

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
December 03, 2013 * 9:00am

Board Members Present

Bo Hamil, PT- President
Charlene Portee, PT - V. President
Stefanie Palma, PT
Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Emily Garner, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA - Cognizant
Monty Strickland, PT
John Cowherd, PT - Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Katherine Sylvester
Lover Vallencort
Candace Moliken
Joseph Moliken
Vidi Hill Hothman
Patrick J. Page

Mr. Hamil established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cowherd made the motion, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were Bo Hamil, Charlene Portee, Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Emily Garner, Chad Whitefield, and Monty Strickland.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Mr. Hamil declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Strickland motioned, Ms. Garner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to limit comments to 10 minutes.

10:30am Rules Hearing 490-2-.04 Training Permits Discussion took place among Board members as well as the Board entertained comments from guests Patrick J Page and Vidi Hothman. Ms. Garner motioned, Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table for further discussion.

Open Session Minutes Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 17, 2013 Board Meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Whitefield motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 22, 2013 Teleconference minutes.

Licenses to Ratify September 4, 2013 – December 2, 2013 Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratification list.

Correspondence from Christine Sousa The Board accepts as information.

Correspondence from Johnathan Koontz Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send thank you letter for correspondence and the Board will consider his suggestions as they review and revise the Rule 490-9-.05. *Refer Rule 490-9-.05 to Rules Committee

Correspondence from Keri Adler Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a No Legal Letter and indicate this is a reimbursement issue.

Correspondence from Natalie Ellison Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve lifting probation since all requirements are satisfied.

Correspondence from R. Duvall Dr. Portee motioned, Ms. Garner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send letter referring to Policy 15 where each applicant must apply by sending letter and CV.
**Refer Policy 15 to Rules Committee*

Correspondence from Rhonda Collins The Board accepts as information. Mr. Strickland will review the website once it is live for the public.

Correspondence from Sheryl Engelhardt Ms. Gaskin motioned, Ms. Garner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a No Legal Letter and explain that the Board will review and further discuss web-based Physical Therapy and welcome any comments.

Correspondence from Timothy Hoerner The Board accepts as information.

Discussion: Application for Re-examination Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the elimination of the process for the retake of the Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam.

Discussion: Medication Orders Dr. Portee motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a No Legal Letter and refer to § 43-33-11 (License required for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants; use of titles; limitation on scope of Code section).

Federation Meeting Summary The Board accepts as information

Rule Waiver: Lennie M. Deleon Ms. Garner motioned, Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve rule waiver request.

Rule Waiver: Justine D. Louw Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny rule waiver request and send LOC clarifying that he must have 5 years of Clinical Practice in the United States.

Rules Committee Report- Charlene Portee Meeting of the Rules Committee was held on November 22, 2013. The Board accepts the Rules Committee Report.

Special Projects Committee Report – Bo Hamil Meeting of the Rules Committee was held on November 22, 2013. The Board accepts the Special Projects Report.

Board Chair Report –Bo Hamil Mr. Hamil explains that PTAG is going to develop a test at a discounted rate for PTAG members and others.

Miscellaneous

1. Annual Policy Review Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve to the policy as is.

2. Board Elections
 - a. **2014 President - Bo Hamil** Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Bo Hamil as President for 2014.

 - b. **2014 Vice President - Charlene Portee** Mr. Cowherd motioned, Ms. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Charlene Portee as Vice President for 2014.

Dr. Portee made the motion, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were Bo Hamil, Charlene Portee, Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Emily Garner, Chad Whitefield, and Monty Strickland.

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Board Appearances Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the recommendations based on deliberations in executive session.

1. 10:00am S.P.N. Approve
2. 11:00am A.L.T. Approve

Investigative Interviews

1. 10:30am D.M. No Show

Executive Minutes Ms. Garner motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 17, 2013 execution session minutes as amended. Mr. Whitefield motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 22, 2013 Teleconference executive minutes.

Applications Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the recommendations as presented based on deliberations in executive session.

1. Y.G.A. Pending; applicant must submit a complete remediation plan.
2. G.S.E. Approve for licensure
3. S.J.F. Approve with LOC and explain applicant has one more attempt in GA and must complete traineeship
4. T.A.G. Approve for licensure
5. A.E.H. Approve for licensure
6. R.C.H. Deny based on Policy 2
7. L.J. Approve for licensure
8. B.J. Approve for licensure with LOC about renewal date reminder
9. D.K. Approve for licensure & refer to FAQ for a better remediation plan
10. C.M.M. Approve for licensure with Private CO
11. L.M. Approve
12. A.N. Approve with proof of CEUs and 480 Traineeship (because applicant has partial foreign education and not enough practice)
13. A.V.P. Approve with proof of CEUs (no traineeship required because applicant has practice and education)
14. W.S. Approve & refer to FAQ for a better remediation plan & inform applicant that this would be the final attempt and then further education is required.
15. J.L.S. Approve

Cognizant's Report – Emily Garner

1. PT130013 Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion of a Public CO, \$500 fine, and probation for 1 year; Mr. Whitefield abstained

Attorney General's Report- D. Williams-McNeely the Board accepts the Attorney General's Report

1. PT130012 Amend original CO-change from suspension to 3 year probation, completion of an in person Ethics and Jurisprudence course and fine range from \$500-\$1500

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on: January 28, 2014

BO HAMIL
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR