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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/09/2023

Board Members Present:	Craig L Esplin, PT, Chair Jonathan Bird, PT Mendee Henkey, PTA Deanna Dye, PT	Division Staff:	Katie Stuart, Executive Officer Greg Loos, General Counsel Yvonne Dunbar, General Counsel Madyson Crea, Board Support Specialist
Board Members Absent:	Glady Schroeder, Public Member	Others Present:	Josh Scholer, Division of Financial Management

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Craig L Esplin, PT.

BOARD BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR): Ms. Stuart reviewed public comments on the draft rule chapter and the Board discussed the following:

Rule 180. Dry Needling Certification and 181. Dry Needling Recertification: The Board discussed the public's concern about dry needling being removed from a physical therapist's (PT) scope of practice or alternatively being permissible but unregulated. Ms. Stuart stated that a guidance document and licensee education would be more effective than the rule. Idaho Code § 54-2225 allows for dry needling by a PT who has completed dry needling education and training. Mr. Loos added that the practice act does not allow statutory authority for the board to have an additional dry needling certification. The Board will still maintain the ability to discipline those practicing who do not have the proper education, training, and experience to perform dry needling but will no longer require a certification or recertification. The Board agreed that a list of every new modality is not needed in the rules. Board staff will create a guidance document that provides licensees with additional information relating to dry needling education.

Rule 010. Definitions and 016. Supervision: Ms. Stuart outlined a public comment that stated concern involving the removal of supervision requirements. The supervision definitions were incorporated into the supervision rule section, not removed from rule. Ms. Dye pointed out that the requirements for 016.03 and 016.04 need to be switched. Supportive Personnel should be continuously supervised while Students must be directly supervised. Additionally, the Board requested that 010.01 Supervision be moved to 016. Supervision for ease of readability.

Supervision Ratios 016.05: Ms. Stuart summarized public comment relating to aids and technicians being overutilized in the practice of physical therapy. The Board reviewed the struck supervision ratios and concluded that the requirement for continuous physical presence and availability to render direction in person on the premises where physical therapy is being provided would prevent a PT from supervising more than one aid at a time.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

The next meeting is on 6/23/2023.