

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
September 21, 2010
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
9:05 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **September 21, 2010** for the purpose of conducting business.

Board Members Present:

Lola Rosenbaum, D.P.T., President
John Cowherd, Vice-President
Emily Garner, P.T.
Bo Hamil, P.T. (left @ 1:00)
Charlene Portee, P.T., PhD
Donald Walsh, P.T.
Chad Whitefield, P.T.A.
Patti Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Carol White, Board Support Specialist
Daniel Strowe, Attorney General

Others Present:

Anthony Christensen
Dargan Ervin
Vicki Hill-Hoffman
Mark Lane
Greg Page
Patrick Page
Jan Porch
Calvin Randolph
Ron Seymour

Public Rule Hearing – 9:00 a.m.

The Public Rule Hearing was called to order at 9:22 a.m.
There were no comments received on Board Rule 490-2-.04 Training Permits.
The Public Rule Hearing was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Open Session

Dr. Rosenbaum established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:05 a.m., was called to order at 9:23 a.m.

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Minutes from the July 20, 2010 board meeting: Mr. Hamil motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Cowherd 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 |
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| PT009983 | Kozel, Carrie Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT009984 | Cook, Naomi Comfort | Physical Therapist |
| PT009985 | Banas, Allison McGee | Physical Therapist |
| PT009986 | Maghari, Michael Torres | Physical Therapist |
| PT009987 | Bishop, Silvana M | Physical Therapist |
| PT009988 | Nourbakhsh, Mina | Physical Therapist |
| PT009989 | Botvinick, Jessica Anne | Physical Therapist |
| PT009990 | McDowell, Sarah Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT009991 | West, Kelly M | Physical Therapist |
| PT009992 | Vertucci, Julie O'Neill | Physical Therapist |
| PT009993 | West, Andrea Christine | Physical Therapist |
| PT009994 | Maddox, Cheryl Lynn | Physical Therapist |
| PT009995 | O'Brien, Alexis | Physical Therapist |
| PT009996 | Merideth, Gabrielle Jarvette | Physical Therapist |
| PT009997 | Talley, Alex Seth | Physical Therapist |
| PT009998 | Burrell, Jeanine Launa | Physical Therapist |
| PT009999 | Carter, Cassidy Ann | Physical Therapist |
| PT010000 | Twiss, Colleen Ann | Physical Therapist |
| PT010001 | Najarro, Temethy Drey Yu | Physical Therapist |
| PT010002 | Pioquinto, Joseph Ronie Torralba | Physical Therapist |
| PT010003 | Shah, Jital P | Physical Therapist |
| PT010004 | Hogarth, Kyle David | Physical Therapist |
| PT010005 | Dutton, Julie Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010006 | Clark, Megan Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010007 | Hornibrook, Melanie Lynn | Physical Therapist |
| PT010008 | Bromfield, Sabrina Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010009 | McCook, Ana Amadeu | Physical Therapist |
| PT010010 | Schaf, Emily Kathleen | Physical Therapist |
| PT010011 | Westcott, Vanessa Jean | Physical Therapist |
| PT010012 | Raines, Joshua Albert | Physical Therapist |
| PT010013 | Defeo, Brandon Michael | Physical Therapist |
| PT010014 | Harrison, Alfred Jeremy | Physical Therapist |

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| PT010015 | Akins, Miranda Leigh Stephens | Physical Therapist |
| PT010016 | Reggel, Kirstin Elaine | Physical Therapist |
| PT010017 | Beebe, Jeffrey Vance | Physical Therapist |
| PT010018 | Bronner, Nicole Suzanne | Physical Therapist |
| PT010019 | Lasky, Spencer Myles | Physical Therapist |
| PT010020 | Shah, Neema Jainendra | Physical Therapist |
| PT010021 | Hoy, Stephanie Layne | Physical Therapist |
| PT010022 | Mayer, Thalaline Alexandria | Physical Therapist |
| PT010023 | Bradley, Caroline Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010024 | Chastain, Heather Cooper | Physical Therapist |
| PT010025 | Golden, Erin Christine | Physical Therapist |
| PT010026 | Martin, Alisen Laraine | Physical Therapist |
| PT010027 | Leffers, Susanna Jane | Physical Therapist |
| PT010028 | Gavin, Katieanne | Physical Therapist |
| PT010029 | Whitlock, Jennifer Tynette | Physical Therapist |
| PT010030 | Anderson, Mario Donnell | Physical Therapist |
| PT010031 | Lawless, Caroline Ashley | Physical Therapist |
| PT010032 | Whittle, Kristin | Physical Therapist |
| PT010033 | Richards, Robert Alan | Physical Therapist |
| PT010034 | Brown, Lauren Catherine | Physical Therapist |
| PT010035 | Hett, Rachel Amee Clark | Physical Therapist |
| PT010036 | Kucharski, Gregory Konrad | Physical Therapist |
| PT010037 | Feldhaus, LauraAnne Jordan | Physical Therapist |
| PT010038 | Hector, Megan Kathleen | Physical Therapist |
| PT010039 | Scott, Jennifer Kathryn | Physical Therapist |
| PT010040 | Crozier, Travis Marc | Physical Therapist |
| PT010041 | Evans, Amanda Leigh Quarte | Physical Therapist |
| PT010042 | Mihevc, Katherine Mary | Physical Therapist |
| PT010043 | Lidstone, Kristen Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010044 | Wooten, Aaron B | Physical Therapist |
| PT010045 | Wardrup, Tarra Ann | Physical Therapist |
| PT010046 | Toomey, Julia Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010047 | Heid, Patricia Janet | Physical Therapist |
| PT010048 | Parks, Leanne E | Physical Therapist |
| PT010049 | Mohr, Susan Kay | Physical Therapist |
| PT010050 | Rimel, Anna Jane | Physical Therapist |
| PT010051 | Haslam, Molly Claire | Physical Therapist |
| PT010052 | McCollum, Nickole Leanne | Physical Therapist |

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| PT010053 | Smith, Jill Marie | Physical Therapist |
| PT010054 | McCollough, Lauren Renee` | Physical Therapist |
| PT010055 | Edwards, David Michael | Physical Therapist |
| PT010056 | Dailey, Matthew Robert | Physical Therapist |
| PT010057 | Tyson, Seren Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010058 | Keeney, Kellie Renee | Physical Therapist |
| PT010059 | Prosser, Ashley Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PT010060 | Everett, Crystal Chantel | Physical Therapist |
| PT010061 | Gilstrap, Elizabeth Sarah | Physical Therapist |
| PT010062 | Wiedmeyer, Melissa Jean | Physical Therapist |
| PT010063 | Berquam, Joel Andrew | Physical Therapist |
| PT010064 | Muller, Daniel George | Physical Therapist |
| PT010065 | Sharp, Jessie Marie | Physical Therapist |
| PT010066 | Phan, Hai-Duong Thi | Physical Therapist |
| PT010067 | Kinder, Lindsey Brooke | Physical Therapist |
| PT010068 | Jones, Donnika Lynn | Physical Therapist |
| PT010069 | Clem, Clyde Lee, IV | Physical Therapist |
| PT010070 | O'Donnell, Anastasia Theresa | Physical Therapist |
| PT010071 | Calhoun, Ashley Gibson | Physical Therapist |
| PT010072 | Caruso, Nicole Lynn | Physical Therapist |
| PT010073 | Wells, Princess | Physical Therapist |
| PT010074 | McCann, Hope McPhae | Physical Therapist |
| PT010075 | Reed, John Allen, III | Physical Therapist |
| PT010076 | Lanham, Emily Marie | Physical Therapist |
| PT010077 | Ramcharan, Nastassia Suzaye | Physical Therapist |
| PT010078 | Papincak, Christynne Elizabeth | Physical Therapist |
| PTA002689 | Hall, Mary Elizabeth | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002690 | Gonzalez, Maris Nichole | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002691 | Keefe, Colleen Patricia | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002692 | Goldner, Beth Diane | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002693 | Carter, Miranda Leigh | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002694 | Kahan, Leiba Lee | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002695 | Hiland, Cecilia Nicole | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002696 | King, Bernard William | Physical Therapist Assistant |

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| PTA002697 | Mohr, Jeffrey Allen | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002698 | Johnson, Brittany Sherelle | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002699 | Dickerson, Derryl Scott | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002700 | Poindexter, Karen Marie | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002701 | Golden, Christopher Allen | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002702 | Mack, Jewell Elizabeth | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002703 | Joslyn, Daphne Christine | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002704 | Whitmire, Sheena Ashley | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002705 | Griffin, Jermahl Sergio | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002706 | Petersen, Stephanie Ann | Physical Therapist Assistant |
| PTA002707 | Cavalera, Arika Nicole | Physical Therapist Assistant |

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) presentation. Mr. Mark Lane, Mr. Dargan Ervin and Mr. Ron Seymour gave a presentation to the Board concerning the FSBPT's temporary suspension of NPTE services for foreign foreign graduates educated in Egypt, India, Pakistan and the Philippines . The Board viewed the presentation as informational.

Correspondence from Linda Doughtry, MedPro Healthcare Staffing re: FSBPT's suspension of NPTE testing for foreign applicants. The Board viewed as informational.

Consideration to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.04 – Training Permits

Mr. Hamil made a motion to adopt Board Rule 490-2-.04. Ms. Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of AG opinion from Maryland on Dry Needling and PT scope of practice- The Board viewed the matter as informational and supports the conclusion inthis matter. (See Attachment #1) Dr. Portee will research the Dry Needling Training Programs and provide a list of the programs to Dr. Rosenbaum before the next Board meeting.

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Discussion of Board Confidentiality – Dr. Rosenbaum reminded the Board members that they can state their own personal opinions when speaking with colleagues but they could not give the “board” opinion.

Rule Waiver request from Treva Ann Moore regarding Board Rule 490-4-.02 – Mr. Walsh made a motion to **deny** the rule waiver request. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver request from Shameem Nickel regarding Board Rule 490-4-.02- Mr. Cowherd made a motion to **deny** the rule waiver request. Dr. Portee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director’s Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin shared her discussions with Division Director, Randy Vaughn, concerning the administrative difficulty encountered in providing application processing updates to Integrity Corporation and/or its legal counsel. The explained that the Board staff does not offer this type of service to other companies and this service will no longer be effective after today. Applicants can call the call center and ask about updates and the status of their application. If there are continued inconsistencies from the call center; then the matter can be addressed with the Executive Director.

Miscellaneous

- Mr. Walsh asked if a PTA student can be supervised by a licensed PTA. Dr. Portee stated to the Board and Mr. Walsh the answer would be yes.
- Mr. Walsh also queried the Board, pursuant to OCGA§43-11-32, what does “approved by the Georgia” for educational programs mean? Mr. Walsh stated the Board may be receiving letters from the schools concerning this matter.
- Dr. Rosenbaum discussed laptop computer use during board meetings and asked that the Board staff have laptops available for every board member in future board meetings.
- The Board discussed the annual public Physical Therapy board meeting in November 2010 to be held in Macon, GA at the Professional Licensing Board.
- The Board discussed reviewing #5-A and # 10 on the Frequently Asked Questions on the Board’s website.

Appointments

10:00 a.m. – Gregory A. Page – Law office of Patrick J. Page

Mr. Gregory Page and Mr. Patrick Page met with the Board and presented several request to the Board. The requests to the Georgia Board of Physical Therapy are as follows:

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- The Board approved a 6 month renewal of training permits for 17 individuals.
- The Board denied a request to write a letter to FSBPT to compel them to release NPTE scores on M.S.B., H.A., K.V., L.A., J.A., L.O., V.S., R.B. (L.O., V.S. and R.A.B. are also being issued renewal training permits)
- The Board denied the request to write a letter to FSBPT requiring them to end their registration “ban.”
- The Board approved the request to revise the statement posted on the board’s website to read:

*Due to the Federation of State Board’s of Physical Therapy’s (FSBPT) temporary suspension of examination services for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) to individuals who have graduated from schools in Egypt, India, Pakistan and the Philippines, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy cautions individuals who are interested in **initial** (i.e. requiring the national board examination) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant licensure in Georgia*

Please be aware that until an examination acceptable to the Board can be developed and administered, your application cannot be considered. Application fees are non-refundable and incomplete applications expire after one year.

Questions concerning the NPTE can be directed to the FSBPT at <https://www.fsbpt.org>.

- The Board denied the request to allow Integra to re-submit applications received in May 2010 for 11 individuals who had current, valid, incomplete applications on file.
- The Board approved the issuance of traineeship letters on M.B., L.A., A.L., and J.S.
- The Board denied the request to sign a letter to provide to USCIS that would affirm traineeships currently being issued are not in conflict with current laws and rules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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Applications/Licensure:

1. C.J.R. – Physical Therapist Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
2. A.B.C. – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
3. A.M.B. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
4. L.F.G. – Physical Therapist Foreign-Trained Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny.
5. T.A.M. – Physical Therapist Reinstatement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny. The applicant must submit acceptable continuing competency documents before further consideration for reinstatement
6. A.M.P. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny.
7. C.L.M. – Physical Therapist Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
8. S.M.B. – Physical Therapist Assistant Foreign Trained Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny.
9. S.A.N. – Physical Therapist Reinstatement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny. The applicant must submit acceptable continuing competency documents before further consideration for reinstatement
10. C.A.F. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to run a GCIC to see if applicant has other issues. If the GCIC shows the divulged incident is the only issue and it is not a felony, the Board votes to approve. If the GCIC finds other issues, the Board votes to deny.
11. N.P.C. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve to sit for the exam even though applicant did not follow the board's recommendation. The Board will allow applicant to sit for a 4th and final time.
12. J.A.C. – Physical Therapist Foreign Trained Applicant –
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to deny.
13. A.J. – Physical Therapist Foreign Trained Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to require a 480 hours of traineeship.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Daniel Strowe

- Mr. Strowe updated the Board on the cases in his office.
- Mr. Strowe discussed with the Board a Reinstatement Consent Order on Sandra Ecclestone. The Board voted to accept upon receipt.

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Cognizant report –

PT090014 – Board voted to refer to Attorney General’s office for a Public Consent Order with a \$500.00 fine, require law and ethics course and retake and pass the law exam within 6 months of the docketed date of the order. Violation of Board Rule 490-9-.03. Dr. Portee recused herself from this matter.

Open Session

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

The next Physical Therapy Board meeting will be November 16, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Cowherd motioned; Mr. Walsh seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director