

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217**  
**July 11, 2013 \* 8:30 a.m.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Charlene Portee, PT  
Dorothy Gaskin, PT  
Monty Strickland, PT  
Bo Hamil, PT

**Staff Present:**

Josh Waters, Executive Director  
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Portee established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Open Session**

**Potential Rule Changes**

Dr. Portee discussed Code Section § 43-33-17. Training permits

(a) The board may issue a training permit to an applicant who is a graduate of an approved physical therapy program who is approved to take the physical therapy licensing examination or who has taken the examination but not yet received the examination results.

(b) The board may issue a training permit to a foreign trained applicant who is a graduate from a physical therapy program outside the United States and its territories and who is approved to take the physical therapy licensing examination.

(c) The board may issue a training permit to a reinstatement applicant whose license to practice as a physical therapist or license to practice as a physical therapist assistant has been expired for more than two years.

(d) The training permit shall allow the holder thereof to work only under the direct supervision of a physical therapist who has been approved by the board and has practiced for not less than one year prior to assuming the supervisory role.

(e) Training permits are governed by rules and regulations authorized under this chapter and approved by the board.

**HISTORY:** Ga. L. 1972, p. 388, § 15; Ga. L. 1980, p. 1053, § 5; Ga. L. 1982, p. 3, § 43; Ga. L. 1982, p. 1416, §§ 5, 16; Ga. L. 1986, p. 812, § 9; Ga. L. 1987, p. 3, § 43; Ga. L. 1990, p. 8, § 43; Ga. L. 1992, p. 2434, § 11; Ga. L. 1997, p. 715, § 1.

Dr. Portee noted that she would like clarification from the AG in regards to 43-33-17. The committee would like for Mrs. McNeely to weigh in on whether or not an applicant is required to submit a formal application and, if required, if it is possible for that application be made separately from the licensure application. Mr. Waters will discuss with AG and ask that she be prepared to discuss the topic at the next meeting.

**Rule 490-2-.04 Training Permits**

Mrs. Gaskin discussed her proposed Training Permits rule amendments. Mr. Hamil suggested removing non-CAPTE in 490-2-.04(a) 1 in Mrs. Gaskin rule amendments. The committee wanted to emphasize that the training permit cannot be issued until after graduation.

Mr. Waters asked the committee to approximate the number of graduates each cycle. Dr. Portee gave him the estimates below;

PTA Fall Graduations Average 20 per school from a total of 5 schools.

PT Spring graduations Average 40-50 per school from a total of 6 schools

Mr. Hamil asked if it was the spirit of the committee to:

1. Rescind Policy 2A
2. Allow graduates to work during (90 day) period between graduation and exam date

The committee agreed that it was.

The committee tabled the discussion of the rule until more information could be gathered.

**Healing Arts Discussion:**

The definition of *Healing Arts* was brought into the discussion.

Dr. Portee brought up Board rule 490-11-.01 in relation to the definition of healing arts.

Mr. Hamil stated that Rules and Policies of the Physical Therapy Board cannot be used to define Healing Arts per D. Williams McNeely. Mrs. Gaskin noted that CMS rules include Physical Therapists in the definition of Healing Arts, however it was rescinded.

The committee wishes to further discuss this definition.

**Reinstatements Discussion:**

The committee briefly discussed rules regarding CEs required for reinstatement and noted that they may need to discuss it at a later date.

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Bo Hamil, President  
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

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Josh Waters, Executive Director  
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

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