

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
May 4, 2010
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
9:35 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **May 4, 2010** for the purpose of conducting business.

Board Members Present:

Lola Rosenbaum, D.P.T., President
John Cowherd, Vice-President
Bo Hamil, P.T.
Charlene Portee, P.T., PhD
Donald Walsh, P.T.
Patti Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Carol White, Board Secretary
Daniel Strowe, Attorney via Telephone Conference

Others Present:

Greg Page
Vicki Hill-Hoffman
Marta Grahovac
Ashlei Kelly
Judy Barger
Carvin Patirado
Fritzie Sumalo

Public Hearing – 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Rosenbaum called the Public Hearing to order at 9:35 a.m. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

1. Board Rule 490-2-.03 – Licensure: Foreign-Educated Applicants –
There was a Public comment provided by Marta Grahovac and Greg Page. Mr. Hamil made a motion to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.03. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Board Rule 490-2-.02 – Mr. Hamil made a motion to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.02. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. Board Rule 490-4-.02 – Mr. Hamil made a motion to adopt Board Rule 490-4-.02. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Board Rule 490-2-.04 – Training Permits

There was a Public Comment provided by Greg Page and Vicki Hill-Hoffman. Board Rule 490-2-.04 was not adopted. Mr. Hamil made a motion to post amendments to Board Rule 490-2-.04. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

490-2-.04 Training Permits.

(1) A training permit may be issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10 and 43-33-17 of the Georgia Physical Therapy Act to a qualified applicant following Board-approval of a properly submitted application.

(a) Qualified applicants are:

1. ~~individuals who have not failed the licensing examination in this or any other jurisdiction; and able to initiate a traineeship program in the State of Georgia within three months of issuance of such permit; and~~

2. ~~unlicensed graduates of entry-level programs for physical therapists or physical therapy therapist assistants from a either a CAPTE or a non-CAPTE-accredited school who have taken and passed the national licensing examination and an examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia; or~~

3. ~~foreign-educated physical therapists who are deemed eligible by the Board to take the licensing examination; applicants for reinstatement, who have not practiced for two (2) and up to five (5) years; or~~

4. ~~applicants for reinstatement, who have been unlicensed in this jurisdiction and have not practiced for two (2) or more years; or applicants for reinstatement who have not practiced for more than five (5) years and who have successfully taken and passed the national licensing examination and an examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia; or~~

5. ~~applicants for reinstatement who have been unlicensed in this jurisdiction for five (5) or more years and who have been approved to take the licensing applicants for endorsement, who have not practiced for two (2) and up to five (5) years; or examination within 30 days of satisfactory completion of this traineeship; and~~

6. ~~able to initiate a traineeship program in the State of Georgia within three months of issuance of such permit. applicants for endorsement who have not practiced for more than five (5) years and who have successfully taken and passed the national licensing examination and an examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia.~~

(b) Initial Applications and Reinstatement Applications.

1. A notarized training permit application form must be submitted by the trainee's supervisor specifying:

(i) the name and license number of the trainee supervisor who will be responsible for the conduct of the traineeship as defined under section (f) of this rule; and

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- (ii) the name, address, phone, fax number and e-mail address of all sites where the trainee and supervisor may be working during the course of the traineeship; and
- (iii) the effective dates of the traineeship; and
- (iv) acceptance of responsibility for trainee supervision and completion of the performance evaluation; and
- (v) termination of the traineeship as defined herein; and
- (vi) type of facility.

(c) Renewal.

1. A training permit may be renewed one time, for no more than six (6) months, upon written request and with approval of the Board, and only for one good and exceptional reason as determined by the Board. Failure to pass the licensing examination is not considered a good and exceptional reason. For purposes of this rule, good and exceptional reasons include but are not limited to:

- (i) Death of an immediate family member; or
- (ii) Illness or incapacitation of the applicant or immediate family member (a physician's statement is required); or
- (iii) Jury duty (proof required).

(d) Validity of Permit.

1. The validity of any training permit is subject to the following conditions:

(i) ~~A training permit will not be issued, reissued or renewed for any applicant who has failed the licensing examination in this or any other jurisdiction until the licensing examination has been successfully passed. An approved training permit which is not used must be returned to the Board by the trainee with a brief explanation of why it was not used.~~

(ii) ~~An approved training permit which is not used must be returned to the Board by the trainee with a brief explanation of why it was not used. A 480 hour traineeship must be completed within three (3) months of initiation. A 1000 hour traineeship must be completed within six (6) months of initiation.~~

(iii) ~~A training permit may be valid for any time period approved by the Board not to exceed six (6) months, unless the training permit becomes invalid as provided in this rule.~~

~~(iv) A training permit shall become invalid and must be immediately returned to the Board office by the trainee if:~~

- ~~(I) On the date the applicant is notified by letter that he/she has failed the examination; or the trainee fails to complete the traineeship within the above prescribed time frames; or~~
- ~~(II) if the trainee does not exhibit performance satisfactory to the supervisor.~~

(e) Traineeship Permit Time Requirement

~~1. The training permit of an unlicensed graduate of entry-level program for physical therapist and physical therapist assistant, from a CAPTE accredited school, must successfully complete a minimum of 480 hours within a three (3) month period. At the end of the traineeship period and upon receipt of a final performance evaluation, the applicant will be approved to sit for the licensing examination. Supervision.~~

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1. The supervisor named on the training permit application holds full responsibility under their license for direct, continuous, on-site supervision of the trainee at all times. The supervisor must assure that the trainee does not perform any patient care activities in his/her absence.

2. If for some reason the primary supervisor cannot fulfill their duties as supervisor, a new application requesting an alternate supervisor must be approved by the Board. The trainee may not participate in direct patient care until an alternate supervisor is approved by the Board. The alternate supervisor will assure compliance with all terms and obligations outlined in this rule.

3. The supervisor or approved alternate supervisor must hold a Georgia license in good standing under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 33, and have practiced full time for not less than one continuous year.

4. The supervisor must regularly evaluate trainee performance in all areas as specified by the Board. At the end of the traineeship period, the supervisor must submit a performance evaluation on the board approved traineeship performance evaluation reporting form

5. The supervisor must notify the Board of unsatisfactory performance at which time the training permit becomes null and void.

6. The supervising therapist will supervise no more than two (2) trainees at one time.

(f) Supervision:

1. The supervisor named on the training permit application holds full responsibility for direct, continuous, on-site supervision of the trainee at all times. The supervisor must assure that the trainee does not perform any patient care activities in his/her absence.

2. If the supervisor cannot continue for any reason, the traineeship must be terminated and practice must cease. The training permit must be returned to the Board and a new application submitted.

3. The supervisor must be a licensed physical therapist in good standing under T. 43, Chapter 33, who has practiced full time for not less than one continuous year.

4. If any supervisor has not practiced in this state for one continuous year, information about licensure and employment in another state must be provided.

5. The supervisor must evaluate trainee performance on an ongoing basis in the following areas:

(i) evaluation skills;

(ii) treatment skills;

(iii) documentation;

(iv) written, oral and non-verbal communication skills;

(v) compliance with safety requirements, ethical and legal standards and professional behavior at all times;

(vi) compliance with the rules and laws in the State of Georgia governing the practice of physical therapy; and

(vii) ability to be a contributing member of the health care system.

6. The supervisor must notify the Board of any unsatisfactory performance.

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~~7. The supervising therapist(s) will supervise no more than two (2) trainees during any one time period.~~

~~8. The supervisor must submit a performance evaluation at the end of the traineeship period.~~

5. Board Rule 490-4-.01 – Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties. Mr. Hamil made a motion to post amendments to Board Rule 490-4-.01. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 that 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~~ 480 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed ~~in no more than 1 year and no less than 6~~ within 3 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board, and shall be required to take and pass the examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy; 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 6 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board and shall be required to take and pass the following examinations: the licensing examination, and the examination on

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the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy.

(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.

6. Board Rule 490-4-.04 – Inactive License – The Board did not vote to adopt. Mr. Hamil made a motion to vote to post amendments to Board Rule 490-4-.04 – Inactive License.

490-4-.04 – Inactive License

490-4-.04 Inactive License.

(a) Any licensee who is no longer practicing as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the State of Georgia may request an Inactive License status by filing an application for inactive status and paying the appropriate fee. Refer to fee schedule.

(1) An individual holding inactive status may not practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant within the State of Georgia.

(2) Any individual holding inactive status is not subject to the biennial renewal fees or continuing competence requirements.

(3) An individual whose license is under any sanction may not transfer to inactive status while sanctions are in effect.

(4) Any individual holding inactive status may return to active status by meeting all requirements for reinstatement as outlined herein.

(b) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has been granted an Inactive license may reinstate the license by submitting an application for reinstatement, pay appropriate fee (refer to fee schedule), and shall also be required to meet requirements as provided below:

(1) 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;

~~(2) 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 4-6 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board; or~~ 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

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competence (Refer to 490-4-.02), and shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 480 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed within three (3) months and no less than 6 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board, and shall be required to take and pass the examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy; or

(3) 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.

(c) Applicants subject to Rule 490-4-.04(b) may in the discretion of the Board be exempted from continuing competence and supervision 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.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Rosenbaum established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m., was called to order at 11:10: a.m.

Minutes from the March 9, 2010 board meeting: Mr. Cowherd motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Willis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued. Dr. Portee motioned/Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
PT009879	Gregg, Alicia Loraine	Physical Therapist
PT009880	Carr, Gwendolyn Louise	Physical Therapist
PT009881	Fuller, Anna Buntin	Physical Therapist
PT009882	Means, Heather Suzanne	Physical Therapist
PT009883	Colgin, Mary Doherty	Physical Therapist
PT009884	Skiles, Laura Wingo	Physical Therapist
PT009885	Clam, Dawn Maureen Tan	Physical Therapist
PT009886	Nuqui, Irene Gonzales	Physical Therapist
PT009887	Hynson, Joanne Bermejo	Physical Therapist

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PT009888	Rozier, Carla Michaela	Physical Therapist
PT009889	Kelley, Reid Thomas	Physical Therapist
PT009890	Sisler, Elizabeth Anne	Physical Therapist
PT009891	Bolin, Brandis Kystal	Physical Therapist
PT009892	Jean, Jamie JuAune	Physical Therapist
PT009893	Gardner-Morgan, Jenna Lynn	Physical Therapist
PT009894	Alhadeff, Seth Abraham	Physical Therapist
PT009895	Clifton, Clarence H	Physical Therapist
PT009896	Ellenberg, Christine Marie Delorey	Physical Therapist
PT009897	Wilkins, Brandy Newton	Physical Therapist
PT009898	Tester, Debra Dudley	Physical Therapist
PT009899	John, Tracy M	Physical Therapist
PT009900	Warner, Eric Cordell	Physical Therapist
PT009901	Barcarlos, Leira Joy Pereda	Physical Therapist
PT009902	Flores, Ma Francia Batangan	Physical Therapist
PT009903	Levin, Jessica Lynn	Physical Therapist
PT009904	Stuart, Daniel Talbot	Physical Therapist
PT009905	Haugh, Prentice Hurst	Physical Therapist
PT009906	Samartha, Rebekah Shanthi	Physical Therapist
PT009907	Johnson, Joshua Wayne	Physical Therapist
PT009908	Savage, Meghan Colby	Physical Therapist
PT009909	Kinder, Marjorie L	Physical Therapist
PTA002660	Davis, Stephen Joshua	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002661	Birdsong, Jessica Rose	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002662	Telander, Angela Michelle	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002663	Dickerman, Mark Steven	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002664	Ramos, Carmen Kristina	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002665	Harris, Rose Blair	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002666	Jones, Joy Miranda	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002667	Ziegler, Teresa Michele	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002668	Hicks, Arthur Kent	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002669	Linsangan, Dolores Serrano	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002670	Major, Robert Gene, Jr	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002671	Brockwell, Shannon Elyse	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002672	Hoskins, Scott M	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002673	Switzer, Shirley Sue	Physical Therapist Assistant

Reinstatements

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PT002934

Lewis, Vanessa

Physical Therapist

Consideration to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.03, 490-2-.02, and 490-4-.02.

Mr. Cowherd made a motion to adopt the Board rules 490-2-.03, 490-2-.02 and 490-4-.02. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamil made a motion not to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.04 and to repost with the amendments to Board rule 490-2-.04. Ms. Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Dr. Portee made a motion not to adopt Board Rule 490-4-.04 and to repost with the amendments to Board rule 490-4-.04. Ms. Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Emily Tse re: TTA Coursework Tool. The Board viewed as informational.

Rule Waiver request from Sara Juhl re: Board Rule 490-4-.01. Mr. Cowherd made a motion to deny the rule waiver request from Sara Juhl. Dr. Portee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver request from Anke Fronz re: Board Rule 490-4-.02. Dr. Portee made a motion to deny the rule waiver request from Anke Fronz. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Minutes from the March 30, 2010 Conference Call Board meeting. Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the Conference Call Board meeting. Dr. Portee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of utilizing the APTA guidelines for “Minimum required skills of Physical Therapists Graduates at Entry Level”. The Board viewed as informational.

Executive Director’s Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin shared with the Board the Computer upgrade for the Professional Licensing Board.
- Ms. Martin shared with the Board the staffing changes for the Health Care 2 section of the Professional Licensing Board due to a staff member retiring.

Miscellaneous.

- The Board discussed a new Board Policy and a new FAQ question to be added to the Physical Therapy’s website as follows:

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Residency Programs – New Policy and New FAQ
Pursuant to OCGA §43-33-11, the Board will consider for approval educational institutions for the purposes of developing advanced physical therapy skills. All educational institutions that are providing such advanced training must petition the Board prior to allowing practice of residents/fellows unlicensed in Georgia and enrolled in said program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cowherd made a motion, Mr. Hamil 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 Mr. Walsh, Ms. Willis, and Dr. Portee. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Applications/Licensure:

1. A.M.F. – Physical Therapist Assistant Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to Approve.
2. L.M. – Physical Therapist Reinstatement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to require a 1000 hour traineeship and take the NPTE review course.
3. J.C.A. – Physical Therapist Foreign Trained Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to request applicant complete one of the three options; require applicant work with a faculty member at a CAPTE program, audit a PT course at a CAPTE program or take the NPTE review course. Upon completion of one of these options, applicant can again petition the Board.
4. K.H.P. – Physical Therapist Foreign Trained Endorsement
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny the traineeship waiver and to approve the transcript waiver. Applicant must have a foreign training equivalence before the Board will consider further.
5. J.B. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted the applicant is required to take and pass the NPTE.
6. P.H.G. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
7. B.A.K. – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board requires that her coursework be evaluated by IERF or FCCPT using the Retro Evaluation Tools. The Board approved the waiver of applicant's official transcripts.

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8. P.D.P. – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny both requests, the language proficiency and the letter from country of education.
9. D.B.W. – Physical Therapist Assistant Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
10. Y.T. – Physical Therapist Assistant applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted for the applicant to take and pass the NPTE course.
11. D.L.W. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted the applicant is required to take and pass the NPTE course.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Daniel Strowe

- Mr. Strowe updated the Board on the cases in his office.

Mr. Cowherd motioned, Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. Cowherd motioned; Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director