

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

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 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  
Norma Nunez-Cortes, Consumer 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**

Destiny Gaddis, Board Member

**Visitors Present**

Dr. Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Dr. Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, President Elect, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Tina Spears, PT  
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT  
Dr. Katherine Sylvester, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Yogeshkumar Makvana  
Michael Shadburn

**Call to Order:** Ms. Gaskin established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Minutes – February 17, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 17, 2021 open session Board Zoom meeting minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: January 5, 2021 – March 2, 2021**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Thompson 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.

**Correspondence – APTA-GA – Notice of Official Name Change – Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, President**

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Daniel Dale and recommended to update the Board website to reflect the name change. The Board determined that the Board Rules that list PTAG will require revisions, but since the change is not substantive, they will make the necessary amendments once the rest of the pending rules have been set for Public Rules Hearing later this year or early next year.

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

1. **January 2021 Actions**
2. **Master Lists of Accredited Programs Updated**
3. **Master List of Accredited PT Programs**
4. **Master List of Accredited PTA Programs**

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

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

1. **April Exam Update**
2. **January News Brief**
3. **February News Brief**
4. **Time to Select Your Delegates for 2021**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Cortes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to nominate Dorothy Gaskin as the Board’s Delegate and Anne Thompson as the Board’s Alternate Delegate for the FSBPT LIF (Leadership Issues Forum) in July 2021 and for the FSBPT Annual Meeting in October 2021.

5. **Webinar – The Future of the Professions in the Age of COVID-19**
6. **Webinar – Exploring Unconscious Bias – NEW DATE**
7. **Webinar – The Good, the Bad and the Crazy - The Most Intriguing Recent Legal Cases**
8. **Webinar – Promoting Prevention through Practice Advice**
9. **Faculty Newsletter First Quarter 2021**
10. **Regulatory Hour – Know How – How Do Regulators Meet Their Obligations**

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

**Discussion – Physical Therapy Commission Compact (PTCC) – February 2021 Update**

Dr. Thompson announced to the Board and to the Zoom meeting visitors that there will be a webinar sponsored by APTA-GA this Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. presented by TJ Cantwell, with great information on the Compact, including a questions and answers session.

Ms. Price stated that there have been four (4) privileges purchased and issued so far for the state of Georgia. She also indicated that she highly encourages everyone to attend this webinar. Additionally, she will be in attendance and available to answer questions as well.

The Board accepts the update in reference to PTCC as information.

**Discussion – Rule 490-2-.10. Licensure – Endorsement/Reciprocity for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Cortes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 490-2-.10. Licensure – Endorsement/Reciprocity for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members to the Attorney General’s Office for a Memorandum of Authority to ensure that the Board Rule is in line with the new statute.

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

Dr. Dale shared with the Board APTA-GA’s efforts in educating their members on the GAPS and fingerprinting process with information provided by the Board office. He also sought clarification on whether CE Broker will be going live March 15, 2021 which Ms. Price confirmed. He then welcomed Kathleen Geist as the incoming President of APTA-GA and expressed his appreciation for the collaborative work done with the Board.

Dr. Geist introduced herself and thanked the Board for the opportunity. She stated that she looks forward to continuing a great collaboration with the Board.

**Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2(1)d and 490-2-3(1)g – Jo Yunyoung**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Cortes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table discussion for Executive Session.

**Executive Director Report – A. Price**

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

- ELDD Agreement
- Fingerprint Background Checks
- Compact Privileges
- CE Broker
- Georgia General Assembly

Mr. Whitefield left the meeting at 9:58 a.m., a quorum of the Board still present.

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Cortes 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 addressed the Board regarding notifications sent to professors in physical therapy programs within the state. She clarified that if you are a professor in the state of Georgia teaching physical therapy, and are signing your name as a physical therapist, you must be licensed by the state as it is required by statute.

Ms. Gaskin then entered into a discussion regarding the importance of licensees taking the Georgia JAM and understanding Georgia's rules and laws and suggested that this exam should be mandatory. Ms. Price expressed some concerns about eliminating the ability for licensees to take continuing education courses to meet this requirement as it may be an anti-trust infringement, particularly since they may be a low cost option and more affordable.

Dr. Burner shared that she has a license in Texas as well as Georgia, and that Texas has a mandatory Jurisprudence exam required at every renewal. She feels this is extremely important and should be required in Georgia so all that licensees understand Georgia's Board Rules and Laws which govern their profession.

Dr. Dale offered clarification on APTA-GA ethics and jurisprudence course offerings and the process that is in place for approval of such courses.

Dr. Dale also shared that House Resolution 329 was entered at the Georgia General Assembly on Monday by Representative Karen Bennett. Dr. Dale explained this resolution recognizes the 100th anniversary of the APTA, and also highlights some of our Georgia-specific milestones in this Centennial year. He stated that APTA-GA wanted to thank Representative Mesha Mainor who is a co-signer on the resolution and concluded that both Rep. Bennett and Rep. Mainor are physical therapists.

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

**Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Thompson 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, Charles Bass, Laurri Wallace, Terri Burner, and Norma Cortes.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, March 9, 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**

Michelle Hornaday left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

### **Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(d) and 490-2-.03(1)(g) – Jo Yunyoung**

Mr. Bass motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-3(1)(g) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Notify the petitioner that the traineeships may be paid experiences, and if necessary, the petitioner may request an extension in timeframe to complete the traineeship.

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

### **Executive Session Minutes –February 17, 2021 Executive Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Thompson 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. Wallace motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post BR 490-9-.05. Dry Needling for a Public Rules Hearing.

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

### **Applications for Board Review**

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

#### **Initial Application**

**Applicant 2910479** Must complete 3.5 hours of Board approved CE. Upon completion may issue the license. Notify the applicant that many of the hours completed for licensure were general and in-service related which do not meet the requirements. [See Board Rule 490-4-.02(4)(a-g) for unacceptable activities for continuing competence. (26.5 CE Hours acceptable to the Board, short 3.5 hours.)]

**Applicant 2903724** Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding alcohol and criminal history.

**Applicant 2857284** Approve the Traineeship Competency Evaluation and issue the license.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed by:**  
**Minutes approved on:**

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
April 20, 2021

DOROTHY GASKIN  
**BOARD CHAIR**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**