

Unapproved  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**  
**MINUTES**

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**Friday November 8, 2024**

**Department of Health Professions  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Locke, PT, PhD, Chair  
Mira Mariano, PT, PhD  
Srilekha Palle, PT, DPT, MBA  
Melissa Fox, PT, DPT  
Megan Bureau, PT, DPT  
Susan Szasz Palmer, MLS

**BOARD COUNSEL:** James Rutowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director  
Annette Kelley, Deputy Executive Director  
Florence Venable, Discipline and Operations Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** Julissa Jackson, County Court Reporters

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General

**COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS:** Jay Paff, Senior Investigator, DHP  
Honie Manly  
Victoria Ford  
Sarah Durham  
Lauren Wenger, PT

**MATTER:** Kevin M. Hesse, PT  
License No.: 2305-210751  
Case Numbers: 218354

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:**

With six (6) members present, a quorum was established.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Hesse appeared before the Board in accordance with the Board's continuance notice dated September 6, 2024, and was accompanied by his attorney Nora Ciancio, Esq.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and Mr. Hesse regarding the allegations in the Notice.

The Board heard arguments on behalf of the parties.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Locke, and duly seconded by Dr. Palle, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting, 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 Kevin Hesse, PT.

Additionally, Dr. Locke moved that Mr. Rutowski, Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Kelley and Ms. Venable attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

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

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Locke and duly seconded by Dr. Fox, the Board voted to issue an order to continue Mr. Hesse's license on indefinite suspension not less than 12 months.

The motion carried.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous. (6-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned the hearing at 10:57 p.m.

For the Board:

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Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

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Date