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**MAINE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
EMERGENCY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
April 3, 2024**

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board Chair Anderson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM**

Leslie Anderson, Physical Therapist, Chair  
Jennifer Adrienne McAuley, Physical Therapist, Vice Chair  
Tracie Papsadora, Physical Therapist, Complaint Officer  
Ashley Gagnon, Physical Therapist

**STAFF PRESENT**

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator  
Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Diane Perry, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Heather Bronish, Sr. Consumer Assistant Specialist  
Thomas Avery, Field Investigator Supervisor

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATION AND BOARD ACTION**

*2024-PHY-19870*

Anderson moved to issue an emergency suspension for case number 2024-PHY-19870 pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 10004(3). The Licensee's ability to practice as a physical therapist will be suspended effective immediately upon issuance of the Order for a thirty (30) day period ending on May 3, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., pending further action at an adjudicatory hearing and a Notice of Hearing will be issued. Seconded by Papsadora. Unanimously voted.

Papsadora moved to schedule an adjudicatory hearing and offer a Consent Agreement for the resolution of complaint number 2024-PHY-19870 to include the following 1) Admission to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5), 2) Censure, 3) Suspension for the practice of dry needling until the licensee



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completes a Board pre-approved course on dry needling with the submission of successful completion to the Board. 4) Probation for a period of at least six (6) months to include disciplinary supervision. The Licensee will identify a candidate to act as a disciplinary supervisor. The appropriate candidate must be a licensed physical therapist in Maine. The Supervisor must be independent of the licensee's employment and must have no personal or professional connection with the Licensee. The purpose of the supervision will be to review patient charts and discuss the interventions employed by the Licensee. The Licensee agrees to provide the Supervisor with a list of all the patients to whom she has provided physical therapy in the two weeks preceding each meeting. The Supervisor will randomly select 10 patients from the list provided by the Licensee and provide reports to the Board by the first of every month evidencing the Licensee's satisfactory compliance with the supervision. All costs associated with the supervision are to be borne by the licensee. Seconded by McAuley. Unanimously voted.

Anderson moved to designate Papsadora to approve continuing education courses. Seconded by Gagnon. Unanimously voted.

#### **PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

No comments

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Papsadora moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Seconded by McAuley. Unanimously voted.

*Prepared by: Diane Perry, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Board Approved:*