

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Minutes of the Board Meeting
November 27, 2007

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **November 27, 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 9:09 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Charlene Portee, P.T., President
Lola Rosenbaum, P.T., Vice-President
John L. Cowherd, Consumer Member
George Hamil, P.T.
Donald Walsh, P.T.
Patricia Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Janet Wray, Board Attorney (via videoconference)
Lisa Durden, Executive Director
Dianne Walker, Applications Specialist
David Higdon, Board Secretary

Absent:

Andy Ellis, P.T.

AGENDA

1. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; George Hamil seconded, and the Agenda was **approved** for the meeting.
2. J.B.M.M. appeared before the Board to request a variance. Don Walsh made a motion to deny his application and uphold the previous decision to deny his petition for waiver of Rule 490-2-.03(f); Patti Willis seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of the motion.
3. Bo Hamil motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to close the case against W.P.T. as the wording on their website has been changed to the satisfaction of the Board.
4. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board approved the September 18, 2007 and the October 31, 2007 minutes as amended.
5. R.D.P. requested clarification on whether or not certain procedures fall under the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Don Walsh motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to refer the individual to the Board Rules and Physical Therapy Practice Act.
6. M.A. requested clarification on whether or not certain procedures fall under the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Don Walsh motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to refer the individual to the Board Rules and Physical Therapy Practice Act.
7. Motion made by Don Walsh; seconded by Bo Hamil, and Board voted to ratify the PT and PTA licenses issued between September 3, 2007-November 26, 2007.

License Number	Name	License Type	Status	Issue Date	Expiration
PT009200	Davis, Courtney Luverta	Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009201	Wolfe, Darla Lynn Ignatius, Jessica	Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009202	Aleksandra	Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2007
PT009203	Haskell, Kelly Diane	Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009204	Little, Jennifer Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	9/6/2007	12/31/2007
PT009205	Ehler, Lorie A	Physical Therapist	Active	9/10/2007	12/31/2007
PT009206	Bennett, Cindi L	Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2007
PT009207	Sloss, Billie Wynne	Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2009
PT009208	Palazzo, Jennifer Renee	Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2007
PT009209	Hilchie, R Darren Lue Shue, Patrocenia	Physical Therapist	Active	9/17/2007	12/31/2009
PT009210	Maria	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009211	Chester, Laura Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009212	Daniell, Jessica Louise	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009213	Nelson, Eric Samuel	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009214	Dureska, Melissa Diane	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009215	Sharma, Yachika	Physical Therapist	Active	9/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009217	Segneri, Rachel Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	9/21/2007	12/31/2009
PT009218	Johnson, Candace A	Physical Therapist	Active	10/2/2007	12/31/2009
PT009219	Culverhouse, Erin Michele Manahan, Edgardo	Physical Therapist	Active	10/3/2007	12/31/2009
PT009220	Angeles	Physical Therapist	Active	10/3/2007	12/31/2009
PT009221	Rivera, Maricel Tanedo	Physical Therapist	Active	10/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009222	Saxena, Gaurav	Physical Therapist	Active	10/9/2007	12/31/2009
PT009223	Ardanowski, Carol Ann	Physical Therapist	Active	10/10/2007	12/31/2009
PT009224	Dunning, Michael Robert	Physical Therapist	Active	10/11/2007	12/31/2009
PT009225	Harper, Anna Kathleen	Physical Therapist	Active	10/12/2007	12/31/2009
PT009226	Findlay, Shaherah T	Physical Therapist	Active	10/12/2007	12/31/2009
PT009227	Hall, Amadi Modupe	Physical Therapist	Active	10/12/2007	12/31/2009
PT009228	Mobley, Jennifer Alean	Physical Therapist	Active	10/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009229	Fontenot, Ericka Lane	Physical Therapist	Active	10/19/2007	12/31/2009
PT009230	Lavin, Janine Michele Rzeszutko, Kimberly	Physical Therapist	Active	10/24/2007	12/31/2009
PT009231	Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	11/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009232	Krey, Sally June	Physical Therapist	Active	11/5/2007	12/31/2009
PT009233	Palmer, Carla Marie Diocares, Odessa	Physical Therapist	Active	11/6/2007	12/31/2009
PT009234	Maramba	Physical Therapist	Active	11/9/2007	12/31/2009
PT009235	Kronick, Judith Ann	Physical Therapist Physical Therapist	Active	11/15/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002409	Dixon, Mary Emma	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002410	Mauldin, Jessica Leigh	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/5/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002411	Gerhardt, Valerie L	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/7/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002412	Campbell, Wendy Dawn	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2007
PTA002413	Garcia, Kristina Lynn	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2007
PTA002414	McKie, Diane Gould	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	9/13/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002415	Wernowsky, Debra Ann	Assistant	Active	9/21/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002416	Kincaid, John F	Physical Therapist	Active	10/3/2007	12/31/2009

PTA002417	Hill-Koch, Laura Marie	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	10/12/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002418	Brown, Rebecca Lauren Mitchell, Michael	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	10/16/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002419	Cornelius	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	10/22/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002421	Parish, Kesha Nicole Boatwright, William	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	11/13/2007	12/31/2009
PTA002422	Dennie	Assistant	Active	11/15/2007	12/31/2009

8. Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to administratively process all inactive license requests without requiring them to wait until a Board Meeting.

9. The Board received the signed Consent Order by C.C.C. for reinstatement of license. Don Walsh motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board accepted the Consent Order.

10. The annual Public Forum began at 1:00 p.m. at which the individual Board members discussed various duties, policies, and rule changes. Among the attendees were a number of students from Athens Tech.

11. The Board elected officers for the 2008 year:

- Patti Willis motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted Lola Rosenbaum to serve as Chair.
- Pattie Willis motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted John Cowherd to serve as Vice Chair.
- Lola Rosenbaum motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted Don Walsh to continue serving as the Cognizant Member.

12. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2007.

REPORTS:

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

- Janet Wray, Attorney General's Office

1. Updates on cases pending in the Attorney General's office.

- Lynn Eason, Enforcement

1. **PT070002** – Don Walsh made a motion; John Cowherd seconded the motion. The Board voted to close the case with no further action.

2. **PT070018** – Enforcement will forward medical records to Board office.

- Cognizant Report

1. **PT070012** – Lola Rosenbaum motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted to close the case.

2. **PT070014** – Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to close the case.

3. **PT070015** – John Cowherd motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to close the case.

4. **PT070027** – Information requested from respondent has not been received. Hold placed on license until it is received.
5. **PT080010** – Investigative interview has been scheduled.

• Lisa Durden, Executive Director

1. The Board viewed the suggestion to make applicants submit a copy of a Social Security Card and a sealed HIPDB report prior to licensure as informative. Board will consider adding these to the rules.
2. The Board discussed considering limiting endorsement to states that have similar licensing requirements. Further research is required.
3. The update provided on the number of renewals and completed audits was informational.
4. The discussion on that National Healthcare Databank Training provided insight for the Board.
5. Patti Willis motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the changes to Rule 490-4-.01 regarding renewal requirements.
6. Newsletter will soon be made available on the web; press releases from the Secretary of State's office will be forthcoming after each Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Mrs. Rosenbaum moved; Mrs. Willis 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. A.F. – Applicant answered “yes” to conviction question. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the application for PTA endorsement.
2. J.D. – Bo Hamil motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the PTA license under a Consent Order to include a written explanation of charges submitted to the Board, probation for five years, a mental and physical evaluation, random drug screenings, and 100% supervision for one year.
3. M.K.P. – Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the submitted remediation plan. The Board stated that a new remediation plan needs to be submitted to include an exam preparation course. Upon completion of this course and approval of the new plan, then the applicant may retake the exam. If the applicant passes the exam, a 1000 hour traineeship will be required.
4. L.F.G. – Patti Willis motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the submitted Remediation Plan of Further Study, and it voted to **deny** her application. If the applicant receives a license from another state and tries to reciprocate into Georgia, applicant will still need to complete a traineeship prior to a license being issued in Georgia.
5. J.C.M. – Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the Remediation Plan of Further Study. Applicant will have to submit a new plan including an exam preparation course and complete a traineeship prior to licensure.
6. M.S.F. – Bo Hamil motioned; Lola Rosenbaum seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the Remediation Plan of Further Study, and the applicant may retake the exam. A 1000 hour traineeship will be required upon passing the exam prior to licensure.
7. L.S.B. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.

8. M.C.M. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
9. L.M.P. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
10. T.J.S. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
11. T.M.W. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
12. E.E.A. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
13. L.D.H. – Bo Hamil motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the request for Inactive Status.
14. K.R.H. – Don Walsh motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the petition for variance as the requirements for licensure have not been met. Once the qualifications for licensure are met, the petition may be considered.
15. C.J.S. – Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the PT Reinstatement applicant’s waiver request based on not properly submitting the waiver request.
16. N.B.S. – Bo Hamil motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the PT applicant’s submitted waiver based on failure to demonstrate a unique hardship that warrants waiving the rule. The applicant may resubmit the waiver request along with an eligibility to license letter showing that the individual was eligible to obtain licensure in the country where he graduated.
17. S.J.T. – PT Reinstatement applicant requested a variance to the Continuing Competency Rule. Lola Rosenbaum motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted **not to approve** the variance request based on citing the wrong rule. Also, applicant has failed to meet qualifications for licensure at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Charlene Portee, Chairperson

Lisa Durden, Executive Director

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