

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **March 7, 2006** at the Offices of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA for the purpose of conducting business.

**Members Present:**

- Charlene D. Portee, P. T., President
- Lola Rosenbaum, P.T., Vice President
- John L. Cowherd, Consumer Member
- Sandra Eskew Capps P.T.
- Patricia Willis, P.T.

**Others Present:**

- Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
- Tricia Downing, Board Attorney (arrived @ 10:30am)
- Eva Holmes, Board Secretary
- Linda Lamb
- Maria Quintal
- Jan Porch, PTAG

President Charlene D. Portee established that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order in Open Session at 10:08am.

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**AGENDA**

**Considered Amending Board Rule 490-2-.09 Licensure: Endorsement** – The Board requested revisions be made and for the draft rule to be placed on the May board agenda for further review.

**Considered Amending Board Rule 490-4-.01 Renewal of License and Penalties** – The Board requested revisions be made and for the draft rule to be placed on the May board agenda for further review.

**Considered for approval minutes from January 17, 2006**

- Sandy Eskew Capps motioned and Patricia Willis seconded and the board voted to **approve** the minutes as amended.

**FSBPT Annual Meeting –**

- Viewed as informational. The meeting is scheduled for September 7-11, 2006. The decision will be made at the next meeting as to who will attend.

**Information on the TOEFL –**

- Ms. Rosenbaum motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to approve the following scores effective September 2005: 26 Speaking; 24 Writing; 18 Listening; 21 Reading

**Correspondence from Linda Lamb regarding a “Board Concern” –**

- Viewed as informational

**Correspondence from Barry McLeod-Hughes regarding educational standards –**

- Ms. Willis motioned, Ms. Capps seconded and the Board voted to send a letter of thanks for his input and also requests clarification on his concerns in order to properly address his issue. The Board further voted to add to the letter a brief overview of the role of CAPTE in accrediting schools. Also, to notify him that if he would like to be scheduled to meet with the board about his concerns to notify the board office in writing no later than May 5, 2006 to be scheduled for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Correspondence from Louise Newton regarding foreign-educated PT’s. –**

- Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to send a letter to include the text of the rule.

**Correspondence from Southeastern Orthopedic Center –**

- Ms. Capps motioned, Ms. Rosenbaum seconded and the Board voted to send a letter of thanks for his input. Also respond that the Board agrees that training permits are not optimal and that hopefully, new graduates are prepared to enter PT practice without the need for a traineeship. Traineeships are primarily utilized with foreign-educated licensure candidates. Board Rule 490-2-.04 is currently under review and the Board is considering allowing a longer period of time to complete the traineeship period. Notify Mr. Fife that on average “complete” applications are processed within 5-7 working days. That as previously stated to him, he knows of a specific circumstance where the process was delayed that if he will notify us we will be glad to research and respond.

**Letter to Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners -**

- Ms. Capps motioned, Ms. Rosenbaum seconded and the Board voted to send a letter to Dr. James Anchors, President of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, regarding Tom Boers. The Board also voted that his letter should be released as public information upon request.

**Licenses to be Ratified -**

- Ms. Capps motioned and Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the licenses. Please see attachment #1.

**Letter from Leslie Young Attaway requesting waiver of supervised training for reinstatement.**

- Ms. Willis motioned and Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to deny the request. Must meet the criteria.

**Default on repayment of Student Loan for Jason K. Brown –**

- Ms. Willis made a motion and Ms. Rosenbaum seconded that the board suspend **Jason K. Brown’s** license to practice as a/an **Physical Therapist Assistant, PTA001342**, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a “Notice of Release” from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. **The Board voted to suspend.**

**Correspondence from Maria Agao regarding examination eligibility –**

- Ms. Capps motioned, Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to send a letter that she must meet the criteria of Rule 490-3-.03, specifically sections (1)(b) and (1)(f) in order to qualify.

**Considered approval of minutes from February 7, 2006 conference call.**

- Ms. Willis made a motion and Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve** minutes as amended.

Mr. Cowherd made a motion and Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Ms. Portee, Ms. Capps, and Ms. Rosenbaum. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

**PT Examination Applicant - H.G.**

- Ms. Willis made a motion; Mr. Cowherd seconded and the board voted to **approve.**

**PT Reinstatement Applicant – J.M.K.**

- Ms. Eskew Capps motioned; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded and the board voted to **deny** request as the applicant does not meet the criteria.

**PT Applicant – H.L.S.**

- Mr. Cowherd motioned; Ms. Eskew Capps seconded the board voted to **approve** upon receipt of a “clean” GCIC report.

**PTA Endorsement Applicant – S.T.B.**

- Ms. Rosenbaum motioned; Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to **approve** upon receipt of passing score on GA law exam.

**PTA Examination Applicant – C.W.B.**

- Ms. Willis made a motion to **approve** upon receipt of a “clean” GCIC report; Mr. Cowherd seconded and the board voted to approve as cited.

**PT Applicant requesting approval to register to take the exam – C.C.**

- Ms. Eskew Capps made a motion; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded and the board voted to **approve.**

**PT Examination Applicant – Z.H.H.**

- Mr. Cowherd made a motion to **approve**. Ms. Willis seconded and the board voted to approve.

**PT Reinstatement Applicant – J.L.B.**

- Ms. Rosenbaum motioned; Ms. Willis seconded and the board voted to **approve** with traineeship.

**PT Applicant requesting waiver of credentials evaluation – Maria Quintal**

- Ms. Eskew Capps motioned and Mr. Cowherd seconded and the board voted to approve the waiver of the credentials evaluation but applicant must still meet the criteria of a traineeship.

**Kathy Harvey, Enforcement – Ms. Eskew Capps** made a motion, Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the cognizant board member upon receipt of the Enforcement report.

- PT040032 – Close with a letter of concern that the supervisor is responsible to assure that anyone working as a trainee has a valid permit. Also, there is no such legal entity in PT practice as a Rehab Aide.
- PT050046 – Close with letter of concern - assure that all PT clinic staff adhere to and have a clear understanding of board rule 490-9-.02.
- PT050051 – Back to enforcement – Re-interview PT Aides – “What actual patient care, if any, did you provide?”
- Accept C&D orders on Bonnie Sayaphoumy, Autumn Merritt and Jamille Warren. The remainder of the case is under cognizant review.
- PT050054 – Close – No violation.
- PT060005 – Request denied – Close and refer to Medicare and Medicaid.

**Tricia Downing, Attorney General’s Office**

- Provided written advice on the Governors’s Code of Ethics & OCGA 45-10-3. - Viewed as informational
- Provided written advice on APTA petition – Issue tabled – Executive Director to review and bring back to the Board at May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Provided written advice on SB147 – Viewed as informational.
- Updated on six cases in her office.

**Anita O. Martin, Executive Director**

- Request from IERF to approve to provide credentials evaluations for GA licensure candidates. Board is taking matter under review.
- Provided copy of HB801 which was viewed as informational.
- Requested assistance with completing survey from the Connecticut Chiropractic Association – Board declined to complete survey.
- Mr. Cowherd motioned, Ms. Willis seconded and the board voted to accept consent orders for: Richard Brantley, Timothy Buffington, Julie Yaroch, Donald Brunelle and Linda Louise Maynard.

- Mr. Cowherd motioned and Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to accept the Voluntary Surrender for Andrea Johnson.
- Mr. Cowherd motioned and Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to accept the reinstatement consent order upon receipt for M.B., H.L.A., and K.R.S.
- The Board requested a strong C&D letter be mailed to the Georgia Chiropractic Association and the sponsors of the seminar “2006 Advanced Chiropractic Assistant Training Course” that Chiropractic Assistants cannot be trained in Physical Therapy.

### **Exam Section Update**

Wanda Jackson – Update given by Dr. Ajayi and was viewed as informational.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

### **The Continuing Competency Committee met from 9:00 – 10:00 to discuss amendments to Rule 490-4-.02.**

#### **Members Present:**

Patricia Willis  
Lola Rosenbaum  
Sandy Eskew Capps

\*Rule continues to be under review

**Minutes prepared by:** Eva Holmes

**Minutes reviewed by:** Anita O. Martin