be a party in the proceeding.

Ms. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to grant intervenor status to Jennifer Brett, ND, Director, University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant intervenor status to the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant intervenor status to the Connecticut Society of Acupuncturists. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant party status to Amity Physical Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for September or early October. Participants will be notified of due dates for pre-filed testimony and pre-filed rebuttal testimony. A Notice of Hearing will be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and will be sent to the participants.

B. Request to Terminate License Probation - Gary Beard, PT – Petition No. 2016-1151

Hearing Officer Stacy Schulman provided counsel to the Board. Mr. Beard was present but was not represented. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board reviewed Mr. Beard's request to terminate probation, which was ordered pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board on June 19, 2018, and the Department of Public Health's objection to his request.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to deny Mr. Beard's request to terminate the remainder of his probation. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OFFICE LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Brian Sniffin, P.T. - Petition No. 2018-92

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sanders signed the order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of four years.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on July 8, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN – *via telephone*
Andrea O'Brien, PT – *via telephone*
Michael J. Parisi, PT – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Declaratory Ruling Proceeding - RE: Acupuncture / Dry Needling

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board reviewed a request for Party status from the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. Although the request is dated May 31, 2019 and was sent to a Department of Public Health fax number on May 31, 2019, this request was not received by the Board until July 2, 2019.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by, to grant party status to Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. The motion passed unanimously.

This supersedes the intervenor status designation granted on June 25, 2019.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on October 1, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hearing Room 1-B, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Andrea O'Brien, PT
Michael J. Parisi, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Laurie Devaney, PT
James Ware, MD

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

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 25, 2019 and July 8, 2019 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. New Business

A. Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to endorse DPH's current policy/

The motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on December 3, 2019 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor hearing room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea O'Brien, PT - *via telephone*
Laurie Devaney, PT - *via telephone*
Michael J. Parisi, PT - *via telephone*
James Ware, MD - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN - *via telephone* None

ALSO PRESENT Stacy Schulman, Esq., Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Parisi at 9:01 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

II. New Business

A. Reinstatement Application Review – Erica Vecchioly, PT

Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health and Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification presented a reinstatement application for Erica Vecchioly, PT. Ms. Vecchioly's license lapsed due to non-renewal on March 5, 2017.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Devaney, recommending to the Department that Ms. Vecchioly's license be reinstated after compliance with current continuing education requirements to included American Physical Therapy Association reentry to practice courses (Screening for Medical Disorders; Professionalism Module 8: Evidenced-Based Practice in the Real World; Pharmacology in Rehabilitation: Basic Principles; Pharmacology in Rehabilitation; Navigating the Regulatory Environment: Ensuring Compliance While Promoting Professional Integrity, Professionalism Module 3 – Ethical Compass; and Professionalism Module 4 – Cultural Competence; and Defensible Documentation – Practical Tools to Ensure Compliance, Minimize Risk, and Maximize Payment). In addition Ms. Vecchioly is to complete 6 months of part-time or 3 months full-time clinical hands-on practice/work experience supervised by a licensed physical therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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