

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2003**

A conference call meeting of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in Room 102 of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Members Present

Brad Freemyer, P.T. President  
Sandra Eskew Capps, P.T. Vice Pres.  
Linda Lamb, P.T., Cognizant  
Charlene Portee, P.T.

Morris Friedman, Consumer/Public Member  
Bernice Chaney, P.T.A.  
Anthony Ellis, P.T. (connected at 4:11 p.m.)  
Patricia Willis, P. T.

Others Present:

Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director; Anita Martin, Executive Director, Healthcare Practitioners; Robert Renjel, Assistant Attorney General; Sandra N. Marshall, Applications Specialist; Pam Candler, Interim Board Secretary

President Freemyer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and established that a quorum of the Board was present.

**Agenda: Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Portee seconded and the Board voted to approve the amended agenda.**

**Minutes: Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve the Minutes for the September 16, 2003 Board Meeting as amended. Ms. Portee moved and Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to approve the Minutes for the August 19, 2003 meeting as amended.**

Ms. Willis moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1), (2) and (4); §43-1-19(h)(2), (3) and (4) and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h); 50-14-2(1) to deliberate on investigations and applications and receive information on application and investigative reports and the attorney general's report. Voting in favor of the motion were Freemyer, Eskew Capps, Lamb, Portee, Willis, Chaney and Friedman. The Board concluded executive session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Cognizant Report:

**PT040001:** Ms. Lamb reported that an investigative interview has been scheduled.

Attorney General Report:

**Christine Kersey Thomas (PT030028):** Mr. Friedman moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to accept the Initial Decision. Ms. Eskew Capps abstained.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Hightower introduced Ms. Anita Martin to the Board as the incoming Executive Director. Ms. Willis moved and Ms. Portee seconded and the Board voted that Mr. Freemyer and Ms. Martin meet before the next Board meeting. Mr. Friedman objected.

Rule 490-4-.01

A public hearing was held on Rule 490-4-.01. There were no written or oral comments relating to the rule for the Board to consider. **Ms. Lamb moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to adopt Rule 490-4.01 – Renewal of License and Penalties, Amended as follows:**

Rule 490-4-.01 – Renewal of License and Penalties, Amended

**490-4-.01 Renewal of License and Penalties. Amended.**

(1) Every licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant shall biennially apply to the Board for renewal of his/her license, submit proof of continuing competency requirements and pay a renewal fee by October 31st of odd years. Refer to fee schedule and 490-4-.02.

(2) A license that is not renewed on or before October 31st shall be assessed a late fee. Refer to fee schedule for penalty fee.

(3) A license that is not renewed on or before December 31st of the renewal year shall lapse and be of no force and effect and shall by operation of the law be revoked.

(4) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has been previously licensed in this State who has allowed his/her license to become revoked due to failure to renew, shall be required to submit an application for reinstatement, pay appropriate fee (refer to fee schedule), and shall also be required to meet requirements as provided below:

(a) An applicant who is able to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence requirements as established by the Board;

(b) An applicant, who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years but able to document such practice within 5 years, shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence (Refer to 490-4-.02), and shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 1,000 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed in no more than 1 year and no less than 4 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board; or

(c) An applicant who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 5 years shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 1,000 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed in no more than 1 year and no less than 4 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board and shall be required to take and pass the next licensing examination. Any applicant exempted from the requirement of taking the examination pursuant to Rule [490-4-.01\(6\)](#) shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence unless such person holds a current license in good standing in another state or such person is currently employed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant by the United States Government if such person provides physical therapy services under the direction or control of the employing organization.

(5) Applicants subject to Rule [490-4-.01\(4\)\(a\)](#) may in the discretion of the Board be exempted from continuing competence requirements if such person holds a current license in good standing in another state or if such person is currently employed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant by the United States Government if such person provides physical therapy services under the direction or control of the employing organization.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-10, 43-33-10 and 43-33-16.

**Rule 490-4-.04**

A public hearing was held on Rule Amendment to 490-4-.04. There were no written or oral comments relating to the rule for the Board to consider. Ms. Hightower noted that the Division Director adopted rules to allow for Inactive Status. **Ms. Lamb moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to adopt Rule 490-4-.04 Inactive Status as follows:**

Rule 490-4-.04 – Inactive Status

(a) Any licensee who is no longer practicing as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the State of Georgia may request an Inactive License status by filing an application for inactive status and paying the appropriate fee. Refer to fee schedule.

(1) An individual holding inactive status may not practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant within the State of Georgia.

(2) Any individual holding inactive status is not subject to the biennial renewal fees or continuing competence requirements.

(3) An individual whose license is under any sanction may not transfer to inactive status while sanctions are in effect.

(4) Any individual holding inactive status may return to active status by meeting all requirements for reinstatement as outlined herein.

(b) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has been granted an Inactive License may reinstate the license by submitting an application for reinstatement, pay appropriate fee (refer to fee schedule), and shall also be required to meet requirements as provided below:

(1) An applicant who is able to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence requirements as established by the Board;

(2) An applicant, who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years but able to document such practice within 5 years, shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence (Refer to 490-4-.02), and shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 1,000 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed in no more than 1 year and no less than 4 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board; or

(3) An applicant who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 5 years shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 1,000 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed in no more than 1 year and no less than 4 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board and shall be required to take and pass the next licensing examination.

(c) Applicants subject to Rule [490-4-.04\(b\)](#) may in the discretion of the Board be exempted from continuing competence and supervision requirements if such person holds a current license in good standing in another state or if such person is currently employed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant by the United States Government if such person provides physical therapy services under the direction or control of the employing organization.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-25, 43-33-10 and 43-33-16.

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual Meeting:** Ms Willis and Ms. Lamb presented a report on the FSBPT Annual meeting. Ms. Willis stated that there was discussion on national licensure and a competency examination. Ms. Lamb indicated concerns with the national failure rate and change in the test plan.

Ms. Willis left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**Applications:**

**N.L.C.** Rule Waiver approved. Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve for licensure by endorsement pending further information.

**W.C.C.** Rule Waiver approved. Ms. Eskew Capps moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to approve for licensure by endorsement pending further information.

**Tawiah S. Jones:** Ms. Chaney moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure by endorsement.

**A. L. M.** Mr. Friedman moved to approve. Motion failed. Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve for licensure by endorsement pending further information.

**Alexandra M. Peters:** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure by endorsement.

**Maria T. Slatton:** Mr. Friedman moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure by endorsement.

**Novie B. Tambong:** Mr. Friedman moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure by endorsement.

**C. M. G.** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to deny licensure by endorsement as Physical Therapist Assistant, but encouraged applicant to apply for a Physical Therapist license.

**J. A. M.** Rule Waiver approved. Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the board voted to approve licensure by endorsement pending further information.

**N. L. P.** Mr. Friedman moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to deny licensure by endorsement.

**C. D. K.** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to approve pending further information.

**Sarah Liquori:** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to approve Physical Therapist Traineeship.

**K. J. B.:** Ms. Chaney moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to approve Physical Therapist Assistant Traineeship pending further information.

**M. A. K.:** Ms. Portee moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to deny applicant's request to re-test.

**C. D. D.** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure by reinstatement.

**Lisa S. Lopez:** Ms. Lamb moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to approve application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant license.

**Sybil A. Head:** Ms. Eskew Capps moved and Ms. Lamb seconded and the Board voted to approve application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist license.

Mr. Ellis joined the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

**P.A.B.** Rule waiver approved. Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Portee seconded and the Board voted to offer public consent order. Ms. Eskew Capps and Mr. Friedman recused themselves.

Mr. Ellis left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

**Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to approve the following Physical Therapist applicants for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

License #	Name	License Type	Status	Issue Date	Exp. Date	Method
PT007838	Santos, Carl Dexter Chu	Physical Therapist	Active	9/16/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007839	Conley, Toby Lyn	Physical Therapist	Active	9/16/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007840	Wang, Davidson Ciaccho	Physical Therapist	Active	9/18/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007841	Austin, Mandy Jo	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007842	Bershadsky, Kimberly Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007843	Deane, John C	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007844	Elton, Andrew Todd	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007845	Hankins, Daniel Todd	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007846	Heusel, Luke Douglas	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007847	Kannady, Bobby, Jr	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007848	Lucas, Lora Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007849	Roberts, Kristina Lind	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007850	Rodriguez, Kelly Susan	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007852	Richter, Eve Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007853	Rupnow, Coleen M	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007854	Smith, Stephanie Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007855	Ware, John Warner	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007856	Difrahksh, Mike Mehrdad	Physical Therapist	Active	9/23/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007857	Gazan, Jennifer Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	9/23/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007858	Jones, Audrey Katherine	Physical Therapist	Active	9/23/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007859	Andrews, Douglas Grant, II	Physical Therapist	Active	9/25/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007860	Campana, Georgette Irene	Physical Therapist	Active	9/25/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007861	Marcinkovich, Abigail E	Physical Therapist	Active	9/25/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007862	Morris, Candace Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	9/25/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007863	Larrier, Elana Beth	Physical Therapist	Active	9/26/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007864	Clark, Samer S	Physical Therapist	Active	9/26/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007865	Northern, Rebecca Soileau	Physical Therapist	Active	9/26/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007866	Courtney, Edward M. Jr.	Physical Therapist	Active	9/29/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007867	Lee, Scott Allan	Physical Therapist	Active	9/29/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007868	Nguyen, Lynh M	Physical Therapist	Active	9/29/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007869	Rush, Stacy Leigh	Physical Therapist	Active	9/29/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007870	Lewinson, Karin Hope	Physical Therapist	Active	9/30/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007871	O'Hagen, Karen Jeanne	Physical Therapist	Active	9/30/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007872	Giegold, Susan Jennifer	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007873	Kessler, Dana G	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007874	Norris, Elizabeth Stone	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007875	Bacinski, Sarah Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007876	Diamond, Pamela Joy	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007877	Knapp, Emily Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007878	Powell, Heather Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007879	Winter, David Smoak	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2003	12/31/05	Exam
PT007880	Cullifer, Teri Danielle	Physical Therapist	Active	10/7/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007881	Faber, Mary Kathryn	Physical Therapist	Active	10/7/2003	12/31/05	End
PT007882	Hastey, Amy Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	10/14/03	12/31/05	End
PT007883	Bucki, Gregory Owen	Physical Therapist	Active	10/14/03	12/31/05	End
PT007884	Cosby, Braxton A	Physical Therapist	Active	10/14/03	12/31/05	End
PT007885	Bellefeuille, Claude L. III	Physical Therapist	Active	10/15/03	12/31/05	Exam
PT007886	Dixon, Sarah Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	10/15/03	12/31/05	Exam
PT007887	Reau, Connie Lynn Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	10/20/03	12/31/05	Exam

Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Chaney seconded and the Board voted to approve the following Physical Therapist Assistants for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Name	License Type	Status	Issue Date	Exp. Date	Method
PTA001983	Simms, Godfrey Samuel	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/15/03	12/31/2003	Exam
PTA001984	Russell, Sonea Maria	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/16/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001985	Agee, Lori Ann	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/19/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001986	Metz, Dana Cherie	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/19/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001987	Torrescano, Stacey Aleta	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/19/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001988	Lewallen, Katherine Elaine	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/19/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001989	Duncan, Phyllis Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/23/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001990	McDonald, Pamela Lacy	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/24/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001991	Cooper, Christine Lyn	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/26/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001992	Grider, Rebecca Ann	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/26/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001993	Thompson, Brian Randall	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/30/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001994	Simpson, Sharla Michelle	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/30/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001995	Harris, Keiven Gerard	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/30/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001996	Huckaby, Laura Ashley	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/30/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001997	Keis, Tina Renee	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	9/30/03	12/31/2005	End
PTA001998	Thompson, Karen Leigh	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/2/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA001999	Mua, Kao Cindy	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/3/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002000	Brumenschenkel, Kathy	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/7/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002001	Doerter, Marjorie Joy	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/9/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002002	Daniels, Walter Steven	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/14/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002003	Zorc, Michael Scott	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/16/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002004	Miller, Karen Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/20/03	12/31/2005	Exam
PTA002005	Waller, Juan Antoon	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	10/22/03	12/31/2005	Exam

**Renewal Applications:**

**D.N.** Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted to approve renewal application with a letter of concern.

**BOARD POLICY:** RENEWAL APLICATIONS, DUI CONVICTIONS:

Ms. Lamb moved and Ms. Eskew Capps seconded and the Board voted that completed renewal applications with a first time non-practice related driving under the influence of alcohol conviction will be renewed with a letter of concern.

**BOARD POLICY:** RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT:

Renewal applications indicating "NO" that the applicant has not completed 40 hours of continuing competency coursework must submit proof of completion of continuing competency pursuant to board Rules prior to renewal of the license.

**Probation Report:**

**Joseph C. McGuyrt:** Quarterly employer report approved. Request further information  
**Ronald L. Stanford:** Quarterly employer report approved. Request further information  
**David A. Wilson:** Board accepted quarterly report.  
**Y. G.** Board accepted quarterly report. **Ms. Lamb moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to request more information on the new provider. Ms. Eskew Capps recused herself, and Mr. Freemyer voted in favor.**

**Public Meeting Agenda:**

Jacqueline Hightower	Introduction to the Customer Service Unit
Brad Freemyer	General Remarks and Wellness care
Sandra Eskew Capps	Jurisprudence
Charlene Portee	Inactive License
	Continuing Competence
	Practitioner of the Healing Arts
	Endorsement Rule
Patricia Willis	FSBPT Competency Test
Linda Lamb	Disciplinary Process
Bernice Chaney	PTA Supervision
	Reimbursement issues – Athletic Trainer

**Correspondence:**

**Michelle R. Ayers**-wrote concerning requirements for endorsement applicants.  
Board Reponse: Mr. Freemyer will respond.

**Ms. Lamb moved and Mr. Friedman seconded and the Board voted to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.**

Recorded by:

Approved:

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Pam Candler, Interim Board Secretary

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Brad Freemyer, President

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Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director