

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2016 - 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on October 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT Chairperson
Dorothy Gaskin, PT Vice Chair
Monty Strickland, PT
Charles Bass, PT
Chad Whitefield, PT
Reid Lawson, PT

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Jesse Crews, Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

None

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Petition for Rule Variance Request

1) Erica Wickett – BR 490-2-.04(d)

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for rule variance of BR 490-2-.04(d) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2) Yavonka Onwuka – BR 490-4-.01(2)(3) and BR 490-4-.02(1)(2)

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for rule variance of **BR 490-4-.01(2)(3) and BR 490-4-.02(1)(2)** due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver Request

1) Denise Hazlewood-Smith – BR 490-2-.09(d)

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for rule waiver of BR 490-2-.09(d) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Palma remarked that the Board will be welcoming a new member during the November meeting and she is sure that Ms. Anne Thompson will do a good job; however, she is definitely going to miss Ms. Emily Garner and her contributions to the Board. She stated that since Ms. Garner was the Education Cognizant to include review of continuing education and traineeships, the Board will need to reassign her duties. She asked if any of the members present would be interested in taking on the task because even though some of the duties may eventually be transferred to Ms. Thompson, she would like to be fair and allow her time to become accustomed to the work of the Board. Since no member volunteered at this time, Dr. Palma remarked that she will speak with the Executive

Director and develop a plan for the next person assigned those duties and bring the topic up for discussion during the November meeting.

Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Michelle Foster, 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
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR