

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Special Projects Committee Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
May 09, 2014 * 08:30A.M

Board Members Present

Bo Hamil, PT- President
Stefanie Palma, PT

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Hamil called the committee meeting to order at 8:37 am

OPEN SESSION

1. **PTA Supervision Discussion in BR 490-5-.01** The Committee recommends a language revision to eliminate what is currently (4)(d)(e) of the rule related to conducting an on-site visit no less than every sixth visit and add language to include supervision to cover the weekend. The Committee also recommends on-site visits with Physical Therapy Assistants to every two (2) months and no less than once every five (5) months. The Committee further recommends that the Board discuss adjusting the time that a licensed Physical Therapist shall be present in the same institutional setting from 50% or 25%.
2. **Osteopractor** The Committee discussed whether or not spinal manipulation falls under the scope of practice, and explains that anyone licensed as a Physical Therapist in the State of Georgia may identify themselves as a Physical Therapist; however additional specialty certification is not recognized by the Board at this time.
3. **Proposed Rule Amended to Include Dry Needling for PTAs** The Committee recommends adding the following sentence to the FAQs "It is not within the scope of practice for PTAs to perform dry needling in the State of Georgia at this time."
4. **Board Rules Review**
 - 490-2-.03 Licensure: Foreign-Educated Applicants** The Committee recommends aligning BR 490-2-.03 with FSBPT requirements for foreign educated applicants.
 - 490-2-.04 Training Permits** The Committee recommends referring to the Attorney General's Office for memo of advice on whether or not the suggested changes are discriminatory; Committee recommends making a language change from three (3) months to one (1) month, primary or alternate supervisor
 - 490-2-.06 Fees** The Committee discussed that the State of Tennessee appropriates application fees for licensure to support the Boards and the remaining funds are placed in a reserve whereas the State of Georgia charges a tax fee for applications for licensure and only twenty-six (26%) goes into the general fund for the Secretary of State. The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.
 - 490-2-.08 Practical and Oral Examinations** The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.
 - 490-2-.09 Licensure: Endorsement** The Committee recommends adding language to allow the Cognizant Board Member to accept other satisfactory proof of passing the national licensing examination from another lawful licensing authority should the passing score no longer be available.

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:34am

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Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

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Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

May 20, 2014

BO HAMIL
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR