

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
May 17, 2011
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
9:05 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **May 17, 2011** 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.
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
Carol White, Board Support Specialist
Daniel Strowe, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present:

Katherine Sylvester, PTAG
Meryl Sheats
Wayne Sheats
Kevin Jones
Sandra Jones
Angelica Orazco

Rules Hearing – 9:00 a.m.

Board Rule 490-4-.02(4) – Continuing Competence Requirements
The Rule Hearing was called to order at 9:11 a.m.
There were no written or public comments received.
The Rule Hearing was adjourned at 9:12 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 9:07 a.m.

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Consideration of minutes from the March 22, 2011 board meeting

- Mr. Cowherd motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Hamil seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued

- Mr. Cowherd motioned/Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted to ratify the newly issued licenses.

PTA002785	Brittany Ashton Videtto	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002786	Evelyn Carlene McCain	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002787	Kristen Marie Fritzsche	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002788	Patricia Ann Harner	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002789	Derrell Allen Gates	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002790	Loretta Lynn Mitchell	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002791	Miranda Irene Wilson	Physical Therapist Assistant

Reinstatements

PTA000682	Dawne MaShal Fink	Physical Therapist Assistant
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Correspondence from Susan K. Lindeblad, Managing Director FCCPT.

- Mr. Walsh made a motion to notify the International Education Research Foundation (IERF) that the Georgia Board of Physical Therapy accepts the College Level Examination Program(CLEP) credit. Mr. Hamil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consideration to adopt Board rule 490-4-.02(4) Continuing Competence Requirements.

- Dr. Portee made a motion to adopt Board Rule 490-4-.02(4) Continuing Competence. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion of FSBPT Jurisdiction of Board Chairpersons on WebEx

- The Board viewed as informational.

Discussion of Continuing Competency policy

- Mr. Walsh made a motion, Ms. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously to adopt the amended Policy #7 – Continuing Competence Policy as follows:

(s)Post professional physical therapist educational programs that award academic credit are counted as one (1) university credit hour equaling ten (10) continuing competency

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hours. For example, a two (2) credit hour course in which a passing grade is achieved would equal twenty (20) continuing competency hours.

Rule waiver request from Danny D’Anella re: Board Rules 490-4-.01(c) and 490-2-.04(3).

- Mr. Cowherd made a motion to deny the rules waiver request. Ms. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board states applicant must complete the National Physical Therapy Examination prior to further consideration.

Board Chair Report – Dr. Lola Rosenbaum

- Dry Needling Guidelines – Dr. Rosenbaum asked that Mr. Walsh and Ms. Willis will work with Mr. Joe Donnelly to develop Dry Needling guidelines to be provided back to the Board at the next Board meeting. They will seek counsel from Board Attorney Daniel Strowe if needed.

Executive Director’s report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin discussed that the issues with the on line application has been resolved.
- Ms. Martin discussed a new policy on administrative processing of applications. Ms. Garner made a motion, Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion to adopt a new policy as follows:

Policy #1 – General Application Information

1.(b) Applications received that report only one (1) DUI, verified by a GCIC report as the only criminal activity (GCIC to be run by Enforcement), can be approved administratively by the designated board member. These administratively issued licenses will be considered for a vote to ratify at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

- Mr. Hamil made a motion to allow for early exit from traineeships for those currently working under a traineeship once the applicant passes the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and the supervisor submits documentation showing successful practice under the traineeship. Mr. Whitefield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- The Board advised that they do not wish to reconsider issuing temporary licenses. Mr. Whitefield expressed his concern surrounding access to care.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Appointment:

10:00 a.m. - A.M.O. – Physical Therapist Denial Appeal – The Board stated that before further consideration, the applicant is required to adhere to the Board's policy and FAQ#19 for remediation plan requirements. All remediation plans must be pre-approved.

Applications/Licensure:

1. M.S.– Physical Therapist Foreign-Trained Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval for a second 480 hour traineeship program and to send a letter to applicant's supervisor that special attention is required in the areas where the applicant has previously been found to be deficient.
2. K.G.J. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval to take examination. If applicant passes exam, refer to Attorney General's office to issue license under a Private Consent Order.
3. L.B.F. – Physical Therapist Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval.
4. D.E.S. – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval with a 480 hour traineeship.
5. G.P.P. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval.
6. D.E.A. – Physical Therapist Endorsement Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommends approval.
7. D.G.B. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Board Recommendation: - The Board recommends approval.
8. B.J.H. – Physical Therapist Applicant
Board Recommendation: the Board recommends approval pending receipt of a detailed explanation to be reviewed and approved by Mr. Hamil.
9. E.C. – Physical Therapist Applicant
Board Recommendation: The Board recommended approval.

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Attorney General's Report – Mr. Daniel Strowe

- Mr. Strowe provided an update to the Board on matters in his office.

Open Session

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. John Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made during the Executive Session, concerning applications, and the Attorney General's report.

Miscellaneous

- Mr. Walsh stated he and Ms. Martin will be attending the FSBPT meeting in Charlotte, NC on September 22-24, 2011.
- Dr. Rosenbaum stated that the Board meeting July 19, 2011 will be a Conference call beginning at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Whitefield motioned; Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 12: 30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director