

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Tuesday November 18, 2008**  
**PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS**  
**237 COLISEUM DRIVE, MACON, GA**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **November 18, 2008** for the purpose of conducting business. Board President. Lola Rosenbaum, determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Lola Rosenbaum, P.T., President  
John Cowherd, Vice-President  
Charlene Portee, P.T.  
Donald Walsh, P.T.  
George Hamil, P.T.  
Emily Garner, P.T.  
Patti Willis, P.T.

**Staff Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Carol White, Board Secretary  
Graham Barron, Attorney

**AGENDA:**

**Ms. Rosenbaum established** that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Minutes from the September 23, 2008 board meeting:** Mr. Hamil motioned/Ms. Garner seconded as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued** between September 23, 2008 & November 2, 2008. Ms. Portee motioned/Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the newly issued licenses.

Discussion of Licensure requirements for US graduates from non-CAPTE accredited programs request from Charlene Portee. The Board discussed the CAPTE Accreditation process for new PTA programs – reference OCGA 43-33-13 and 43-33-17. Non-CAPTE graduates are allowed to sit for the National Board exam prior to graduation. Mr. Hamil motioned/Ms. Willis seconded and motion carried to post amendment to 490-2-.04(1)(a)(2) with an addition at the end “or a program pending CAPTE-accreditation:or”. Ms. Portee abstained from the vote.

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**Variance request of Board Rule 490-2-.03 and Board Policy #14 from Nimisha D. Shah:** Mr. Hamil motioned/Ms. Willis seconded and motion carried to deny the variance request because the Board finds the science requirements integral in the practice. If the evaluation states that the science course is needed, the applicant must complete the course before the Board will consider her further for licensure.

**Variance request of Board Rule 490-2-.03 from Nirali Nilay Shah:** Ms. Willis motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and motion carried to deny the variance request because the requirements for General Education have not been met, have been licensed less than 2 years and the Board finds that the laws and rules are in place to assure competency in practice.

**Information concerning BiPolar Disorder:** Viewed as informational.

**Minutes from the October 30, 2008 conference call meeting:** Mr. Hamil motioned to approve/Ms. Willis seconded and motion carried.

**Election of Officers for 2009** – Ms. Willis motioned/Mr. Hamil seconded and motion carried for the following slate of officers: Ms. Lola Rosenbaum was re-elected as President, Mr. John Cowherd as Vice-President and Mr. Don Walsh as Cognizant.

**Executive Director's Open Session:** Anita Martin

Ms. Martin presented the Board with a draft of the 2009 Board meeting dates. The Board discussed the Board meeting dates for 2009 and made some changes to the draft.

Ms. Martin discussed the re-organization of the Professional Licensing Board.

**Attorney General's Open Session:** Daniel Strowe- Graham Barron attended the meeting in Mr. Strowe's absence.

**Miscellaneous:**

The Board will review Policies at the January 2009 Board meeting.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Hamil gave a report to the Board in regards to their meeting with the Integra Corporation.

Ms. Portee is going to contact the FSBPT about ability to sit for the Law exam for all licensees.

Notify FSBPT and FCCPT that the professional education credit required is 90 hours.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

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Mr. Cowherd made a motion, Ms. 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 to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Ms. Garner, Ms. Willis, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Hamil. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Applications/Licensure-**

- **L.A.M.** – Physical Therapy Assistant applicant  
**recommendation:** Denied – Send copy of rule on examination retakes and refer to FAQ #19 on the web-site.
- **M.S.H.** – Physical Therapy Applicant  
**recommendation:** Approved
- **R.J.L.** – Physical Therapy Assistant Endorsement applicant  
**recommendation:** Tabled
- **A.C.** – Physical Therapy Assistant Applicant  
**recommendation:** License under Private Consent Order – 5 years probation, quarterly reports from her monitoring psychiatrist, require that she have psychiatrist perform random drug screen not less than quarterly for the period of probation, require copy of her order to employer, require employer to submit to the Board all employee performance evaluations conducted for period of probation.
- **S.T.** – Physical Therapy Endorsement Applicant  
**recommendation:** If verified that she has had 2 years of active practice – approved to license. If not – traineeship is required. Notify applicant that the reason the 480 hour traineeship was required is because she didn't specify on application that she had the required 2 years of practice in order to qualify for endorsement.
- **R.L.M.** – Physical Therapist Endorsement applicant  
**recommendation:** Approved
- **L.S.M.** – Physical Therapy Endorsement applicant  
**recommendation:** Approved
- **Tabled Integra Applicants** –  
**recommendation:** Approve

**Cognizant Report:** - Don Walsh

**PT090010 – recommendation:** Public Consent Order with 90 days suspension from the docket date of order – at end of period of suspension must petition board to lift suspension and request approval of 480 hours traineeship. After successful completion of traineeship – practice allowed under Order – 5 years probation, enroll in and stay in an aftercare program – submit quarterly reports from the treatment team, require random

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drug screens not less than quarterly for the period of probation, require copy of order to employer, require employer to submit to the Board all employee performance evaluations conducted for period of probation. In findings of facts – cite that he failed to report the felony conviction to the Board as required by law.

**PT070003 – recommendation:** Close

**Attorney General’s report – Daniel Strowe – Graham Barron attended in Mr. Strowe’s absence – recommendation** – Cases #1 on and #2 on the attorney’s status report – File Notices of Hearing.

Mr. Hamil motioned, Ms. Willis seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. Hamil motioned; Ms. Portee seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Physical Therapy Public Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**Board Members present:**

Lola Rosenbaum, President  
John Cowherd, Vice-President  
Emily Garner  
Bo Hamil  
Charlene Portee  
Don Walsh  
Patti Willis

**Others present:**

Jan Porch, PTAG  
David Taylor  
Nicki Hiland  
Miranda Carter  
Velda King  
Eric Pierce  
Ellen O’Keefe  
Diana Carman  
Brenda Pontes  
Daphne Joslyn  
Chris Golden  
Sabrina Brand  
Whitney Wood  
Darlene Reynolds

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Jermahl Griffin  
Ashley Moore  
Shell Marshall  
Jessica Arnold  
Kent Hicks  
Daniel Mauelshagen  
Rose Harris  
Rachel Adams  
Sarah Small  
Angela White

**Topics of discussion**

Introduction – Lola Rosenbaum, President  
Board purpose & role of consumer member – John Cowherd, Vice-President  
Policy Revision – Emily Garner  
Rule Revision & Continuing Competency – Bo Hamil  
FSBPT Activities – Charlene Portee  
Cognizant Activities – Don Walsh

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary  
Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director

These minutes will be signed and approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009