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STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
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TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
January 16, 2019

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a teleconference meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was held on January 16, 2019 at Juneau, Alaska.

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

Ruth Kostik, chair of the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy called the meeting to order on January 16, 2019 at 12:08 p.m. The teleconference was public noticed December 14, 2018 in the Anchorage Daily News.

Voice Roll Call Vote:

James Parietti  
Jennifer Carlson  
Mari-Margaret Celeste Tydingco  
Enlow Walker  
Ruth Kostik

Keith Poorbaugh signed on at 12:13 p.m.  
Robert Calhoon signed on at 12:18 p.m.

Staff: Connie Petz

Public present: no public was present or called in to this meeting.

The legislation drafted by legal services 10-22-18 31-LS0109\A was reviewed by all board members prior to this meeting. The board held discussion and noted three areas that needed attention.

First; the board does not administer the national exam and noted two places in the draft language which needed the word "administer" removed. Page 4, line 22 and page 5, line 18. It should read 'pass the examination approved by the board. Not 'pass the examination administered or approved by the board. It was noted the word 'or' is not part of the original language so it is presumed that will also not be part of the next revision on this law.

The board also determined it was appropriate to recognize the occupational therapy profession as a health care worker on page 8 line 15 in sec 12. AS 11.41.470(1) and they will ask that both occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistants be included in this criminal law statute. This was brought to the boards' attention by the president of the Alaska Occupational Therapy Association.

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ON A MOTION BY CARLSON, SECONDED BY TYDINGCO, REPEAL THE WORD "ADMINISTER" PAGE 4, LINE 22 OF THE BILL AND PAGE 5, LINE 18 OF THE BILL. AND TO ALSO INCLUDE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT UNDER THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE WORKER SECTION 13 AS 11.41.470(1). VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE: ENLOW WALKER, JAMES PARIETTI, KEITH POORBAUGH, ROBERT CALHOON, JENNIFER CARLSON, CELESTE TYDINGCO AND RUTH KOSTIK ALL VOTED YES. MOTION PASSED.

TASK: Staff will forward the boards' final motion and decision to Senator Giessels' office.

The board acknowledged educational standards are set on a national level and part of that requirement includes supervised field work. They are keeping three components in the statute to have it clear that education, supervised field work and passing the national exam are licensure requirements for the professional. If needed the board would define supervised field work further in regulations for physical therapy as it is defined in regulations for occupational therapy 12 AAC 54.620.

As it is only day two of this legislative session, Ms. Kostik will seek a friendly legislator on the House side to carry the bill once all legislative appointments have been made.

Ms. Kostik, having no further business to discuss, adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

Approved:



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Ruth Kostik, Chair

Date: 3/7/2009