

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Teleconference Minutes
July 15, 2014 * 9:00AM

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 via teleconference. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Bo Hamil, PT- President
Stefanie Palma, PT
Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA
Monty Strickland, PT
Reid Lawson, PT
Jesse Crews, 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

No Visitors Present

Mr. Hamil established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Minutes May 20, 2014 Board Meeting Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the May 20, 2014 open session minutes as amended.

Licenses to Ratify May 15, 2014 – July 8, 2014 Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

Correspondence from Jessica Mohler The Board directs staff to send a no legal advice letter in reference to expiration dates on prescriptions prescribed by Physical Therapists and to refer to the appropriate laws, rules and policy regulations relevant to the prescribed drug and the practice settings.

Discussion: CAPTE Actions April 30, 2014 The Board has no suggestions or comments at this time and accepts the correspondence as information.

Discussion: CAPTE Call for Comments on Proposed Standards for PT and PTA Programs The Board has no comments on the proposed standards for PT and PTA Programs presented by CAPTE.

Discussion: Debra Persinger, Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments The Board tables this discussion and refers to Special Projects committee for further research.

Discussion: Herb Silver, Dry Needling The Board tables this discussion and refers it to Special Projects Committee for further research.

Rule Waiver Variance: Karen M. Marcina Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of Board Rule 490-5-.01 (4)(c) due to unsubstantiated proof of a substantial hardship.

Rule Waiver Request: Anitha Azhagiri Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of Board Rule 490-2-.03(1)(g) due to a finding that the entry level education is not substantially equivalent to that of the Boards.

Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the second petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(1)(a) due to a failure to meet the educational requirements substantially equivalent to that of entry-level United States-educated therapists.

Rule Waiver Request: Chintan K. Patel Dr. Palma motioned, Mrs. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 (1)(g).

Rule Waiver Request: Anitha Sundini Dr. Palma motioned, Mrs. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 upon receipt of evidence of completed continuing education units, letter of reference from an employer or colleague in Michigan, and a passing score on the jurisprudence exam. The Board suggests staff advise Ms. Sundini that her Michigan license is close to expiration and must be active when the Board receives the documents requested, or she will not qualify for endorsement.

Rule Waiver Request: Ancilla Walker Dr. Palma motioned, Mrs. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 (1)(g) upon receipt of evidence of a passing score on the jurisprudence exam.

490-4-.02 Continuing Competence Requirements Mr. Crews motioned, Mrs. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 490-4-.02 to the Attorney General's Office for memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Special Projects Committee The Board accepts the July 7, 2014 Special Projects Committee Minutes.

The Board unanimously accepts and adopts the following recommendations as presented by the Special Projects Committee:

1. 490-2-.04 Training Permits Mr. Crews motioned, Mrs. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer amended BR 490-2-.04 to the Attorney General's Office for memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.
2. 490-4-.04 Inactive License Refer BR 490-4-.04 to the Attorney General's Office for memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Rules Committee The Board accepts the July 8, 2014 Rules Committee Minutes.

1. 490-2-.08 Practical and Oral Examination Refer back to the Rules Committee to develop proposed language to revise the rule.
2. 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations Refer back to the Rules Committee to develop proposed language to revise the rule.
3. 490-3-.02 Re-examination Refer BR 490-3-.02 to the Attorney General's Office for memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Board's Chairperson Report – B. Hamil No report presented

Executive Director Report – A. Price

Ms. Price presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance, a FSBPT Board Member and Administrator Training Summary Report from the June 6-8, 2014 Annual Meeting to include questions regarding the ratification of license renewals and the Board's use of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Education, Licensing and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) for reporting to the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB). She also provided information on how to locate the updated CAPTE Master list of accredited programs, updated information in reference to aPTitude, and an update on the system outages that occurred as a result of a corrupted server which may have delayed processing times. The Board referred questions regarding Renewals and the FSBPT ELDD to Special Projects. The Board accepts the report as presented.

Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve FSBPT moving forward with the enhancement aPTitude planning now that an agreement is in place and to refer amended BR 490-4-.02 to the Attorney General's Office for memorandum of authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Mrs. Gaskin made the motion, Mr. Crews 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, Reid Lawson, Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Jesse Crews, Chad Whitefield, and Monty Strickland.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 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

Executive Minutes **May 20, 2014 Board Meeting** Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the May 20, 2014 executive session minutes as amended.

Attorney General’s Report- D. Williams-McNeely Mr. Crews motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Applications

1. L.R.A. Mr. Whitfield motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve for licensure.

2. S.K-H Mr. Crews motioned, Dr. Palma seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny request to take NPTE for 9th time based on Policy 2(c).

Cognizant’s Report – C. Whitefield No cases for discussion as they are all currently in different stages of investigation. Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant’s report as presented.

Discussion – PT130013 Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to reject proposed order change. Licensee must submit a clean, signed copy of the order with the language as issued within thirty (30) days or the Board may seek additional sanctions against the license.

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Minutes recorded by:	Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on:	September 16, 2014

BO HAMIL
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
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