

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**October 31, 2007**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via conference call on **October 31, 2007** for the purpose of conducting business. Board Chair Charlene Portee determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 8:51 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. (joined the conference call at 8:55 a.m.)  
George Hamil, P.T.  
Donald Walsh, P.T.  
Patricia Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Becky Adams, Board Attorney  
Lisa Durden, Executive Director  
David Higdon, Board Secretary

Visitors in Attendance:

**AGENDA**

1. Don Walsh motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the agenda was **approved** for the meeting.
2. John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to adopt **Rule 490-4-.01**.

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

- (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 December 31st of odd years. Refer to fee schedule and Rule 490-4-.02.
- (2) A license that is not renewed on or before December 31st shall be assessed a late fee. Refer to fee schedule for penalty fee.
- (3) A license that is not renewed on or before February 28th of the year following 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(5) 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 at 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.

**O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-14 and 43-33-16.**

3. Karen Feder requested the Board to lift her probation sanctioned from her consent order. Patti Willis motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to lift Ms. Feder’s probation.

4. Patti Willis motioned and Don Walsh seconded, and the Board adopted a policy allowing individuals to carry over Continuing Education credits received between October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 towards the 2008 - 2009 renewal biennium so long as these hours have not already been used for the 2006 - 2007 biennium.

5. The Board viewed correspondence from the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia as being informative.

6. The Board reviewed correspondence from Sandy Eskew Capps; this issue was addressed with the adoption of the continuing competency policy.

**REPORTS:**

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

- Becky Adams, Attorney General’s Office

1. Reported that she will be leaving the Attorney General’s office in November

- Lynn Eason, Enforcement

1. Nothing to report

- Cognizant Report

1. Nothing to report

- Lisa Durden, Executive Director

1. Website has been updated to reflect recent changes

**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. S.A.M. – Lola Rosenbaum motioned, and John Cowherd seconded, and the Board agreed to wait to see if the licensee voluntarily discloses out of state license sanctions during renewal before taking any action. If licensee discloses the information at renewal, then refer to the Attorney General’s office for a consent order.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Charlene Portee, Chairperson

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Lisa Durden, Executive Director

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