

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes
May 13, 2014 * 08:30A.M

Board Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Bo Hamil, PT
Monty Strickland, PT
Reid Lawson, PT

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Gaskin called the committee meeting to order at 8:32am

OPEN SESSION

1. Rules Review

490-1-.02 Officers The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.

490-1-.03 Joint Secretary, Records, Fees The Committee discussed that the State of Georgia charges a tax fee for applications for licensure and only twenty-six (26%) goes into the general fund for the Secretary of State. The Committee suggests the Board enter into a discussion with the Secretary of State regarding licensure fees.

490-1-.04 Repealed The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.

490-2-.01 Application for Licensure & Examination The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.

490-2-.02 Licensure Examination The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented.

2. 490-2-.09 Endorsement & Verification of Employment Form The Committee recommends that the Board accept the Verification of Employment Form as an amendment to the application.

3. 43-1-28 Sojourner/State of Emergency The Committee refers the discussion as to whether or not the practice act should be amended to allow for a Physical Therapist that holds an active, unencumbered license in another state to render physical therapy services within the state in the case of a state of emergency or natural disaster to the full Board.

4. 490-2-.03 Foreign Educated Applicants The Committee recommends that the Board consider a language revision to require a passing score on the fourth section, the speaking section, of the TOEFL IBT which would require a passing score of twenty-six (26) on the section thus making the total passing score on the TOEFL IBT 89.

Mr. Hamil leaves the committee meeting.

5. 490-2-.04 Training Permits The Committee recommends maintaining the rule as presented. The removal of the non-CAPTE option could appear discriminatory since most foreign trained applicants graduated from non-CAPTE programs. Attorney General Williams-McNeely will submit a memorandum of advice on the subject to the Board at the next Board meeting.

No more business was discussed and the committee meeting adjourned at 09:00am

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Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

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May 20, 2014

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