

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Wednesday, August 30, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference on August 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT, Chairperson
Dorothy Gaskin, PT, Vice Chair
Charles Bass, PT
Anne Thompson, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA
Reid Lawson, PT

Administrative Staff Present

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Jesse Crews, Consumer Member
Monty Strickland, PT

Board Staff Absent

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Call to Order: Dr. Palma established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Petition for Rule Waiver Requests

1. Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) – Gabriela A. Motta

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) based upon evidence of significant work history in the United States .

2. Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.04(d)(III) – Nghi Thanh Ly

Dr. Thompson motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of BR 490-2-.04(d)(III) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Variance Requests

1. Rule Variance – BR 490-2-.09(2)(c) – Rhonda L. Walker

Dr. Thompson motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 490-2-.09(2)(c) based on insufficient evidence of active practice as a physical therapist within the last two (2) years.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. Rules Committee Meeting Date

The Rules Committee will meet via teleconference Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Whitefield 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 Dr. Stefanie Palma, Reid Lawson, Chad Whitefield, Charles Bass and Dr. Anne Thompson.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 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

Applications

Dr. Thompson motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- 1. Application 2670078** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding alcohol, drug and criminal history.

Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 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: September 19, 2017

DR. STEFANIE PALMA
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR