

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
May 8, 2007**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **May 8, 2007** at the Offices of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 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
- George Hamil, P.T. (left at 1:00 p.m.)
- Donald Walsh, P.T.
- Patricia Willis, P.T. (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

**Members Absent:**

- Andy Ellis, PT, Cognizant

**Others Present:**

- Lisa Durden. Executive Director
- Calandra Paschal, Board Secretary
- Rebecca Adams, Board Attorney
- Wanda Jackson, Exam Section
- Robert Sise, Enforcement Section

Public visitors in attendance – Jan Porch, PTAG Representative, Diane Johnston, Shepherd Center Representative and Jay Williams

President Charlene D. Portee established that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order in Open Session at 9:00am.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Tina L. Jenkins, PT001639 – Met at 11:00 a.m.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Considered the adoption of Rule 490-4-.02 (Amended) – (Continuing Competency Requirements)**

- Mr. Walsh motioned, Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to **not adopt rule and to repost as amended.**

**Considered the adoption of the Continuing Competence Policy**

- Mr. Cowherd motioned, Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **not adopt policy.**

## **Considered HB 801 Committee Recommendations:**

- a. Recommend vote to post 490-8-.03 as revised. **Board's Response – Approved. Vote to post.**
- b. Recommend vote to post 490-10 (Repeal.) The committee agreed that the law supersedes the rule. **Board's Response – Approved. Vote to post.**
- c. The Committee did not feel any changes were needed to Rule 490-11 – Consultation.
- d. Recommend voted to post 490-9-.04 as revised. **Board's Response – Approved. Vote to post.**
- e. Recommends establishing a Standing Rules Committee. **Board's Response – Approved. This Committee will review legislative changes, rules and policies on an annual basis. Lola Rosenbaum and Donald Walsh were selected for this committee.**

## **Considered for approval minutes from March 27, 2007**

- Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **approve as amended.**

## **Considered to limit the number of times to take exam (possible rule revision/policy)**

- The board discussed that the current law will have to change in order to limit the number of times an exam candidate may take the exam. The Board reviewed the Dispensing Opticians law presented by Ms. Adams. The Board will conduct further research and discuss at a later time.

## **Considered to increase time for traineeship**

- Board's Response – There will not be a change at this time.

## **Considered ethics and jurisprudence exam review/update**

- Board's Response – The Biannual Review is set tentatively for the months of February and September. Patricia Willis and Donald Walsh will be the participating members working with the Examination and Testing Section. Board adopted this policy for a biannual review

## **Credentialing Agency: International Education Research Foundation (IERF)**

- Board's Response – Send a letter to International Education Research Foundation (IERF) and the International Credentialing Associates, Inc. (ICA), asking to present their methodology to the Board.

## **Considered rules revisions: Endorsement and Renewal**

- Board's Response – Discussed changes that need to be made to applications regarding the wording "Attach copies of certificates and course outlines/objectives for the hours obtained in the past two years.," change to "Attach copies of certificates and course outlines/objectives for the hours obtained within the previous renewal biennium."

## Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy Newsletter

- Discussed by the Board

### Update on Board Policies

- Boards Response: Further research is needed

### PTA appointment

- Board's Response – Staff will contact the Governor's Office to check on status

### Request from Wenkuen C. Estander requesting waiver of rule 490-2-.03(f)

- Board's Response: Mr. Hamil motioned, Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board voted to **deny** request for waiver.

### Request from Emily Schaeffer Large requesting waiver of rule 490-4-.02 regarding continuing competency requirements.

- Board's Response: Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **deny** request for waiver.

### Request from Mitchell Andrew Barrett requesting waiver of rule 490-4-.02 regarding continuing competency requirement.

- Board's Response: Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **deny** request for waiver.

### Request from Ali Reza Niknam requesting waiver of rule 490-2-.03 regarding passing score requirement of TOEFL.

- Board's Response: Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Hamil seconded and the Board voted to **deny** request for waiver.

## EXECUTIVE ITEMS:

### Applications

#### J.W. – Reinstatement Applicant worked without a license in 2006 and 2007.

- Board's Response: Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve reinstatement under a Public Consent Order with the following stipulations**:
  - \$2860 fine;
  - \$500 incident fee charge;
  - 6 months probation;
  - Must request to have probation lifted;
  - Must take and pass didactic ethics laws & rules Continuing Education course and Ethics and Jurisprudence exam; and
  - Must notify prior employers of lapsed license

#### J.A.B. - PTA Examination Candidate answered "YES" to question regarding treatment for psychiatric disorders. The Board office received letter from treatment provider stating that she is stable, in full remission, on medication, and is able to perform duties of a PTA without limitations.

- Board's Response: Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve** upon receipt of passing NPTE and Georgia Law Examination scores.

G.T.E. - PT endorsement applicant answered “NO” to question 10(c) regarding whether or not he had been suspended or revoked in any other state.

- Board’s Response – Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to send letter to applicant requesting appearance before the Board at the June 19, 2007 Physical Therapy Board Meeting.

C.E.D - PTA endorsement candidate answered “YES” to question 10(f) regarding civil action. Applicant provided documentation from court that case was dismissed on May 23, 1994.

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve** application upon completion of all other application requirements.

C.L.S. – PT whose license was suspended due to failure to pay student loan with Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC) – Letter was returned unclaimed.

- Board’s Response – Viewed as informational only

Thomas Fleming – Petition for Lifting of Suspension.

- Board’s Response – Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **deny** petition.

C.D.C. – Reciprocity/Endorsement applicant waiting on verification of licensure in Michigan; took NPTE 9 times before passing.

- Board’s Response – Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to review after verification from Michigan is received.

C.C.C. – Reinstatement Applicant letter from attorney requesting hearing.

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve**. Ms. Adams will call attorney for clarification

D.R.M. – Exam candidate answered “YES” to question 10(b); entered a plea of guilty to DUI and Nolo Contender to Speeding in May 2004 and paid fine.

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.

D.M.P. – Exam candidate answered “YES” to question 10(b); entered a plea of guilty to Disorderly Conduct in Nov. 2000 (placed on probation and paid fine).

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **approve** once candidate meets all requirements.

S.G. – P.T. Exam Applicant report from traineeship supervisor.

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted the Traineeship is not acceptable. Send letter to Attorney General, the Supervisor, and to the Employer.

Complaint #PT050051

- Board’s Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **close** with no other action.

### Complaint #PT070003

- Board's Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **refer to the Attorney General's office.**

### Complaint #PT070015

- Board's Response - Mr. Walsh motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **refer to Enforcement to issue Cease and Desist Order.**

**Mr. Hamil motioned, Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board voted to ratify applications for Physical Therapist licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

LICENSE NO	LICENSEE NAME	LICENSE TYPE	STATUS	ISSUE DATE	OBTAINED BY
PT000576	Mason, Vickie C	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT002599	Beaty, Jane Laster	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT003512	LaSalle, Teri Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT005926	Shaughnesst, Jacquelyn Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT007122	Hall, Julie Jones	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT007295	Giammatteo, Ayelet	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PT009000	Johann, Christopher Robert	Physical Therapist	Active	3/16/2007	Endorsement
PT009001	LaForme Fiss, Alyssa Cathrine	Physical Therapist	Active	3/16/2007	Endorsement
PT009002	Daunais, Kathryn Jane	Physical Therapist	Active	3/19/2007	Endorsement
PT009003	Hodges, Melissa Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	3/19/2007	Exam
PT009004	Naik, Rushali Kalpesh	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Exam
PT009005	Miller, Amanda DeLoach	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Exam
PT009006	Sykora, Erin Christine	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Exam
PT009007	Klingaman, Leigh Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Exam
PT009008	Grbavac, Kristen Zarosinski	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Endorsement
PT009009	Godshalk, Lauren Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Endorsement
PT009010	Dean, Katherine Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	3/20/2007	Endorsement
PT009011	Miles, Emily Nicole	Physical Therapist	Active	3/21/2007	Endorsement
PT009012	Grigg, Ami Leigh	Physical Therapist	Active	3/21/2007	Endorsement
PT009013	Morency, Vernet, Jr	Physical Therapist	Active	3/22/2007	Endorsement
PT009014	Felisilda, Michael Tano	Physical Therapist	Active	3/22/2007	Exam
PT009015	Barnes, Jodi Nicole	Physical Therapist	Active	3/23/2007	Endorsement
PT009016	Flores, Heather Elizabeth Roth	Physical Therapist	Active	3/23/2007	Endorsement
PT009017	John, Thomas Sanjeev	Physical Therapist	Active	3/23/2007	Endorsement
PT009018	Dufty, Sandra Marie Stein	Physical Therapist	Active	3/23/2007	Endorsement
PT009019	Smith, Kisha Yvette	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Exam
PT009020	Brannin, Jennifer Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Exam
PT009021	Herbert, Denise Rose	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Exam
PT009022	Suess, Philip Martin, IV	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Exam
PT009023	Westphall, Ashley Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Exam
PT009024	Gravina, Leslie Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	3/28/2007	Endorsement
PT009025	Wolverton, Karmen Rae	Physical Therapist	Active	3/29/2007	Endorsement
PT009026	Smith, Walter Brian	Physical Therapist	Active	4/5/2007	Endorsement
PT009027	Purser, Eleanore Eyster	Physical Therapist	Active	4/6/2007	Endorsement
PT009028	Stemsrud, Carol Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	4/6/2007	Endorsement
PT009029	Morris, Ami Claire	Physical Therapist	Active	4/6/2007	Endorsement
PT009030	Fontenot, Marty William	Physical Therapist	Active	4/10/2007	Exam
PT009031	Moore, Joseph Conrad	Physical Therapist	Active	4/10/2007	Exam
PT009032	Forsh, Jamie Jones	Physical Therapist	Active	4/10/2007	Exam
PT009033	Foo, Darwin Charles	Physical Therapist	Active	4/10/2007	Endorsement
PT009034	Murray, Haskell Harvey, Jr	Physical Therapist	Active	4/12/2007	Exam
PT009035	Smith, Krystal Dawn	Physical Therapist	Active	4/19/2007	Exam
PT009036	Gagnaire, Nicole Suzanne	Physical Therapist	Active	4/19/2007	Endorsement

PT009037	Carroll, Ashley Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	4/26/2007	Exam
PT009038	Fernandez, Yvette Christine	Physical Therapist	Active	4/26/2007	Exam
PT009039	Rutkowski, Lisa	Physical Therapist	Active	4/27/2007	Exam
PT009040	Winborn, Glenda Arleen	Physical Therapist	Active	4/30/2007	Endorsement
PT009041	Murphy, Bridgett Danielle	Physical Therapist	Active	5/1/2007	Exam
PT009042	Acosta, Antonio Josefino	Physical Therapist	Active	5/2/2007	Exam
PT009043	Granger, Todd William	Physical Therapist	Active	5/2/2007	Endorsement
PT009044	Whitney, Monique	Physical Therapist	Active	5/2/2007	Endorsement
PT009045	Witt, Laura Emma	Physical Therapist	Active	5/2/2007	Endorsement

**Mr. Hamil motioned, Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board voted to ratify the applications for Physical Therapy Assistant licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:**

LICENSE NO	LICENSEE NAME	LICENSE TYPE	STATUS	ISSUE DATE	OBTAINED BY
PTA002103	Cirigliano, Joe F	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	3/29/2007	Reinstatement
PTA002369	Clubb, Jessica Naomi	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	3/19/2007	Exam
PTA002370	Scott-Roberson, Toya Veonn	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	3/28/2007	Endorsement
PTA002371	Amick, Cathy Suzanne	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	3/28/2007	Endorsement
PTA002372	Smith, Shelley Marie Svoboda	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	4/5/2007	Endorsement
PTA002373	Newby, Forest Bruce	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	4/10/2007	Exam
PTA002374	Lesmes, Yohanna M	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	4/13/2007	Exam
PTA002375	Miles, Danielle Nicole	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	4/13/2007	Endorsement
PTA002376	Cauthen, Karen Elizabeth	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	4/27/2007	Endorsement
PTA002377	Dubrow, David Elliott	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	5/2/2007	Endorsement

**REPORTS:**

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

**Cognizant Report, Anthony Ellis**

- No Report

**Enforcement Report, Lynn Eason/Robert Sise**  
**Complaint #PT070017**

- Board's Response – Close/w no other action

**Exam Section Report**

- Wanda Jackson from the exam section came to present the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy 2006 Annual Report.

**Attorney General's Office Report, Rebecca Adams**

- No Report

**Executive Director Report, Lisa Durden**

- No Report

**OTHER BUSINESS**  
**(Some of these items may be discussed in Executive Session)**

The Board agreed to have Mr. Walsh assume duties as the Cognizant Member.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

**Minutes prepared by:** Calandra Paschal

**Minutes reviewed by:** Lisa Durden

These minutes were signed and approved on June 19, 2007 .

Physical Therapy Board Minutes for May 8, 2007, Board Meeting. Professional  
Licensing Boards Division, Macon, Georgia

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