

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, Board Chair
Anne Thompson, Vice Chair
Chad Whitefield, Board Member
Charles Bass, Board Member
Laurri Wallace, Board Member
Terri Burner, Board Member
Destiny Hebert, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Norma Nunez-Cortes, Consumer Board Member

Visitors Present

Dr. Kathryn Sylvester, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT
Olufisayo Aloba
Yogeshkumar Makvana

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Hebert seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – December 14, 2020 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 14, 2020 open session Board Zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify November 10, 2020 – January 5, 2021

Mr. Bass motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with the Board Rules and Policies between Board meetings.

Discussion – International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) – News Release

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to INPTRA as information.

Discussion – Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) – Fall Decisions

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to CAPTE as information.

Discussion – Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

1. Faculty Newsletter Fourth Quarter 2020

2. **Forum 2020**
3. **November News Brief**
4. **December News Brief**
5. **2021 Budget Letter to Board Jurisdictions with Budget**
6. **2021 – NPTE Policies FINAL**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to FSBPT as information.

American Physical Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, Executive Director

Dr. Sylvester addressed the Board regarding questions on the implementation of CE Broker, ELDD, and the timeframe for granting Compact privileges as well as traineeship education efforts. Ms. Price responded that the topics of CE Broker and ELDD would be addressed in detail during her Executive Director Report. Dr. Wallace indicated that she was assigned to share information with Dr. Dale concerning the current traineeship requirements so that APTA-GA can assist with educating the public; however, they have not yet been able to connect.

Petition for Rule Variance/Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(a) Aloba Olufisayo

Mr. Bass motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive and for variance of BR 490-2-.03(1)(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(b) Yogeshkukumar Makuana

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(1)(b) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Yogeshkukumar Makuana

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Executive Director Report – A. Price

Executive Director's Report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, renewal applications and complaints/compliance matters. Other Relevant Topics discussed included the following:

- ELDD Agreement & Data Entry Requirements
- Fingerprint Background Checks
- Compact Privileges
- CE Broker

Dr. Hebert motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Board's Chairperson Report – D. Gaskin

Ms. Gaskin queried the Board regarding a request for input submitted to Board administrators and chairs by FSBPT for the purpose of providing input to the organization and expanding their efforts to assist FSBPT member boards more efficiently. Dr. Hebert suggested the creation of a CE course to educate licensees on how the Compact works. The GA JAM was a topic of discussion and the confusion which sometimes arises with new licensees who attempt to use the exam results used to obtain for licensure again in order to satisfy the Georgia Ethics and Jurisprudence requirement for renewal. Ms. Gaskin indicated that she is not certain that there is anything that the Board or FSBPT could do about that issue. Ms. Price remarked that the Board has verbiage within the rules and on the website in

other places stating that you cannot use the same result twice and reiterated the importance of all licensees remaining abreast of the Board Rules which fully define CE requirements.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and what is occurring within the profession regarding its administration to licensees and students. The Board did not vote to take any formal position about the vaccine to include whether or not licensees should obtain it.

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Hebert seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board's Chairperson Report as presented.

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1) to receive and review information pertaining to applications, pending cases, investigative reports and enforcement matters and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Dorothy Gaskin, Anne Thompson, Chad Whitefield, Charles Bass, Laurri Wallace, Terri Burner, and Destiny Hebert.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Ms. Gaskin 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

Executive Session Minutes –December 14, 2020 Executive Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 14, 2020 executive session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Tracy

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented.

1. AG MEMO – Board Rules

- a) BR 490-2-.04. Training Permits
- b) BR 490-9-.02. Code of Ethics for Physical Therapists
- c) BR 490-9-.03. Code of Ethics for Physical Therapists Assistants
- d) BR 490-9-.04. Disciplinary Actions

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post BR 490-2-.04. Training Permits; BR 490-9-.02. Code of Ethics for Physical Therapists; BR 490-9-.03. Code of Ethics for Physical Therapist Assistants; and BR 490-9-.04. Disciplinary Actions as amended per the Attorney General's Memorandum of Authority, for a Public Rules Hearing.

Legal Services MEMO – PT200025

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to release the requested records as allowed by law.

Applications for Board Review

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendation made in Executive Session:

Applicant 2826535 Issue the license.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: February 17, 2021

DOROTHY GASKIN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR