

## GM505 Stacie Keliinoi

### **(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?**

I wish to be a member of the board because I would like to advocate for my profession and my community. My career has progressed from direct patient care, to teaching at our community college, conducting research, and now I would like to commit my time to a much larger purpose. I am interested to learn more about the political process and collaborate with the board to make important decisions.

### **(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?**

I believe the roles and responsibilities of the board include discussion and decision making to advise physical therapy practice within the guidelines of the law. The board maintains a professional standard, promotes continuing education, approves education courses for licensure renewal, reviews applications for licensure and assesses the need for disciplinary action.

### **(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Physical Therapy member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.**

In the past 10 years, I have worked in several physical therapy settings including inpatient, outpatient, inpatient rehabilitation, and school-based therapy. More recently, I obtained my Pediatric Specialty in Physical Therapy and became a principal investigator for the Hawaii Pacific Health Summer Student Research Program.

I will be able to provide the perspective of a dedicated, Hawaii physical therapist. The skills I have developed go beyond how to provide optimal patient care. I have learned to be a part of a multidisciplinary team. Years of collaboration has allowed me to develop better communication, objectivity, professionalism, confidence to provide my input, confidence to speak up for patient advocacy, develop more efficient systems, and maintain integrity within our team of providers.

### **(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

I would hope to ensure that the continuing education courses offered for credit toward licensure are reviewed and of good quality. I am passionate about continuing education and best practice as it elevates the physical therapy profession, as well as protects and best serves our community.

### **(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Physical Therapy.**

I see myself as a collaborator. Active listening, calm communication, and the ability to compromise will allow for productive meetings with the board.

Confidence is key to be an active voice in the process. My confidence to speak up, even when not the most convenient, comes from my nature as a “rule follower”.

I am also very enthusiastic and motivated as a PT. I care a lot about how I can improve someone’s quality of life and I have greatly enjoyed my career as a physical therapist and educator. I am eager to apply the same energy and enthusiasm to serving on the board.

**(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Physical Therapy member.**

Becoming an adjunct professor for a physical therapy assistant program, was a new role for me about four years ago. I developed a course I felt was evidence based, applicable in the clinic and emphasized family centered care. I strengthened my public speaking skills, advanced my knowledge of pediatric physical therapy, developed course content, and adapted to the challenges of teaching during COVID-19 restrictions. As a part of the course curriculum, we discuss the legislation that financially supports and provides guidelines to provide services for the members of our community. The knowledge, communication, organization, reliability, and adaptability developed during this time will now be applied to my new role as a member of the board.

**(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Physical Therapy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

Conflicts of interest could arise due to the small community of physical therapists here in Hawaii. I also work for two large health systems at Kapiolani Medical Center (Hawaii Pacific Health) and Queens Medical Center. The responsibility of a board member is to maintain focus on the facts and the law to remain objective and unbiased. Self-awareness and full disclosure will be essential to be honest with myself and others regarding my involvement and decision making with these matters.

## **Testimony of the Board of Physical Therapy**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, February 18, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 505, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STACIE KELIINOI,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Physical Therapy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Stacie Keliinoi, DPT's appointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Stacie Keliinoi has been licensed as a physical therapist in Hawaii since May 15, 2013, and her license is current, valid and in good standing. Since 2016, Dr. Keliinoi has worked as a physical therapist providing direct therapy services to adults and children in the acute, subacute and outpatient settings at Kapiolani Medical Center. She also serves as a lecturer at Kapiolani Community College. Dr. Keliinoi holds professional certifications with the American Board of Physical Therapy Pediatric Certified Specialist, American Physical Therapy Association Credentialed Clinical Instructor as well as special needs trained Child Passenger Safety Technician. She is a contributing member who is rapidly familiarizing herself with the Board's laws, rules, procedures, and protocol, as well learning the requirements for approving continuing education for physical therapists.

Since her interim appointment to the Board, Dr. Keliinoi has attended all scheduled board meetings. Although new to the Board, Dr. Keliinoi actively participates in discussions and offers valuable recommendations regarding the profession of physical therapy. Her contributions have assisted the Board in its decision-making review of applications as well as other matters. For these reasons, the Board believes that Dr. Keliinoi will continue to contribute to the Board while enhancing its effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 16, 2022

GM 505

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bennett Zazzera and I am the Program Director for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kapi'olani Community College. It is my pleasure to recommend Stacie Keliinoi to serve on the Hawai'i Board of Physical Therapy. I have supervised Dr. Keliinoi in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kapi'olani Community College since 2019, where she has served as an adjunct faculty member and the lead instructor for our pediatrics course. During this time, it has been a delight to watch Dr. Keliinoi's professional growth as a talented educator and compassionate physical therapist.

Dr. Keliinoi is devoted to professional growth development. I witnessed her pursue becoming a Board-Certified Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy, while simultaneously working two clinical jobs and teaching our pediatrics course. Despite these responsibilities, Dr. Keliinoi always remained composed, organized and attentive to the needs of our students. Dr. Keliinoi has demonstrated outstanding communication skills as she is able to engage a classroom with positive energy and grace. Because of this, she has consistently been one of the highest rated instructors in the health sciences department on student reviews.

I am confident that Dr. Keliinoi is the ideal candidate to serve on the Board of Physical Therapy. Her empathy and compassion for her community has driven her to achieve professional excellence and provide outstanding service to her community. Dr. Keliinoi will advocate for the community with passion and ensure that Hawai'i's Physical Therapists maintain the highest professional standards.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

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The following is testimony on behalf of Stacie Keliinoi. I have worked closely with Stacie for more than 2 years. I am honored to be her colleague and have learned from her so much. Stacie has many strengths. Her interpersonal skills are at the top of the list. She works well as part of a team and co-treating with her goes so well because she is able to effectively communicate with me before and throughout sessions. One area I admire about Stacie is the way she communicates with parents. She is able to give a clear and succinct explanation of what her role as a PT is for each patient. She includes the family in sessions when possible, empowering them through hands on education with her recommendations. In a profession that continues to grow and evolve, Stacie also commits herself to growing in her experience and knowledge as a physical therapist. I would like to recommend Stacie Keliinoi to the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy.

Thank you,

Robin Putnam, MS, MOT, OTR/L

## Testimony for Stacie

Stacie is an outstanding member of the Kapi'olani Rehab team. She treats her patients and co-workers/staff with the utmost respect and care. She is always willing to help out members of the team when there is a need and is easy to work with. She is able to objectively assess situations and provide appropriate feedback and suggestions. Her passion for the profession and the community is evident in the numerous activities and roles she has taken on in the profession, including but not limited to, teaching at the community college, applying and receiving her certification in Pediatric Specialty in Physical Therapy, mentoring physical therapy students, conducting research with the Hawai'i Pacific Health Summer Student Research Program, and taking on an additional role at Queen's medical center. Most importantly she truly cares for and is dedicated to all of her patients, providing the best patient care possible to them. She would be an excellent choice and valuable member of the physical therapy board.

Sincerely,

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To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
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From: Lucy Lessard, Director, Rehabilitation Services, The Queen's Health Systems  
Jace Mikulanec, Director, Government Relations, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 18, 2022

Re: Support for GM 505 –Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, STACIE KELIINOI, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

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The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a not-for-profit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,600 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

On behalf of Queen's, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support for the nomination of Stacie Keliinoi to the Board of Physical Therapy.

I have known Stacie since she was a physical therapy student in a clinical rotation at Queen's in 2013 prior to her graduation from Mount St. Mary's College. I hired her after graduation and she worked in the inpatient area covering Physical Therapy until she moved to California to attain more experience in acute pediatrics, which was her passion. She returned to Hawai'i to take a position at Kapiolani Women's and Children's Hospital in 2016 and we were fortunate to have her return to the QMC to work for us as a call-in therapist on weekends seeing acute patients.

Stacie is a pleasure to work with – she is humble, strong in her convictions and strives to provide the best care to Hawai'i's keiki. What has always struck me is that she has always been very compassionate, gentle and caring, and uses her skills and attributes to connect with people and earn their trust. Stacie is a dedicated professional who advocates for patients and families in Hawaii. She is committed to ensuring that physical therapy consumers have access to safe, effective and efficient care by physical therapists in Hawai'i. Stacie will be a strong addition to the Hawaii State Board of Physical Therapy.

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