

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation**

**Illinois Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

Date: December 1, 2015  
 Meeting Convened: 10:30 a.m.  
 Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.  
 Location: IDPR Springfield office  
 Room 376

Board Members Present: Ricardo Fernandez, Chairperson  
 Kiran Desai, Public Member  
 Tina Frank, Member  
 Louise Dolvig, Member  
 Sandra Levi, Member  
 Frances Wedge, Member

Board Members Absent: Greg Monson, Member

Staff Present: Sandra Dunn, Manager, Health Services Section  
 Lisa Wade, Legal Counsel

Visitors Present: Colleen Flannery, IPTA  
 Kevin Riggs, IPTA  
 Mary Keene, IPTA

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>FSBPT Information and Annual Meeting</b>	Chairman Fernandez attended the FSBPT annual meeting in Orlando, FL in October and he provided an overview of the highlights of the meeting. Discussion of the Compact and NPTE examination changes were discussed.	All US States were represented at the meeting except New York. FSBPT will be instituting new NPTE examination standards effective January 1, 2016. Candidates who fail the examination six times and/or received a score of 400 or less on two examination attempts will no longer be eligible to retake the examination. The Illinois Board rating is #2 and ways to improve our ratings were discussed.

<p><b>FSBPT (con't.)</b></p> <p><b>FSBPT Board Member Training Seminar</b></p>	<p>The FSBPT Board Member Training will be held on June 24 – 26, 2016 in Alexandria, VA.</p>	<p>Members Sandra Levi and Kiran Desai expressed interest in attending.</p>
<p><b>Licensure Compact Discussion</b></p>	<p>Ms. Flannery provided information from the FSBPT regarding Compact licensure. The advantages of the Compact were discussed as well as concerns with legislation, finances, disciplinary data, licensure requirements and finances needed to implement the Compact.</p>	<p>Ms. Keene distributed the FSBPT Licensure Compact Overview and the Board members reviewed the information. Ten states are needed to form a Compact Commission and it appears that six states are currently ready to pass legislation. IPTA will explore the legislative changes needed to obtain statutory language to implement the Compact in Illinois.</p>
<p><b>Dry Needling Discussion</b></p>	<p>The utilization of dry needling techniques by physical therapists in Illinois has been discussed in the past. Presently there are several cases pending that involve this procedure. Current DPR position is that dry needling is not within the scope of physical therapy practice. A discussion followed about dry needling training received in PT programs and the issue of public safety.</p>	<p>Ms. Flannery presented a draft of a proposed Rule change to add Section 1340.21 to the Administrative Rules. Section 1340.21 includes a definition of dry needling and education and training requirements needed to perform dry needling. A Motion was made and seconded (Levi/Frank) to recommend to IDFPR Secretary Schneider that Rules be adopted to allow physical therapists to perform dry needling in Illinois. It was further recommended to use the IPTA proposed language.</p>

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The Board reviewed the open minutes from the December 2, 2014 Board Meeting.	Subsequent to review, corrections to Board member names were requested. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. (Dolvig/Levi) The Motion passed unanimously.
<b>FY2016 Board Meeting Schedule</b>	The following Board meeting schedule for FY2016 was presented:  Sept 1, 2015 – Chicago (cancelled) Dec 1, 2015 – Springfield March 1, 2016 – Springfield June 7, 2016 – Springfield	
<b>Application Review</b>	The Board members reviewed applications and recommendations were recorded.	Action Sheets 152177 – 152181 will be forwarded to the Director for final review and approval.
<b>Election of Officers</b>	A Motion was made and seconded to nominate Tina Frank as Board Chairperson. (Levi/Desai)	The Motion passed unanimously.
<b>Adjournment</b>		There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.