

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
March 22, 2011
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **March 22, 2011** for the purpose of conducting business.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Dave Lake
Katherine Sylvester
Meryl Sheats
Wayne Sheats

Open Session

Dr. Rosenbaum established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes from the January 25, 2011 board meeting: Mr. Hamil motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Cowherd seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

License Number	Name	License Type
PT010184	Archana Jayan	Physical Therapist
PT010203	Lizette De Guzman Macatangay	Physical Therapist
PT010206	Jennifer Hull Cline	Physical Therapist
PT010200	David Collins Brooks	Physical Therapist
PT010193	Carol Lynn Corrigan	Physical Therapist

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PT010199	Lindsay Anne Brewer	Physical Therapist
PT010187	Kristina Marie Brandon	Physical Therapist
PT010190	Allison Marie Turner	Physical Therapist
PT010186	Amy Renee Meehan	Physical Therapist
PT010191	Paddyson C. Chidi	Physical Therapist
PT010185	Kelly Colleen Lipsey	Physical Therapist
PT010192	Lindsay Michelle Colley	Physical Therapist
PT010189	Marius Florin Bodiu	Physical Therapist
PT010202	Anna Katherine Corum	Physical Therapist
PT010196	Amber Lynn Welbes	Physical Therapist
PT010195	Krista Marie Juhlin	Physical Therapist
PT010197	Leanne Jenelle Irvine	Physical Therapist
PT010201	Casey Michelle Riley	Physical Therapist
PT010188	Matthew Gordon Martin	Physical Therapist
PT010194	Angela Botelho	Physical Therapist
PT010198	Stephen Russell Stokes	Physical Therapist
PT010204	Matthew T. Murray	Physical Therapist
PT010205	Christi Marie The	Physical Therapist
PT010207	Kate E. Fuess	Physical Therapist
PTA002776	Amanda Briane Soto	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002757	Chelsea Jean Helgason	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002765	Christina Amber Jones	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002760	Lindsey Kay Abercrombie	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002759	Amanda Paige Bragg	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002753	Ariel Leilani Bryant	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002762	Samuel Alexander Cauthen	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002771	Meghann Larissa Davis	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002752	Edward Lee Flanders	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002755	Jeremiah Jerell Fowler	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002754	Carol Sue Farmer	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002748	Betty Jean Martin Abraham	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002774	Chad Allen Mixon	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002763	Dana Evans Morris	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002764	Charles Ronnie Taylor	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002767	Jessica Danielle Williams	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002768	Kelly Bernita Williams	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002761	Meagan Jae Palmer	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002751	Jane Elizabeth Herr	Physical Therapist Assistant

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PTA002775	Kelli Dawn France	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002749	Amy Wrobelroski	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002773	Jamison B. Lanier	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002747	Tasha L. Smith	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002772	Jeffrey Scott Abston	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002769	Paul Edward DeShane	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002750	Courtney G. Pinson	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002756	Shelby Lynn Whitmore	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002766	Melinda Elena Young	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002777	Karen Williams Taylor	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002758	Brittany E. Thompson	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002770	Kelli C. Revak	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002778	Camisha L. McCain	Physical Therapist Assistant

Corrospondence from Emily Tse.

The Board requested that this information be forward to Susan Lindeblad, Managing Director, at Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy(FCCPT) and ask if College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is sufficient to meet these needs.

Rule Waiver Request from Jessica Arnold Lynch re: Board Rule 490-4-.02.

Ms. Garner made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Variance Request from Russell Stinchcomb re: Board Rule 490-2-.02.

Mr. Cowherd made a motion to deny the request. The Board states the practice of a PTA is different than for a PT and that the law exam is required. Ms. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Autumn Ulrich.

Mr. Walsh made a motion to deny the request from Ms. Ulrich. The Board states there is no such entity under Georgia Law as a Physical Therapist Technician. The Board states teaching this student is not beyond your current level of your competency; therefore the request is denied. Mr. Whitefield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Jennifer McMichael, PT and Starla Deaton, PT.

Mr. Walsh made a motion that the Board does not pre-approve continuing competency courses and to refer these practitioners to the Board's rules and policies on the website at www.sos.ga.gov/pt. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Rule Waiver request from Ashley Moore.

Ms. Garner made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hamil Seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver Request from Rose Harris.

Ms. Garner made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver Request from Arthur Hicks.

Ms. Garner made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver Request from Michael Winclick re: Board Rule 490-4-01(c).

Mr. Walsh made a motion to deny request. Ms. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Jennifer Andreae.

Mr. Walsh motioned that the Board will allow post professional physical therapist educational programs that award academic credit to count as ten (10) contact hours equaling one (1) credit hour. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and motion carried. Dr. Portee abstained from the vote.

Mr. Walsh motioned, Ms. Garner seconded and the Board voted to update Board Policy #7 as follows.

Policy #7 - Continuing Competence Policy

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy requires each licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant to participate in a minimum number of thirty (30) clock hours of experience to promote continuing competence (CC) per licensure period. **The Board has defined the requirements for competence as planned learning experiences which have content beyond the licensee's present level of knowledge and competence which may be subject to audit by the board.** Content of the experience must relate to patient care in physical therapy whether the subject is research, treatment, documentation, education, management, or some other content area. The purpose of this requirement is to assist in assuring safe and effective practices in the provision of physical therapy services to the citizens of Georgia. In the event that a licensee does not meet this requirement; the license will not be renewed.

On-line CC may be considered as Class I or Class II dependent upon the course content.

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The following are programs which may be included for approval; however, approval is not limited to these programs.

The following programs may be considered for Class I approval, but are not limited to:

- (a) Programs approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and its affiliate components; or
- (b) Programs approved by the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia or any other state chapters; or
- (c) Programs approved by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy; or
- (d) Programs provided at CAPTE-Accredited colleges and universities with programs in physical therapy when the continuing competency course is held under the auspices of the school of physical therapy; or
- (e) Programs provided by the American Academy of Physical Therapy; or
- (f) Programs approved by another state board; or
- (g) Programs provided at JCAHO-accredited healthcare organizations; or
- (h) Programs provided by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; or
- (i) Programs provided by the National Athletic Trainers Association; or
- (j) Programs provided by the American Dental Association; or
- (k) Programs provided by the American Association of Nurses; or
- (l) Programs provided by the American Occupational Therapy Association; or
- (m) Fifteen (15) hours for undergoing a peer review; or
- (n) Ten (10) hours for conducting a peer review when that activity is an adjunct responsibility and not the primary employment; or
- (o) Participation as a presenter for continuing education courses, workshops, seminars or symposia which have been approved by the approved list above; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours and may not exceed 10 hours per topic;
- (p) Authorship of a presented scientific poster, scientific platform presentation or published article; Continuing competence credit is 10 hours per event and may not exceed 20 hours;
- (q) Teaching a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant credit course when that teaching is an adjunct responsibility and not the primary employment; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours not to exceed 20 hours;
- (r) Certification of clinical specialization by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Continuing competence credit is 30 hours and is recognized only in the biennium in which certification or recertification is awarded.
- (s) Post professional physical therapist educational programs that award academic credit may be counted as 10 contact hours equaling 1 credit hour.

The following programs may be considered for Class II approval (limited to 10 hours):

- (a) Self- instruction from reading professional literature; Continuing competence credit is limited to a maximum of five (5) hours; or

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(b) Attendance at a scientific poster session, lecture, panel, symposium or university course that does not meet the criteria for Class I; Continuing competency credit is one

hour per contact hour of activity; or

(c) Acting as a clinical education instructor for an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program; Continuing competence credit is one (1) hour per eight (8) contact hours; or

(d) Acting as a clinical instructor or an intern for a formal, nonacademic, advanced clinical internship or as a mentor or a learner for a formal, nonacademic mentorship.

Review and Discussion of the Federation of State Board's of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Fixed-Date Testing.

The Board expressed its concern about the access to care due to the FSBPT's move to fixed date testing for the NPTE. The Board further discussed temporary licensure; it appears that Georgia law only allows for training permits. Ms. Martin expressed her concern to the Board surrounding consideration of temporary licenses - additional workload with no additional resources.

Correspondence from David A. Lake, PT, PhD

The Board viewed as informational.

Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin reviewed a letter from Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp regarding the budget. The Board viewed as informational.
- Ms. Martin shared with the Board that the FSBPT Conference this year is in Charlotte, N.C. on 9-24-11. FSBPT will pay for a delegate and the administrator to attend. Ms. Willis motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted Don Walsh as the FSBPT Delegate for the 2011 conference.

Miscellaneous –

- Dave Lake from Armstrong State University thanked Dr. Rosenbaum for her communications with the Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant programs concerning the application process and stated it has been a tremendous help.

Executive Session

Mr. Cowherd made a motion, Dr. Portee 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 Ms. Willis, Ms. Garner, Mr.

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Hamil, and Mr. Walsh. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the Public Session.

Correspondence from M.B.S. – Ms. S. met with the Board to ask about submission of a new traineeship application. The Board advised the applicant that she could but that the Board would have to review it before a decision could be made concerning the issuance.

Applications/Licensure:

1. E.A.B.– Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board finds that your remediation plan is lacking in clinical remediation; however, the Board recommended approval for a 4th and final attempt.
2. L.J.W. – Physical Therapist Examination Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended denying. Applicant does not provide adequate study in areas of deficiency. The Board strongly recommends applicant work with an instructor from a Physical Therapy program on your plan and remediation and attend an organized review course. Continued self study is not recommended.
3. M.L.H.– Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board voted to approve.
4. M.J.W. – Physical Therapist Reinstatement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended applicant take and pass the law exam and require a 1000 hour traineeship.
5. D.F.D. – Physical Therapist Reinstatement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended applicant must take and pass the NPTE and the Law exams. Applicant must pass the PNTE and then complete a 1000 hour traineeship.
6. A.J.P. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended denying.
7. L.B.C. – Physical Therapist Foreign-Educated Exam Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended denying.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Daniel Strowe

- Mr. Strowe provided an update on cases and issues in his office.

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Executive Session Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin discussed with the Board the issue of foreign qualified alien status license issuance.

Open Session

Dr. Rosenbaum declared the Board back into open session.

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Bo Hamil seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made during the Executive Session.

Consideration to post Board rule 490-4-.02.

Dr. Portee made a motion to post. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

490-4-.02(4) Continuing Competence Requirements

(4) Continuing competence requirements shall apply within the first biennium that a physical therapist/physical therapist assistant is licensed in Georgia. However, licensees who have ~~graduated during the current renewal biennium and who have~~ passed the National Physical Therapy Examination during the current renewal biennium are exempt from the continuing competency requirement during the biennium in which they have successfully passed the examination. ~~are exempt from the continuing competence requirement during the biennium in which they have graduated and successfully passed the exam.~~

The next Physical Therapy Board meeting will be May 17, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Whitefield motioned; Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 1:19p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director