

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 18, 2008

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **March 18, 2008** at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting business. Board Chair, Lola Rosenbaum, determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Lola Rosenbaum, P.T., President
John Cowherd, Vice-President
Charlene Portee, P.T.
George Hamil, P.T.
Donald Walsh, P.T.
Patricia Willis, P.T.
Andy Ellis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Janet Wray, Board Attorney
Daniel Strowe, Board Attorney
Anita Martin, Executive Director
Dianne Walker, Applications Specialist
David Higdon, Board Secretary

Visitors in Attendance:

Justin Posey
Camille McIntosh-Gray
Fran Cullen
Andrea Hayden
Santoshkumar D. Gandhi

AGENDA

1. Bo Hamil motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Agenda was **approved** for this meeting.
2. Don Walsh motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to refer correspondence from Brent Ferguson regarding injections of medications to the Medical Board as the definition of Physical Therapist in the law does not allow for injections.
3. Correspondence from the FCCPT on their Implementation Schedule for the new credit requirements of 60 and 90 hours for passing was viewed as informational.
4. Don Walsh motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted to review the wording in Board Rules 490-2-.03 and 490-2-.09 in relation to correspondence from Patrick D. Graham.
5. Don Walsh motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Board voted to adjust the phrasing of Board Rule 490-10-.01 in regards to correspondence from Sandy Eskew Capps.
6. Charlene Portee motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to appoint Bo Hamil, John Cowherd, and Patti Willis to a subcommittee to oversee the goals and guidelines for the Board in

2008. The Executive Director expressed concern that some of the issues under review were administrative in nature and therefore were the authority of the agency and not the Board's.

7. John Cowherd motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to **approve** the January 15, 2008 Minutes, the January 18, 2008 Conference Call Minutes, and the March 10, 2008 Conference Call Minutes.

8. The Board voiced their concern over the phrasing in HB1055 regarding expansion of the scope of practice for Athletic Trainers.

9. Motion made by John Cowherd; seconded by Andy Ellis, and the Board voted to ratify the PT and PTA licenses issued between January 15, 2008 and March 17, 2008.

License Number	Name	License Type	Status	Issue Date	Expiration date
PT009246	Arceneaux, Kendell Martin	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009247	Gessner, Kimberly Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009248	Mueller, Nancy Carol	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009249	Rowe, Jennifer Jean	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009250	Purvis, Michelle Dawn	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009251	Bateman, Daneta Downie	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009252	Mueller, Richard Arnold	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009253	Sison, Jannell Grace	Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PT009254	Sutkus, Jill Denise	Physical Therapist	Active	1/28/2008	12/31/2009
PT009255	Hess, Stephanie Christine	Physical Therapist	Active	1/28/2008	12/31/2009
PT009256	Tetreault, Michelle Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	1/28/2008	12/31/2009
PT009257	Grantham, Sarah Anne	Physical Therapist	Active	1/28/2008	12/31/2009
PT009258	Bushman, Michael Shane	Physical Therapist	Active	1/29/2008	12/31/2009
PT009259	Simpson, Linda W	Physical Therapist	Active	1/30/2008	12/31/2009
PT009260	Wanko, Tracy Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	2/1/2008	12/31/2009
PT009261	Wilson, Christopher Ryan	Physical Therapist	Active	2/1/2008	12/31/2009
PT009262	Garcia, Diana Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	2/1/2008	12/31/2009
PT009263	Richardson, Larcie Lyle	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009264	Turner, Pamela	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009265	Cappas, Michelene Strand	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009266	Wetherington, Britney Leigh	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009267	Stephens, Gregory Clark	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009268	Cheeley, Ryan Blake Ronnander, Breanna	Physical Therapist	Active	2/8/2008	12/31/2009
PT009269	Gayle	Physical Therapist	Active	2/11/2008	12/31/2009
PT009270	Brown, Jessica Rae	Physical Therapist	Active	2/11/2008	12/31/2009
PT009271	Shea, Michael Patrick	Physical Therapist	Active	2/22/2008	12/31/2009
PT009272	Everett, Mary Hough	Physical Therapist	Active	2/22/2008	12/31/2009
PT009273	Cabrera, Ronaldo Hufana	Physical Therapist	Active	2/22/2008	12/31/2009
PT009274	Byrnes, Erin Marie	Physical Therapist	Active	2/22/2008	12/31/2009
PT009275	Oliver, Christine Gardner	Physical Therapist	Active	2/25/2008	12/31/2009
PT009276	Morgan, Pamela Lynn	Physical Therapist	Active	2/25/2008	12/31/2009
PT009277	Harris, Corey Dewayne	Physical Therapist	Active	3/10/2008	12/31/2009
PT009278	Koontz, Natalie Michelle	Physical Therapist	Active	3/11/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002435	Waller, Jacob Augustus	Assistant	Active	1/15/2008	12/31/2009

PTA002436	Alvare, Stacy Nicole Bryan	Physical Therapist Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	1/17/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002437	Lilly, Joanna Christine	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	1/28/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002438	Ratliff, Lacie Catherine	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	1/29/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002439	Wilkins, Melissa Marie	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	1/29/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002440	Walker, Jessica Ann	Assistant Physical Therapist	Active	1/29/2008	12/31/2009
PTA002441	Kimmel, Kerry Lloyd	Assistant	Active	1/29/2008	12/31/2009

10. Rule 490-2-.09 and Rule 490-4-.01 – Charlene Portee motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to post revisions as follows:

490-2-.09 Licensure: Endorsement.

- (1) The Board may, in its discretion register a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant without an examination as set forth in Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 43-33-15 upon payment of applicable fees. (Refer to fee schedule)
- (2) Any applicant applying for licensure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-33-15 and who is a graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and approved by the Board must provide:
- (a) A list of all states where the applicant holds an active license; and
 - (b) verification of licensure in good standing from the state board of all states in which the applicant has actively practiced in the two years immediately preceding the date of this application; and
 - (c) official transcript from the institution granting the entry level degree in physical therapy or physical therapist assistant indicating the date of graduation; ~~and~~
 - (d) scores from the national licensing examination; and
 - (e) passing scores from examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy.
- (3) Any applicant applying for licensure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-33-15 who is a graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or approved by the Board, must provide:
- (a) A list of all states where the applicant holds an active license; and
 - (b) verification of licensure in good standing from the state board of all states in which the applicant has actively practiced in the two years immediately preceding the date of this application; and
 - (c) official evaluation and transcript from a credential evaluation organization approved by the State of Georgia; and
 - (d) scores from the national licensing examination.
- (4) Proper proof of licensure in good standing from the state(s) where the applicant practiced in the two years immediately preceding this application, proof of graduation from an accredited physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program or credential evaluations deemed substantially equivalent to the professional degree, and satisfactory completion of the licensing examination shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence of compliance with Code Section 43-33-15. The Board, however, may request further verification of any credential submitted if deemed necessary to evaluate the application.

490-4-.01 Renewal and Reinstatement 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 is 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~~6 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~~6 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board and shall be required to take and pass the next licensing examination – the following examinations: the licensing examination, and the examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy. ~~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.

REPORTS:

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

- Janet Wray, Attorney General's Office

1. **PT030017** – Proposed Consent Order sent on March 12, 2008.
2. **PT070031** – Board voted to remove probation and require a fine, completion of Continuing Competency, and the completion of the PTAG hands-on law course.
3. **PT060028** – Case currently under review.
4. **PT060022** – Case currently under review.
5. **PT070001** – Case currently under review.
6. **PT070024** – Board voted to close the case and mail a letter of concern.
7. **J.D** – Accept Consent Order for licensure upon receipt.
8. **PT070003** – Board voted to close the case as the incident appeared resolved.
9. **K.F.** – Case currently under review.
10. **PT070011** – Update on status of Consent Order.

11. **A.S.Y.** – Case currently under review.

- Lynn Eason, Enforcement

1. **PT070034** – Board voted to deliver a notice of hearing in regards to the Cease and Desist for the medical assistant, subpoena records for Physical Therapy services, and refer the file back to the Medical Board for unlicensed practice.
2. **PT080007** – Board voted to close the case as they have complied with the Board's requests.

- Cognizant Report

1. Brief overview of open cases.

- Anita Martin, Executive Director

1. Will continue to work out any problems with the electronic Board Agenda.
2. **PT080005** – Voted to refer to the Attorney General's office for summary suspension. The Board requested that OIG send complete investigative file to the Board Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

John Cowherd moved; Charlene Portee 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. **PT070024** – Don Walsh motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted to close the case if the advertising has been removed.
2. **PT080004** – Charlene Portee motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to close the case with a Continuing Competency Audit for the 2006-2007 biennium, the 2008-2009 biennium, and a letter of concern.
3. **PT080010** – John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to close the case as the license is lapsed.
4. **PT080020** – Don Walsh motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Board voted to approve toe previously agreed upon action.
5. **L.S.G.** – Charlene Portee motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to uphold their previous decision and require the seven hours of Continuing Competency. The Board will not meet with the Continuing Competency company that administered the courses, but will refer them to the Board Rules and Laws.
6. **L.H.M.** – Andy Ellis motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted to allow licensure by Endorsement with the requirement of completion of a six month traineeship, monthly observation reports from the supervisor, and a didactic jurisprudence exam that includes the Georgia Rules and Laws.
7. **D.R.K.** – John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to deny eligibility to take the NPTE exam until all requirements of licensure have been met.
8. **K.R.H.** – Charlene Portee motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted to approve licensure by Endorsement.
9. **J.M.P.** – Andy Ellis motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to approve the requested supervisor.

10. **J.M.H.** – John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to approve renewal if the GCIC came back with no other incidents.
11. **R.M.** – Andy Ellis motioned; John Cowherd seconded, and the Board voted to deny reinstatement of license.
12. **L.A.L.** – Charlene Portee motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to approve eligibility for the exam if the GCIC came back with no other incidents.
13. **G.S.P.** – Don Walsh motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to deny licensure by Endorsement based on exam scores. Applicant may apply for licensure by way of Examination.
14. **A.N.D.** – Patti Willis motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to approve licensure by Endorsement to include a six month traineeship and successful completion of the ethics and jurisprudence exam.
15. **T.C.** – Don Walsh motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Board voted to approve applicant to sit for the exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the Board will require further medical follow up.
16. **J.K.P.** – Bo Hamil motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Board voted to approve applicant to sit for the jurisprudence exam and to contact the FSBPT that there is no limit on the number of times the jurisprudence exam may be taken in Georgia.
17. **L.A.M.** – John Cowherd motioned; Patti Willis seconded, and the Board voted to approve a six month traineeship with monthly reporting from supervisor and a requirement to complete the didactic jurisprudence examination.
18. **S.D.G.** – Patti Willis motioned; Charlene Portee seconded, and the Board voted to uphold its previous decision to deny licensure based on not having the equivalent requirements for licensure and for traineeship failure.
19. **C.M.G.** – Don Walsh motioned; Andy Ellis seconded, and the Board voted to approve licensure by Endorsement.
20. **A.L.H.** – John Cowherd motioned; Bo Hamil seconded, and the Board voted to approve licensure upon passing of the examination.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Bo Hamil motioned; Don Walsh seconded, and the Board voted to update Board policy #6(a) to allow for the administrative processing of reinstatement applications that contained no indiscretions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Lola Rosenbaum, Chairperson

Anita Martin, Executive Director

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