

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 18, 2007

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **September 18, 2007** at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting business. Board Chair Charlene Portee determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Charlene Portee, P.T., President

Lola Rosenbaum, P.T., Vice-President

John L. Cowherd, Consumer Member

Andy Ellis, P.T.

George Hamil, P.T.

Donald Walsh, P.T.

Patricia Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Becky Adams, Board Attorney

Lisa Durden, Executive Director

Dianne Walker, Applications Specialist

David Higdon, Board Secretary

Visitors in Attendance:

Jan Porch, PTAG

AGENDA

1. Agenda was **approved** for the meeting.
2. The Board agreed to reorganize the agenda to begin with Lynn Eason's enforcement reports
3. C.C.C. appeared before the Board, along with her attorneys L.M. and V.B.B., to discuss a reconsideration of her license reinstatement requirements. John Cowherd motioned; seconded by Bo Hamil, and the Board voted to reinstate C.C.C.'s license under a consent order with the following sanctions:
 - Proof of 36 hours of Continuing Competency for the 2003 – 05 biennium including course certificates, outlines, and objectives
 - Obtain 20 hours of Continuing Competency courses in a didactic setting and at an advanced level with four of these hours in an Ethics and Jurisprudence course. None of these courses may be online, and these hours may not be used towards the current renewal period. Proof of completion must include certificates, course outlines, and objectives.
 - Obtain 30 hours of Continuing Competency for the 2005 – 07 renewal period. She must submit proof of completion in the form of certificates, course outlines, and objectives.
4. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board approved the July 26, 2007 minutes as amended.
5. A teleconference call with the IERF for consideration of using this body to approve foreign credentials. The turnaround credentialing time is 40-60 business days, applicants may appeal a review at no additional charge, and they are a recognized institution and can review post secondary levels. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; seconded by Patti Willis, and the Board voted to accept IERF as a provider; also, FCCPT and IERF are the two board approved providers. ICA will remain approved through December 31, 2007.

6. The Board will set up a blueprint for continuing competence requirements. The website would be updated to explain continuing competence must be appropriate to the individual's level of practice.
7. Board discussed the scope of practice for billing under CPT Code 77003. The cognizant member will review this matter as it has become a complaint
8. Response from Don Munday on Marr b. Georgia State Board of PT 06CV46243. Board viewed as informational.
9. Motion made by Bo Hamil; seconded by Lola Rosenbaum, and the Board voted to post Rule 490-4-.01.
10. Discussion as to why only GA candidates must pass the jurisprudence exam. Motion made by Lola Rosenbaum; seconded by Bo Hamil, and the Board voted to adopt a policy that Endorsement candidates must also pass the jurisprudence exam, and that candidates who pass the NPTE after four or more attempts will be required to submit further evidence of competency or stipulations as required by the Board.
11. Request from Paul Fontana for the Board to clarify the use of Athletic Trainers to perform functional capacity evaluations under a PT. Motion by Lola Rosenbaum; seconded by Bo Hamil, and the Board voted to refer Mr. Fontana to rule 490-8-.03 regarding the duties of PT Aides.
12. Motion made by John ; seconded by Lola Rosenbaum, and Board voted to ratify the PT and PTA licenses issued between July 25, 2007-September 3, 2007.

License No.	Name	License Type	Status	Issued	Expiration Date
PT009150	Moore, Iris Alexis	Physical Therapist	Active	7/24/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009151	Smith, T Andy	Physical Therapist	Active	7/26/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009152	Harris, Jeanette Arline	Physical Therapist	Active	7/26/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009153	Williams, Jennifer Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009155	Christian-Thompson, Antonia O	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009156	Chik, Wan Ting	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009157	Desai, Niyati	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009158	Cox, Brittany Leigh	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009159	Wilson, April Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009160	Thames, Christie Jane	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009161	Harmon, Casey Renee	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009162	Taylor, Tarra Dionne	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009163	Searight, Katherine Jean	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007

PT009164	McDaniel, Meghan Maurine	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009165	Haney, Tiffany Jean	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009166	Boler, Jennifer Renee	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009167	Alexander, Kathrine Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009168	Lilley, Taryn Elaine	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009169	Kleinmann, Dirk Lambert	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009170	Czarnecki, Timothy Patrick	Physical Therapist	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009171	Wise, Leslie Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	7/31/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009172	Haarmann, Susannah Coverdale	Physical Therapist	Active	8/3/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009173	Jenkins, Christopher Lloyd	Physical Therapist	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009174	Akins, Timothy Jason	Physical Therapist	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009175	Patel, Tima Yash	Physical Therapist	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009176	Master, Priti Roopam	Physical Therapist	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009177	Richardson, Kendra Danyell	Physical Therapist	Active	8/7/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009178	Kemper, Elizabeth Bonner	Physical Therapist	Active	8/7/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009179	Walther, Kristin L	Physical Therapist	Active	8/7/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009180	Kanning, Lisa Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	8/8/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009181	Carmin, Andrea N	Physical Therapist	Active	8/13/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009182	Black, Kristen Michele	Physical Therapist	Active	8/14/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009183	Lathrop, Melissa Maureen	Physical Therapist	Active	8/14/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009184	Hector, Marsha Cicely	Physical Therapist	Active	8/14/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009185	Alexander, Meghan Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	Active	8/14/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009186	Kole, Suzanne Louise	Physical Therapist	Active	8/17/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009187	Charles, Jeanne Maureen	Physical Therapist	Active	8/20/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009188	Yarborough, Lori Leigh	Physical Therapist	Active	8/20/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009189	Wheeler, Stacy Michelle	Physical Therapist	Active	8/20/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009190	Doroh, Janet Christine	Physical Therapist	Active	8/20/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009191	Pugh, Blake Arthur	Physical Therapist	Active	8/21/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009192	Chesney, John-Mark	Physical Therapist	Active	8/21/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009193	Zephirin, Alexandra Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	8/22/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007

PT009194	Saenz, Vanessa	Physical Therapist	Active	8/23/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009195	Daniel, Lindsay Blair	Physical Therapist	Active	8/23/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009196	Lucas, Mark Austin	Physical Therapist	Active	8/24/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009197	McLoughlin, Barbara Hammond	Physical Therapist	Active	8/31/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009198	Haigood, Melanie Lyn	Physical Therapist	Active	8/31/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PT009199	Delp, Jennifer Sue	Physical Therapist	Active	00:00:00	12/31/2007

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PTA002388	Tillery, Timothy Bryant	Physical Therapist	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002389	Sikes, Rachel Nicole Ondriczck	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002390	Krakovski, Lauren Katherine	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002391	Beard, Brian Dean	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002392	Froehbrodt, Estelle Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002393	Eubanks, Delia L	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002394	Pinson, Debra Melissa	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/27/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002395	Reynolds, Jason Seaborn	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002396	Fernando, Joy Artimecy	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002397	Sauder, Joyce Marlene	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	7/30/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002398	Harbin, Virginia Dawn	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/1/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002399	Ware, Angela Michelle	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/1/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002400	Nnoli, Ifeoma Veronica	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002401	Ralston, Lila Frances	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002402	Holcomb, Crystal Judith	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002403	Cook, Jill Schollenberger	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002404	Eades, Lori Nichole	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/6/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002406	Smith, Margaret Anne Broadrick	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/13/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002407	Crockett, Melissa A	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/21/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007
PTA002408	Chombo, Forward	Physical Therapist Assistant	Active	8/31/2007 00:00:00	12/31/2007

13. The Board viewed the discussion regarding the FSBPT as informational.

14. The Board discussed the defining of Class I and Class II continuing competency courses.
15. Lola Rosenbaum brought up discussion regarding wearing of name tags as required by law.
16. Motion made by Don Walsh; seconded by Lola Rosenbaum, and the Board voted to approve the 2008 calendar of Board Meeting dates.
 - January 15, 2008
 - March 18, 2008
 - May 20, 2008
 - September 9, 2008
 - November 18, 2008
17. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 27th, 2007 and will include a public forum at 1:00 p.m.

REPORTS:

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

- Becky Adams, Attorney General's Office

Gave updates on four cases.

- Lynn Eason, Enforcement

1. PT070013 – Obtain medical records and time sheets from both sides; the cognizant will interview patient and PT.
2. PT070018 – Cognizant will call the complainant and group to request medical records and notes up to the day of discharge.

- Cognizant Report

1. PT070015 – Once letters requested are submitted, the case may be closed
2. PT070024 – Schedule for an Investigative Interview
3. PT070032 – Has been referred to Enforcement
4. PT080001 – Motion made by Andy Ellis; seconded by John Cowherd, and the Board voted to the close case
5. PT080002 – Motion made by John Cowherd; seconded by Lola Rosenbaum, and the Board voted to send letter of concern
6. PT080004 – Case has been referred to Enforcement for a cease and desist. Also, request a GCIC report
7. PT080006 – request records from a supervisor and refer to enforcement.
8. PT080007 – Refer to Investigations
9. PT060022 – Motion made by Andy Ellis; seconded by Don Walsh, and the Board voted to refer to Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include:

- 60 day suspension
- \$500 fine
- Ethics and Jurisprudence didactic course and exam to be completed within 6 months
- Billing course to be completed within 6 months
- Above referenced courses are in addition to required continuing competency

10. PT070001 – Don Walsh motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Attorney General’s office for a Private Consent Order to include:

- \$200 fine
- Attend a didactic Ethics and Jurisprudence course which will not count toward required Continuing Competency hours

11. PT070028 – Motion made by John Cowherd; seconded by Don Walsh, and the Board voted to close the case
12. PT060028 – Motion made by John Cowherd; seconded by Don Walsh, and the Board voted to refer case to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order to include:

- 90 day suspension
- \$500 fine per incident (\$3000 total)
- Didactic Ethics and Jurisprudence course in addition to required Continuing Competency

13. PT060027 – Motion made by Don Walsh; seconded by Andy Ellis, and the Board voted to close the case

- Lisa Durden, Executive Director

1. PT070030 – complainant could provide no additional information. Charlene Portee motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board agreed to close this case.
2. PT070031 – Schedule investigative interview about multiple billing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Mrs. Portee moved, Mrs. Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k), O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(H)(2)(4), and O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k)(4) to deliberate on Applications and to receive information on Applications. The Board voted in favor of the motion. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

1. L.E.S. – PT licensee requested an inactive status. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board agreed to **approve** this request.
2. M.C.O. – PT licensee requested inactive status. John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to approve the request.
3. A.O. – Patti Willis motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the submitted remediation plan after the failure of the NPTE after the fourth time. Also, staff directed to remind A.O. and supervisor that traineeship is not active.
4. B.J.F. – PTA reinstatement was approved; however, 1000 hour traineeship is required, and she must do required continuing education. Don Walsh motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** this reinstatement under these terms.
5. K.N.P. – PTA answered “yes” to question 10 (b) regarding having been arrested, convicted, or entered a plea of guilty, nolo, or been sentenced under the First Offender Act. John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** upon receipt of clear criminal history.

6. C.A.R. – PTA took the NPTE on July 12, 1995; Pennsylvania indicates that the status of the exam was Fail with a score of 574. Georgia’s Score Calculation Table shows 94 with the Raw Score being 88. According to the FSBPT, for test dates prior to July 1996, a jurisdiction is responsible for determining a candidate’s pass/fail status based on the jurisdiction’s criteria at the time of the candidate’s examination. The Board agreed to look into the exam requirements from this particular time. Motion made by Don Walsh; seconded by Bo Hamil, and the Board voted in favor to approve application if Exam Section deems this to be a passing score.
7. M.K.P. – Applicant submitted a plan of study similar to the one previously submitted. John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted not to approve the plan.
8. A.K.R. – Licensee has not practiced in four years. The Board voted to require a 1000 hour traineeship and proof of continuing competency. Patti Willis motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted on this requirement.
9. C.D.C. – PT endorsement applicant who passed the NPTE after nine attempts. John Cowherd motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to require candidate to complete a 1000 hour traineeship and pass the GA law exam.
10. W.D.B. – PTA exam applicant answered “yes” to having been disciplined or cautioned by an employer. Based on the information that he submitted, Don Walsh motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the board agreed to **approve** him for the examination.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Charlene Portee, Chairperson

Lisa Durden, Executive Director

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