

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
9:00 A.M.

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**Department of Health Professions  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

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**DATE, TIME & PLACE:** On October 6, 2015, at 9:03 a.m., the Board of Physical Therapy convened by telephone conference call with a quorum of the Board present. The Board President presided as Chair, in order to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice physical therapy constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety pursuant to Va. Code §54.1-2408.1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarah Schmidt, P.T.A., Chair  
Melissa Wolff-Burke, PT, EdD  
Dixie Bowman, PT, EdD  
Allen Jones, Jr., PT, PhD.  
Steve Lam, Citizen Member  
Tracey Adler, PT, DPT  
Arkena Dailey, PT, DPT

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Jim E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Hahn, Executive Director  
Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director  
Kathy Petersen, Discipline Operations Manager

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** James Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Mykl Egan, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER CONSIDERED:** **James B. Dick, P.T.**  
**License No.: 2305-003239**  
**Case No.: 168637**

The Board received information from Sr. AAG James Schliessmann in order to determine whether Mr. Dick's ability to practice physical therapy constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Arkena Dailey, and duly seconded by Tracey Adler, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting at 9:35 a.m., pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of James Dick, PT. Additionally, it moved that Ms. Hahn, Ms. Helmick, Ms. Petersen and Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

Upon a motion by Tracey Adler, and duly seconded by Arkena Dailey, the Board voted to re-convene at 10:08 a.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Allen Jones certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Board reconvened in open session.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Bowman, and duly seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board determined that Mr. Dick's ability to practice constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend his license simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to §54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Sarah Schmidt, PTA, Chair

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Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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