

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
September 20, 2016 - 9:00AM

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT, - Chairperson
Dorothy Gaskin, PT – Vice Chair
Emily Garner, PT (via teleconference)
Monty Strickland, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA
Reid Lawson, PT (via teleconference)
Jesse Crews, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, PT

Visitors Present

Katherine Sylvester, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (PTAG)
Joe Donnelly, President, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (PTAG)
Sandy Eskew Capps, PT
Laurri Wallace, PT
Lisa Pinson
Yavonka Onwuka, PT

Call to Order: Dr. Palma established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1) July 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Ms. Garner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 19, 2016 open session board meeting minutes as presented.

2) September 9, 2016 Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 9, 2016 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

3) September 13, 2016 Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Ms. Garner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 13, 2016 open session rules committee teleconference minutes.

Licenses to Ratify: July 13, 2016 – September 13, 2016

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies between Board meetings.

Discussion – Joe Donnelly, PT, DHS, OCS, President, PTAG – Board Rule BR 490-9-.05

Mr. Donnelly brought up several concerns about the Board Rule on dry needling, specifically he wanted to discuss possible changes to the proposed Board Rule before the public hearing on Nov. 15, 2016. Mr. Donnelly indicated that he is a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Post-Professional Education at Mercer University. He has served

as a core member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Dry Needling Work Group since 2007 and is a core member of the FSBPT Dry Needling Competency Work Group.

Mr. Donnelly suggested the Board track licensees that are performing the intervention and that aPTitude could accomplish this task. He proposed that the Board ask all licensees performing dry needling to upload their proof of completion in this biennium with a special code created by the Board. Mr. Donnelly asserted that if the complication is allowing licensees to practice the skill after completing 20 hours, then adding that provision to the rule would have many more risks than regards for the citizens of Georgia.

He continued to assert that including a provision from the statutes that is unrelated to the intent of the statute is wrong. This statute was negotiated by the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) and the GOS specifically for patients who were self-referring to physical therapy services. The physicians were in total agreement that if a patient was sent to a PT by a physician, dentist osteopath or anyone licensed under the Georgia Composite Medical Board, they were not supportive of additional permissions. Their intent with the consultation language was for physical therapists to inform the dentist or physician when a patient was self-referred and that Physical Therapist was performing dry needling treatment interventions.

Mr. Donnelly shared that he has been performing dry needling as part of his practice since 2004 and has been teaching this skill in entry level DPT programs, residency and fellowship programs and as continuing education. His conclusion was that the current rule has been in place for a number of years and seems to be working very well. If the rule moves forward, his residents trained in dry needling will have to wait for Board approval and that is counterproductive to safe quality patient care.

Mr. Donnelly's resolutions were to see the Board consider putting in a provision that PTAG approve all courses that are teaching dry needling in Georgia to get Physical Therapist's the required competency requirements. And he continued to say he would like to see the Board Rule address that the psychomotor components be solely based on western medicine philosophies.

He further explained he would like the Board to include explicit language that the FSBPT released on the 14% of knowledge and skills that are not included in entry level education to perform this skill. Mr. Donnelly's last statement was that he urged the Board to not move forward with the Board Rule as it is written because the risk of unintended consequences legislatively is epic.

Dr. Palma stated that the Board and the Rules Committee had previously determined that based on the fact that dry needling is specifically addressed within the Georgia Physical Therapy Act, it is a matter of public protection to identify and maintain a record of licensees who are actively engaging in the practice and if they meet the minimum requirements to safely perform dry needling in this state. The Committee further determined that the physical therapist is responsible for remaining competent in dry needling practices and as a result, did not feel it was necessary for the Board to require continuing education specific to the practice of dry needling from those who engage in the practice. The Board is only interested in ensuring that they doing what they are tasked to do in the interest of public protection and does not feel they are doing that if they cannot properly identify those who are engaging in the practice and if they are doing it in accordance to the statutes and rules. She stated that the Board did not single it out in the statute and for it to be written as such, it was of concern to members of the public then and is now. She then asked if there is a motion from the Board regarding that which they have heard.

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Crews seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 490-9-.05 Dry Needling to the rules committee for further discussion.

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Crews seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the November 15, 2016 Rule Hearing for Board Rule 490-9-.05 Dry Needling for further study.

Correspondence - Leslie Adrian, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), Motivation for Dry Needling Rule Amendments Board Rule BR 490-9-.05

Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer this correspondence to the Rules Committee to review during the dry needling rule discussion and to provide a recommended response to the Board for consideration.

Correspondence - Sandy Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, MHEd – RE: Board Rule 490-2-09

Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer this correspondence to the Rules Committee to review during the dry needling rule discussion and to provide a recommended response to the Board for consideration.

Correspondence - Petition to waive Policy 17 – Brenau University and University of North Georgia

Dr. Palma motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer this request to waive Policy 17(a) to the Rules Committee to consider and provide a recommended response to the Board for consideration.

Discussion - Bipartisan Bill Aims To Create National Telemedicine Model

The Board accepts the update on the Bipartisan Bill To Create National Telemedicine Model as information.

Discussion – Board Rule 490-3-.02 Re-examination with Edits Georgia Jurisprudence Assessment Module (GJAM) now in Effect

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the proposed amendment to Board Rule 490-3-.02 to the Attorney General’s Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if there are no objections noted, vote to post.

490-3-.02 Re-examination.

[\(1\) An applicant who fails the national physical therapy examination](#) on the first attempt may submit a reexamination application to the Board to be made eligible to test a second time.

[\(2\) An applicant who fails the national physical therapy examination](#) on the second attempt must submit the following before being made eligible to test a third time:

[\(a\) A copy of his/her “Examination Performance Feedback Report” obtained from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy \(FSBPT\), and pay all costs associated with acquiring the report.](#)

(b) A remediation plan addressing each area of weakness/failure. Examination preparation courses will be considered provided that such course addresses the area(s) of weakness/failure. The remediation plan must be developed in consultation with an appropriately licensed physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, or by a faculty member of a CAPTE-accredited program.

[\(c\) Proof of satisfactory completion of such remediation plan.](#)

[1.\(3\) An applicant may be approved administratively to take the examination a third \(3rd\) time](#) after the above outlined procedure has been completed and approved.

~~(3) An applicant who fails the examination three (3) or more times must submit a remediation plan as outlined above in 490-3-.02(2)(a) and (b). The remediation plan must be approved by the Board prior to the applicant’s beginning or initiating the plan. An applicant may be approved to take the examination only after proof of satisfactory completion of the approved plan has been submitted.~~

[\(4\) Any applicant who did not pass the national physical therapy examination by the fourth \(4th\) attempt will be required to complete a board approved 480 hour traineeship upon passing the examination and prior to the issuance of a license.](#)

[\(5\) Applicants for licensure who have not passed the national physical therapy examination by the fourth \(4th\) attempt will not be allowed to sit for the examinations a fifth \(5th\) time without extensive further study, which may include completing a physical therapy educational program approved by CAPTE or additional coursework as deemed necessary by the Board.](#)

[\(6\) Applicants for licensure who have not passed the Georgia Jurisprudence Examination will not be allowed to be licensed.](#)

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13, 43-33-14, 43-33-17 and 43-33-18.

Discussion – Mercer University PT - Petition for Approval of Residency Program

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board unanimously voted in favor of the motion to grant the petition pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-33-11(3) and O.C.G.A. § 43-33-1.

Petition for Rule Waiver Requests

1) **Bhavikkumar V. Patel BR 490-2-.03(b)**

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Ms. Garner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of BR 490-2-.03(b).

2) Bhavikkumar V. Patel BR 490-2-.03(g)

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of BR 490-2-.03(g).

3) Leah Misty Taylor BR 490-2-.09(2)(b)

Ms. Garner motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of BR 409-2-.09(2)(b) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship.

Rules Committee Discussion – Dorothy Gaskin

Ms. Gaskin indicated that the committee discussions were already touched upon by the Board in the minutes but in summary, the Rules Committee were tasked to draft a rule to address the new statute which required the Board to develop a rule to address the pathway to licensure for Military spouses and transitioning service members. She stated that during the meeting the Committee was informed by counsel that the practice act does not allow for the Board to grant temporary licenses. It is not in the Board Statutes but licensure is an option through endorsement. She reported that there is a need to expedite the process because requiring the military applicant to obtain their licensure information from all the states where they have been employed is time consuming. But there really is no way that the Board can expedite that process. There is also a potential time lag to consider where applicants get their orders and when they are finally stationed in Georgia. But the Committee determine, military or not, everyone should go through the same process. Proof of all licenses held in other states is required; otherwise how would the Board know that there hasn't been any disciplinary matters in those states.

Ms. Gaskin reported that the Committee determined that the Board may want to consider granting licensure with the understanding that military applicants will have to submit verification of licensure from all other states from where they held a license, including any disciplinary actions, within six (6) months of the date of application, If all records are not received by then, the Board would have to move to revoke the license. The application will provide for them to list this information. The applicants would still be required to complete all Georgia requirements but not right away. The Committee is presenting a proposal for a separate Board Rule by endorsement for military personnel. She remarked that since military trained PTAs are not educated on the same level as U.S. trained applicants who attended accredited U.S. schools, they would not be eligible for licensure by endorsement and would not be added into the rule.

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the oral report of the September 13, 2016 Rules Committee meeting as presented.

Executive Director Report – A. Price

Executive Director's report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, complaints/compliance matters and the renewal applications.

The Board expressed its desire to participate more fully in FSBPT's Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database to ensure that this Board not only has access to information from other states but so that the Board may easily share public disciplinary and licensure data with other states. Ms. Price reported that staff received the final edits from FSBPT's legal team and it was forwarded to PLB Staff Attorney, Sonya Williams, for her final review. Once the draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration and a vote.

Ms. Price reported informed the Board of USCIS's Intent to Deny the FCCPT's Authorization to Issue Foreign PT Healthcare Worker Certifications. She indicated that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services has issued a notice of their intent to deny the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy's authorization to issue worker certifications for foreign PT healthcare workers. Their arguments for making such a decision included the fact that the CWT 6 does not require a doctorate in physical therapy, that FCCPT is not independent of FSBPT and as a result there is a conflict of interest, and that the first time pass rates for foreign trained applicants is lower than those educated in the US.

FCCPT has until September 21, 2016 to respond to their intent to deny but should USCIS proceed to deny their Ability, after receiving their response, then FCCPT will have to cease issuance of Type I Certificates as of the date they are notified. Should this occur, it will shut down the ability for non-CAPTE graduates to come into the US on H1-B Visa Status thus increasing the potential of losing FCCPT as a credentialing provider as their sustainability rests with their ability to issue those Type I Certificates. She stated that for those not as familiar, a Type I Certificate is a Health Care Worker Certification. Foreign nationals seeking admission to perform labor as health care workers, other than physicians, are only admissible to the United States if they present certification from a USCIS-approved credentialing organization verifying that the worker has met the minimum requirements for training, licensure, and

English proficiency in his or her field. She stated that she will keep the Board posted on the outcome but it is her understanding that a decision will be made by USCIS by the end of this year.

Ms. Price further reported that staff is continuing to process files for those who violated the continuing education rules requirements and will attempt to present a minimum of 100 cases on a spreadsheet during each regularly scheduled board meeting until all files have been addressed by the Board. She stated that this process may take up to six (6) board meetings.

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Executive Director's report as presented.

Board's Chairperson Report – S. Palma

Dr. Palma and Ms. Price both attended the conference call on USCIS's intent to deny the FCCPT's authorization to issue foreign Physical Therapy healthcare worker certifications. Dr. Palma states there will not be an immediate issue with this but it will greatly effect foreign trained applicants should FCCPT's ability to issue the certifications be withdrawn. She stated that the USCIS are not considering the fact that degrees do not equal skill so where this will go is the question that remains to be seen.

Dr. Palma remarked that FSBPT's Annual Conference will be coming up soon in November and that she, Ms. Gaskin and Ms. Price will be attending. She asked Ms. Price if the Division Director, Ms. Durden, still intends to participate. Ms. Price indicated that I did not know but due to the building renovations and system upgrades, it is possible that she may not. She stated that she will speak with Ms. Durden about it.

In addition to the conference, Dr. Palma stated that Ms. Price sent her a reminder that she was also charged to write a letter to the Honorable Governor Deal to thank him for helping to pass House Rule 952 which is titled, The Professional Regulation Reform Act. She shared the content of the letter with the Board and indicated that it will be sent out this week.

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Board's Chairperson's oral report as presented.

Miscellaneous Discussions

PT Licensure Compact

Ms. Gaskin asked the Board if there are any updates on the PT Licensure Compact and where the state of Georgia stands on possibly implementing it. Ms. Price indicated that the last information she received revealed that the compact cannot move forward until at least 10 states have signed on for it and she has not been informed that the goal has been reached. Mr. Donnelly informed the Board that he attended the State Government Affairs meeting recently and is aware of four (4) states that have approved the compact. Ms. Gaskin asked if Mr. Donnelly were aware of the four states and how it will work. He indicated that they were Tennessee, Oregon, Arizona and North Carolina and from what he understands, that the practitioner will have to follow the rules for the state where the patient is being treated.

Ms. Price stated that other license types have attempted to join licensure compacts in the past that did not make it through the legislature; however, the Board may want to consider reviewing the compact language and determining how they would like to proceed on the issue. Mr. Donnelly suggested that if the Board would like to participate in the compact, the Board may want to consider partnering with other license types before approaching the legislature. Dr. Palma indicated that she will obtain more information at the annual meeting as she is sure it will be discussed further at that time.

Ms. Sandy Capps asked the Board if may ask some additional questions. Dr. Palma stated that she may. Ms. Capps asked the following questions which were addressed by the Board and staff.

1) How does the Board substantiate hardship?

Ms. Sandy Capps was referred to the statute for petitions for rule waiver variance O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9.1 as the standard measure for hardship. Ms. Capps shared that finding a traineeship is in and of itself a hardship, particularly in the rural areas. Any three (3) months full time traineeship is hard to find and a huge responsibility as well as finding a part time traineeship for a longer amount of time. She stated that she did not know if the Board has some standard measure for what it considers a hardship. Ms. Price stated that each petition is reviewed on a case by case basis in accordance with the measure that is provided for in the statute. She remarked that what has been the difficulty for those who submit a petition is getting them to provide evidence of any hardship. She stated is not enough for them to say that it is a hardship, the statute requires that they show that it is a hardship. She suggested that applicants should provide any and all information and supporting documentation that they feel

may convince the Board of their claims of hardship. She stated that in other words, they should throw the book at it as the burden of proof is on the petitioner.

2) Quality of CE courses.

Would the Board be looking at the measure of competency for continuing education? And what was Ms. Price referring to when she stated that staff will present 100 per meeting? Dr. Palma informed Ms. Capps that the Board conducted a 100% audit of Continuing Education courses taken by licensees and they were very disappointed with the results. There were thousands of licensees who weren't compliant with the requirements not to mention the poor quality of some of the hours that were obtained. She stated that Continuing Education credits were sent in that were poor quality, or included information that was false or made up, and some the licensees submitted courses that were not even related to Physical Therapy. She remarked that the Board does review quantity and quality of courses.

Mr. Donnelly proposed the following topics and questions which were addressed by the Board and staff:

1) Correspondence about Podiatry business who is advertising Physical Therapy services.

Mr. Donnelly indicated that he was contacted by a practitioner who reportedly received a letter from the Board which stated that a Podiatrist could advertise physical therapy services even though the Podiatrist does not have any Physical Therapists on staff. Ms. Price stated that neither she nor the Board may respond to this inquiry without first identifying the case involved. She requested that Mr. Donnelly email her a copy of the letter that the practitioner received so that she may follow up with him about the nature of the case and the response.

2) Development of a Board Approval process for Continuing Education courses.

Mr. Donnelly expressed his interest in the Board developing a continuing education approval process and wondered if there has been a significant drop in the number of entities providing CE? Ms. Garner stated that there does not appear to be a drop in entities which provide CE, in fact there are more and more companies providing CE all the time. Dr. Palma remarked that applicants should take advantage of the GA-JAM and the PTAG Ethics and Jurisprudence courses to be sure they are receiving the correct information about Georgia's statutes and rules. Mr. Donnelly suggested that the Board consider using PTAG is an additional level of approval for continuing competence as it related to Ethics and Jurisprudence courses. Dr. Palma stated that if the Board only accepted PTAG approved Ethics and Jurisprudence courses then all the courses taught by the universities that would not be accepted and they do provide some quality courses. Mr. Donnelly clarified that he is not suggesting that the Board does not accept the Ethics and Jurisprudence courses offered by the universities but in addition to those, that the Board may want to consider only accepting PTAG approved Ethics and Jurisprudence courses.

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send development of a Board approval process for Continuing Education courses to the Special Projects Committee for further discussion and recommendations to the Board.

Ms. Lisa Pinson briefly addressed the Board regarding her frustration with the licensure process. Ms. Pinson stated "I had a petition that had been denied. Part of it is null and void because I have sent all of this information over and over during a period of time. I can't get a license in this state and have been trying for 15 months. I went to college in Long Island and grammar school in the U.S. I can't believe there is an issue with me being an English speaking American. I have submitted and resubmitted information over and over and it never shows up on the website as received. I have been working with an NIH grant. I have competency hours. I thought I was on the agenda today." Dr. Palma informed Ms. Pinson that she is not on the agenda today and since her information is not before them, the Board may not address her application at this time but appreciates her comments and the staff may be able to assist her with her concerns.

Ms. Yavenka Onwuka briefly addressed the Board regarding her application for renewal. She remarked "I'm trying to get my PTA license renewed. I was missing the Jurisprudence C.E. and it wasn't completed until after the expiration date. I didn't find out that it was missing until way after the March Board Meeting. I have completed the jurisprudence and I have fulfilled the C.E. requirements. I have all of the needed records and everything has been completed for this. I have a prospective employer that wants to hire me, but I can't get my license renewed." Dr. Palma informed Ms. Onwuka that as was stated to Ms. Pinson, she is not on the agenda today and since her information is not before them, the Board may not address her application at this time but appreciates her comments and the staff may be able to assist her with her concerns. Ms. Price indicated that she will have someone speak with her regarding her case.

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Dr. Palma 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 Session Minutes

1) **July 19, 2016, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 19, 2016 executive session board meeting minutes as amended.

2) **September 9, 2016 Teleconference Minutes**

Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 9, 2016 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

3) **September 13, 2016 Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes**

Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 13, 2016 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

2016 PT Examination and aPTitude Agreement

The Board accepts the 2016 PT Examination and aPTitude Agreement as information.

Attorney General's Report- D. Williams-McNeely

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented.

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Garner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct staff to review the previous referrals to the Attorney General's office for violations of Continuing Education requirements. If staff cannot identify correspondence from the respondent acknowledging notification of violation(s), the staff must send an additional notification to the Board by certified mail.

Legal Services – Requests for Reconsideration

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) **D.R.** Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion grant the request for inactive status. If attempts are made to reinstate, the issue of non-compliance with Continuing Education requirements will be considered.

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) **P.K.** Rescind the previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to meet C. E. requirements and the fine must be paid within 90 days of the docketed date of the order.
- 2) **D.B.** Refer to Legal Services to notify the licensee to submit a statement or course outline from the C. E. provider which documents proof that the course took place over more than one (1) day. If licensee is able to document proof, rescind the previous motion. If licensee cannot provide proof, issue a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to meet C. E. requirements and the fine must be paid within 90 days of docket date of the order.
- 3) **M.B.** Rescind the previous motion and issue a Private Consent Order with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet C. E. requirements. Fine is to be paid within 90 days of docketed date of the order and the licensee must take and pass the Georgia Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam within 60 days of the docket

date of the order. The hours submitted to satisfy the terms of the order and the 2013-2015 biennium may not be applied to the current biennium.

- 4) **J.B.** Rescind the previous motion and close the case.

Cognizant's Report – C. Whitefield

No report presented.

Executive Discussions

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) **L.P.** Direct staff to send a deficiency letter regarding all documentation that is currently missing from the application and notify the applicant to submit a current petition waiver to include all of the supporting documentation in order for the Board to adequately address her requests.

Applications

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

Initial Applications

- 1) **W.W.H.** Notify the applicant that the Board has granted approval to take the examination for the fourth time and if a passing score is achieved, the applicant must complete a 480-hour traineeship prior to licensure. If the applicant does not pass the examination the applicant only has one remaining attempt in Georgia in order to be considered for licensure.
- 2) **A.J.** Approve licensure upon completion of a 480-hour traineeship.
- 3) **J.J.** Issue the license.
- 4) **T.R.R.** Refer to Legal Services to issue a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure to include a fine of \$500 which is to be paid within 90 days of the docketed order based on a failure to disclose prior disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.
- 5) **M.J.R.** Notify the applicant to withdraw the petition for rule waiver as the applicant now meets the requirements of Board Rule 490-2-.09 and issue the license.

Reconsiderations

- 6) **J.P.B.** Uphold the previous motion.

Reinstatements

- 7) **K.L.B.** Refer to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$2,625 for unlicensed practice from January 1, 2016 – May 27, 2016 and fine must be paid within 120 days of the docket date of the order.
- 8) **L.T.** Table pending receipt of additional information regarding employment history which is to be reviewed by the Cognizant. If the application meets requirements may issue license.

Remediation Plan

- 9) **P.G.T.** Notify the applicant that the Board has granted approval to take the examination for the fourth time and if a passing score is achieved, the applicant must complete a 480-hour traineeship prior to licensure. If the applicant does not pass the examination the applicant only has one remaining attempt in Georgia in order to be considered for licensure.

Traineeship Agreement

- 10) **R.A.** Approve Traineeship.
- 11) **N.P.N.C.** Approve Traineeship.

Mr. Whitefield left the meeting at 1:11 pm and Dr. Palma established that a quorum of the Board was still present.

Miscellaneous Discussions

After reviewing the calendars of the Board members and staff, it was determined that the Rules Committee and Special Projects Teleconferences will be scheduled after the FSBPT Annual Meeting. As a result, the Rules Committee Teleconference was scheduled to take place on November 8, 2016 at 8:30 AM and the Special Projects Teleconference was scheduled to take place on November 9, 2016 at 11:30 AM.

Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

November 15, 2016

DR. STEFANIE PALMA, DPT
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR