

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

The Rules Committee of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on June 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee members were present:

Committee Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, Board Chair
Destiny Hebert, Committee Chair
Terri Burner, Committee Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order: Dr. Hebert called the committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Committee accepts the agenda as presented.

Melissa Tracy addressed the Board regarding the position of the Attorney General's Office attending Rules Committee meetings, stating representatives from their office will no longer be a part of Rules Committee meetings for any Board. Ms. Tracy thanked the Committee for their previous hard work and stated she is available via email for any questions that may arise. She left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Discussion – Board Rules

The Committee discussed rule revisions to include amending Board Rule 490-1-.01. Organization of Board and Board Rule 490-2-.01. Application For Licensure And Examination, Rule 490-4-.01. Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties and the heading on the website for Chapter 490-4 to remove any reference to Disciplinary Sanctions since it is not discussed in that chapter. The Committee recommended revisiting Board Rule 490-5-.02. Adequate Supervision Defined and Board Rule 490-9-.06 Telehealth for the purpose of addressing adequate supervision via telehealth after the Declared Public Health Emergency has ended, and the Governor's Office has taken a position on the rules adopted during the March and May meetings.

The Committee stated that this discussion is part of their annual requirement to review Board Rules and Policy Statements in order to ensure all are in line with the statute. The review also brings Board Rules up date with current statutory and regulatory requirements by removing repetitive language, adding references to criminal background checks, correcting the lapsed late renewal period to ensure it is consistent with the Joint Secretary Rules and diminishing the potential for any errors in judgement in regards to the application requirements.

After careful consideration the Committee recommended referring the following rules as amended to the full Board for review during the July 14, 2020 meeting.

1. Board Rule 490-1-.01. Organization of Board

[Rule 490-1-.01 Organization of Board](#)

Department 490. RULES OF GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Chapter 490-1. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Current through Rules and Regulations filed through May 22, 2020

Rule 490-1-.01. Organization of Board

The Board of Physical Therapy is composed of eight members who are appointed by the Governor. Members of the public may obtain information from the Board and make submissions or requests to the Board by contacting the Joint Secretary of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, ~~237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217.~~

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 490-1-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-2](#), [43-1-3](#), [43-1-19](#), [43-1-24](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-33-5](#), [50-18-70](#).

History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1973; eff. May 10, 1973.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 18, 1984; eff. Feb. 7, 1984.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 9, 2004.

Chapter 490-2 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

[Rule 490-2-.01 Application For Licensure And Examination](#)

Department 490. RULES OF GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Chapter 490-2. LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Current through Rules and Regulations filed through May 22, 2020

Rule 490-2-.01. Application For Licensure And Examination

- (1) A completed application for examination must be submitted and approved prior to taking the examination.
- (2) Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who plans to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the State of Georgia must be licensed by the Board prior to beginning said practice.
- (3) Any applicant who does not submit required documentation within one year of initial filing date will not be given further consideration by the Board until submission of new application and payment of appropriate fees.
- (4) All applicants for licensure and examination are also subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ [43-1-19](#) and [43-33-18](#).
- (5) All applicants for licensure and examination must complete a criminal history records check as determined by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 490-2-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-3](#), [43-1-19](#), [43-1-24](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-33-10](#) to [43-33-14](#), [43-33-18](#).

History. Original Rule entitled "Application for Registration and Examination" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 1973; eff. May 21, 1973.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Application for Licensure and Examination" adopted. F. June 6, 1983; eff. June 26, 1983.

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

Amended: F. July 17, 1989; eff. Aug. 6, 1989.

Amended: F. May 26, 1993; eff. June 15, 1993.

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

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 9, 2004.

**Chapter 490-4 RENEWAL: CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS ~~DISCIPLINARY~~
SANCTIONS**

Rule 490-4-.01 Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties

Department 490. RULES OF GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY Chapter 490-4. RENEWAL: CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS-~~DISCIPLINARY~~ SANCTIONS

Current through Rules and Regulations filed through May 22, 2020

Rule 490-4-.01. Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties

- (1) Every licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant shall biennially apply to the Board for renewal of his/her license, submit proof of continuing competency requirements and pay a renewal fee by December 31st of odd years. Refer to fee schedule and Rule [490-4-.02](#).
- (2) A license that is not renewed on or before December 31st shall be assessed a late fee. Refer to fee schedule for penalty fee.
- (3) A license that is not renewed on or before ~~February 28th~~ January 31st of the year following the renewal year shall lapse and be of no force and effect and shall by operation of the law be revoked.
- (4) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant that has been previously licensed in this State who has allowed his/her license to become revoked due to failure to renew, shall be required to submit an application for reinstatement, pay appropriate fee (refer to fee schedule), and shall also be required to meet requirements as provided below:
 - (a) An applicant who is able to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence requirements as established by the Board;
 - (b) An applicant who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 2 years but is able to document such practice within 5 years shall be required to submit proof of continuing competence (Refer to [490-4-.02](#)), and shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 480 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed within 3 months with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board, and shall be required to take and pass the examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy; or
 - (c) An applicant who is unable to document that he/she has practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 5 years shall be required to work under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state for 1,000 hours of continuous supervised practice to be completed in no less than 6 months or no more than 1 year if approved by the Board with specific stipulations as deemed necessary by the Board and shall be required to take and pass the following examinations: the licensing examination, and the examination on the laws governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia and the rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy.
- (5) Applicants subject to Rule 490-4-.01(4)(a) may at the discretion of the Board be exempted from continuing competence requirements if such person holds a current license in good standing in another state or if such person is currently employed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant by the United States Government if such person provides physical therapy services under the direction or control of the employing organization.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 490-4-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-4](#), [43-1-7](#), [43-1-10](#), [43-1-19](#), [43-1-2443-1-25](#), [43-1-31](#), [43-33-10](#), [43-33-14](#), [43-33-16](#), [43-33-17](#), [43-33-18](#).

History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of Registration and Penalties" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1973; eff. May 10, 1973.
Amended: F. Oct. 17, 1975; eff. Nov. 6, 1975.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Nov. 27, 1984; eff. Dec. 17, 1984.
Amended: F. July 19, 1985; eff. Aug. 8, 1985.
Amended: F. Nov. 25, 1985; eff. Dec. 15, 1985.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal of License and Penalties" adopted. F. Aug. 25, 1986; eff. Sept. 14, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 28, 1987; eff. Feb. 17, 1987.
Amended: F. Mar. 14, 1988; eff. Apr. 3, 1988.
Amended: F. July 20, 1988; eff. Aug. 9, 1988.
Amended: F. Mar. 22, 1989; eff. Apr. 11, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 24, 1989; eff. Sept. 13, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 13, 1992; eff. Feb. 2, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 22, 1999; eff. Aug. 11, 1999.
Amended: F. Nov. 7, 2003; eff. Nov. 27, 2003.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties" adopted. F. Aug. 17, 2005; eff. Sept. 6, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal of License and Penalties" adopted. F. Oct. 31, 2007; eff. Nov. 20, 2007.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties" adopted. F. Sept. 29, 2008; eff. Oct. 19, 2008.
Amended: F. Jan. 28, 2011; eff. Feb. 17, 2011.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 25, 2012; eff. Jun. 14, 2012.

Discussion – Board Policies

The Committee tabled discussion of the Board Policies until authority has been received from the Attorney General’s Office.

Dr. Hebert motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer their recommended amendments to the full Board during their upcoming teleconference, Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: July 14, 2020

DESTINY HEBERT
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