

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
September 1, 2015 - 8:30AM

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 via telephone conference call. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT - President
Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Charles Bass, PT
Reid Lawson, PT
Emily Garner, PT
Monty Strickland, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Call to Order: Dr. Palma established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Rule Waiver Request – Desai, Mausami

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Ms. Garner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 (1)(g).

Rule Waiver Request – Schuyt, Dick

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 (1)(a)(b)(d)(e)(g).

Rule Waiver Request – Wickett, Erika

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.09 due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship and send notification that the applicant must apply for licensure by examination and meet the traineeship requirements.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Palma requested that the Board be prepared to discuss and review a proposed rule regarding the performance of physical therapy on animals during the September 22, 2015 Board Meeting. Dr. Palma reported that she was contacted by several individuals who wanted to either attend today's meeting or be placed on the agenda to discuss applicants or cases. As a result, she indicated that she had to inform them that the conference call was taking place only to address those matters which the Board is required by law to address within a designated timeframe and that no further board business would be discussed. Dr. Palma noted that the confusion may have stemmed from the way the meeting is posted on the website. She suggested that the meeting schedule on the website reflect whether or not the meeting is a Board Teleconference or a regular scheduled Board Meeting. Ms. Price indicated that board staff does not have access to that feature on the website but she will refer the suggestion to IT to determine if the delineation can be added and report her findings to the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Gaskin notified the Board that she will not be in attendance at the September 22, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Strickland indicated that although he is planning to attend at this time, he may not be able to attend the next meeting due to a private matter. He stated that he will notify the Board prior to the meeting if his ability to attend should change.

The Board did not vote to enter into Executive Session for discussion.

Adjournment- There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor and Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

September 22, 2015

STEFANIE PALMA
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR