

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, December 15, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference on December 15, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Stefanie Palma, PhD, PT, Chairperson  
Dorothy Gaskin, PT, Vice Chair  
Charles Bass, PT  
Chad Whitefield, PTA  
Jesse Crews, Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Attorney General's Office**

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

Monty Strickland, PT  
Reid Lawson, PT  
Dr. Anne Thompson, EdD, PT

**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 8:38 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda** The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1. November 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 14, 2017 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**Petition for Rule Waiver Requests**

**1. Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-03(g) – Janel Chua-Valdez**

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of BR 490-2-.03(g) based sufficient evidence to substantiate a unique hardship.

**Mr. Crews made the motion, Mr. Whitefield 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, Chad Whitefield, Charles Bass and Jesse Crews.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, December 15, 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**

**Executive Session Minutes**

**1. November 14, 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 14, 2017 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**Adjournment:** There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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:** January 23, 2018

DR. STEFANIE PALMA  
**BOARD CHAIR**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**