

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
May 21, 2013 * 9:00 a.m

Board Members Present:

Bo Hamil, PT- President
John Cowherd, Consumer Member
Stefanie Palma, PT
Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Charlene Portee, PT-Vice-President
Chad Whitefield, PTA
Monty Strickland, PT
Emily Garner, PT

Administrative Staff Present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Josh Waters, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

D. Williams-McNeely, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors

Amie McSwain-Talcott
Lauri Wallace
Katherine Sylvester
Karen Putman
Patti Carriker
Keith Socarras
Pam Evans
Mark R. Murphy

Mr. Hamil established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

9:00a.m. Rule Hearing

- 490-4-.02 Continuing Competence Requirements

No written comments

Dr. Palma made a motion to adopt Rule 490-4-.02 Continuing Competence Requirements. Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion

- 490-2-.03 Licensure: Foreign-Educated Applicants.

No written comments

Mrs. Garner made a motion to adopt Rule 490-2-.03 Licensure: Foreign-Educated Applicants. Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

- March 26, 2013 Board Meeting
- May 3, 2013 Rules Committee Teleconference

Dr. Palma made a motion to approve the above minutes with amendments. Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licenses to Ratify March 20, 2013-May 14, 2013

Mr. Cowherd made a motion to approve the ratified list of licenses to be ratified. Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from James Edgar Lewis

Mr. Hamil asked for clarification on if a student fails a portion of requirements are they still able to sit for the exam. Dr. Palma suggests that the Board rescind the ability to test early, because schools are getting confused. GA State originally requested it and now they are confused. Dr. Portee explained that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy went to fixed date testing which is not a good idea for graduating students. Dr. Portee also explained that a student must have satisfied all requirements before they can sit for the exam and will be denied licensure if they have not completed all requirements.

Correspondence: CEU Concern

Mr. Whitefield wants more info on dry needling requirements. Mr. Hamil explained that this complaint violates every aspect of the law and it should go to the Cognizant. Dr. Palma suggested sending to the Acupuncture Board. The Board assigned the complaint to Cognizant

The Question of the Training Permit for CAPTE GRADS in State.

The Board discussed Statute 43-33-17 and Rule 490-2-.04 Training Permits. The Board discussed re-drafting board rule 490-2-.04 to issue a training permit to CAPTE grads for a period of 90 days. The Board also discussed amending Policy 2 that allows students to exam before requirements have been met. Ms. Battle mentioned that Staff could incorporate it into one application. Dr. Palma made a motion to refer further discussion to the Rules Committee. Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ProCert/ The Federation:

Dr. Portee made a motion to enter ProCert into Policy #7. The Board will accept them and the Board still reserves right to accept or deny. Dr. Palma seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licensure Delays /Solutions

Ms. Battle explained to the Board that applications are current, but the affidavit process is slowing it down because it has to be manually done. Mr. Hamil suggested removing CEUs completed on application and allow them to complete the application and avoid the license pending status therefore they have until 12/31 to complete CEUs. Ms. Battle states that everyone’s initial reaction was that it would cause more work because staff would have to revisit for CEU requirement.

Board Chair Report –Bo Hamil

Mr. Hamil suggested that the Board create a form to use as a work flow sheet during meetings for the applications to make the review process easier.

Rules Committee Report- Charlene Portee

Discussed the May 3rd Rules Committee meeting. Modify policy #2 to recommend review course following 3 failures of the PT or PTA exams and for those who failed 4 times recommend completion of a traineeship and proof of active practice in the state where they are licensed.

Applicants who are CAPTE trained but whose license is expired in another state and have never been licensed in GA should be subject to the following:

- Less than 5 years must complete a 480 hour traineeship and 50 hours CC within 1 year
- More than 5 years: Must pass exam, complete a 1000 hour traineeship and 100 CC within 1 year

Executive Director’s Report –Tanja D. Battle

Ms. Battle thanked the Physical Therapy Board for all of their support and introduced the new Executive Director Mr. Josh Waters.

Attorney General’s Report- D. Williams-McNeely

Mrs. Williams-McNeely discussed Definition of Practitioner of Healing Arts. The term is used but there is no definition in federal law. The definition was found in Code Section 26-4-5 in GA Pharmacy Law and Code 43-9-1 of Chiropractor Law.

Miscellaneous

Visitor Keith Socarras addressed the Board and wanted to know why his application was still pending and how to get in contact with staff. Ms. Battle assisted Mr. Socarras.

John Cowherd made the motion, Stefanie Palma seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were Bo Hamil, John Cowherd, Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Charlene Portee, Chad Whitefield, Monty Strickland, and Emily Garner.

Mr. Hamil concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared open session at 12:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Cowherd made a motion to accept the following recommendations based on deliberations in Executive Session, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Applications:

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| 1. K.M.J. | PT Reinstatement | Approve pending appropriate CE |
| 2. K.C.L. | PT Reinstatement | Approve pending CE |
| 3. C.M.C. | PT Reinstatement | Approve pending CE |

4.	D.H.S.	PT Reinstatement	Approve
5.	N.K.P.	PT Reinstatement	Approve pending documentation of her Doctoral education
6.	L.C.M.	PT Reinstatement	Approve
7.	J.F.D.	PT Reinstatement	Approve pending CE
8.	R.M.R.	PT Reinstatement	Approve pending CE
9.	J.L.B.	PT Reinstatement	Approve pending CE
10.	C.M.Y.M.	PTA Reinstatement	Approve pending CE
11.	G.M.E.	2 nd Review Reinstatement	Approve
12.	R.M.J.	PTA Applicant	Approve
13.	J.T.D.	PT Applicant	Approve
14.	E.E.H.	NPTE-PTA 5 th Attempt	Approve

Cognizant's Report – Chad Whitefield

- PT120002 Close with No Action
- PT120005 Close with No Action
- PT130012 Suspend license for 2 years and refer to Medical Board and District Attorney

Attorney General's Report –D. Williams-McNeely

- D.M. Deny License

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

The next Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy meeting will be on Tuesday July 23, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Bo Hamil, President
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

Date

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

Date