

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 15, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference on June 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. Stefanie Palma, DPT, Chairperson
Dorothy Gaskin, PT, Vice Chair
Dr. Anne Thompson, EdD, PT, Board Member
Charles Bass, PT, Board Member
Chad Whitefield, PTA, Board Member
Jesse Crews, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

Wylencia Monroe, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Monty Strickland, PT, Board member

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

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 1:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1. June 8, 2018 Board Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Bass motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 8, 2018 open session Board teleconference minutes as amended for grammatical errors.

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Bass seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included the Board members: Dr. Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Charles Bass, Dr. Anne Thompson, Chad Whitefield and Jesse Crews.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Friday, June 15, 2018, 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 taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Discussion – Board Rule 490-3-.02. Re-Examination

Mr. Crews, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post the proposed amendment to Board Rule 490-3-.02. Re-Examination for hearing as follows:

Rule 490-3-.02. Re-examination

- (1) An applicant who fails the [national](#) examination on the first attempt may ~~submit a re-examination application to the Board to be made eligible to test a second time~~ [time retake the examination up to the maximum lifetime limit in accordance with the eligibility criteria established by the exam administrator approved by the Board.](#)
- (2) An applicant who fails the [national](#) examination [will receive a notification from the Board to include an acknowledgement of receipt of the examination scores, with a request that the applicant complete a comprehensive review of their individual Score Report that is provided to them by the exam administrator.](#) ~~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. ~~An applicant may be approved administratively to take the examination a third time after the above outlined procedure has been completed and approved.~~
- (3) An applicant [may submit an appeal form to the Board for one \(1\) additional attempt to retake and pass the national exam if the applicant has been notified by the exam administrator or the Board that the applicant is ineligible to register to retake the national examination](#) ~~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) [If an applicant has not successfully passed the NPTE within two \(2\) years of the initial test date, the applicant shall complete a board approved traineeship upon passing the examination and prior to the issuance of a license.](#)

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 490-3-.02

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-2](#), [43-1-7](#), [43-1-19](#), [43-1-24](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-33-12](#) to [43-33-14](#), [43-33-18](#).

History. Original Rule entitled "Re-examination" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 8, 1971; eff. Mar. 28, 1971.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 15, 1971; eff. Oct. 5, 1971.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 29, 1973; eff. May 10, 1973.

Amended: F. Oct. 17, 1975; eff. Nov. 6, 1975.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Re-examinations" adopted. F. Mar. 19, 1982; eff. Apr. 8, 1982.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Re-examination" adopted. F. Nov. 27, 1984; eff. Dec. 17, 1984.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 22, 1989; eff. Apr. 11, 1989.

Amended: F. May 13, 1991; eff. June 2, 1991.

Amended: F. Jan. 24, 1995; eff. Feb. 13, 1995.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2005; eff. June 15, 2005.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 490-3-.02. Re-Examination upon licensees. Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Thompson motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of 43-1-2, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-12 to 43-33-14, 43-33-18 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Physical Therapy.

Executive Session Minutes

1. June 8, 2018 Executive Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 8, 2018 executive session Board teleconference minutes as amended for grammatical errors.

Attorney General's Report – W. Monroe

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

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: July 17, 2018

DR. STEFANIE PALMA, DPT
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR