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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy convened for a Public Hearing on Friday, August 22, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 201, Board Room #1, Richmond, Virginia.

The following board members were present for the meeting included:

George Maihafer, PT, Ph.D., Board Chair  
Lorraine Quinn, PTA  
Damien Howell, PT  
Peggy Belmont, PT  
Maureen Lyons, PT  
Robert Izzo, PT

DHP staff present for the meeting included:

Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst  
Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director  
Holly Manke, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Richmond Grossman  
John Miller  
Lisa Shoaf  
Jane Hill  
Shawne Soper  
Sharie D. Ferrell  
Dixie Bowman

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Dr. Maihafer called the public hearing to order at 9:10 a.m.

Dr. Maihafer stated that this was a public hearing to receive comments on amendments to the Board of Physical Therapy regulations; specifically, to discuss the periodic review of the regulations and the proposed regulations for Direct Access Certification. Copies of the fast-track regulations were provided for the public.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Shawne Soper asked that the Board consider, when amending the traineeship requirements of the regulations, the work force shortage issues that may worsen if you eliminate traineeships altogether.

Dr. Maihafer reminded the public that written comments on the proposed fast-track action should be directed to Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233-1463 or by e-mail to [lisa.hahn@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:lisa.hahn@dhp.virginia.gov). Electronic comment may be posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at [www.townhall.virginia.gov](http://www.townhall.virginia.gov) or sent by e-mail. The comment period will close on **October 3, 2008**.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further public comment, Dr. Maihafer thanked the public for their attendance, comments, and participation in the regulatory process. The public hearing adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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George Mahaifer, P.T., Chair

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Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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