

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, Board Chair
Anne Thompson, Vice Chair
Destiny Gaddis, Board Member
Terri Burner, Board Member
Norma Nunez-Cortes, Consumer Board Member
Laurri Wallace, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member
Chad Whitefield, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General
Caroline Lugo, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Marcia Mann, CE Broker Senior Partner Success Manager
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT
Dr. Katherine Sylvester, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Janay Dockery
Yewon Park
Unidentified caller (1)

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Minutes – April 20, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 20, 2021 open session zoom meeting minutes as amended for clarification purposes.

Licenses to Ratify: March 2, 2021 – April 27, 2021

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Cortes 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 – PT Ownership of a Legal Entity – Mr. Derwin Bryan Davis, Esquire

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Cortes seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to uphold the original response.

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

1. **Select Your Delegates**
2. **March News Brief**

3. **April News Brief**
4. **Webinar – An Overview of Trauma’s Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations**
5. **Webinar – Who Do You Think You Are – The Impact of Professional Identity on Professional Practice**
6. **Virtual Board Member and Administrator Training**
7. **NPTE Candidate Eligibility Requirements**
8. **Regulatory Hour – Don’t Stop Us Now, We’re on a Role – Roles & Hats**
9. **Video – What is the Purpose of Physical Therapy Boards**
10. **Survey Results Q1 2021 – NPTE**

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

American Physical Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Katherine Sylvester, PT, DPT

Dr. Sylvester addressed the Board on behalf of Dr. Geist in regard to the recording of dry needling education into CE Broker. Ms. Price clarified that no changes have been made to the process. Licensees should load their documentation into CE Broker as stated in the instructions provided on the Board website and on the repository website as well.

Dr. Eskew-Capps sought clarification regarding the two separate Ethics and Jurisprudence courses provided by APTA-GA. The two programs total four (4) hours should both have the APTA seal and will be sufficient for renewal requirements. Ms. Gaskin noted that it is still appropriate for licensees to submit those two separate courses to receive credit for meeting the Georgia Ethics and Jurisprudence requirement provided that they submit both parts.

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
- CE Broker
- Georgia General Assembly
- BR 490-4-.02. Continuing Competence Requirements

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 expressed gratitude to the Board members and staff for their work and Board meeting attendance, and for reviewing matters before the Board. She reiterated the importance of staying abreast of renewal requirements and not waiting until the last minute to complete them.

CE Broker Demo – Viewing Old Courses Imported from aPTitude – Marcia Mann, CE Broker Senior

Ms. Mann addressed the Board and detailed the classic and basic views available to Board Members and staff within CE Broker. She also demonstrated how to access and load information on CE Broker.

Caroline Lugo joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner 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, Destiny Gaddis, Laurri Wallace, Terri Burner, and Norma Cortes.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, May 4, 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

Laurri Wallace left the meeting at 10:11 a.m. a quorum of the Board still present.

Executive Session Minutes – April 20, 2021 Executive Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the April 20, 2020 executive session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – M. Tracy

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s Report as presented.

PT200061

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General’s office for a Public Consent Order with public reprimand and a fine of \$500 for failure to meet renewal requirements. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date and flag for CE audit.

Norma Cortes left the meeting at 10:34 a.m. and the remaining members operated as a Committee of the Board.

Caroline Lugo left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Laurri Wallace joined the meeting at 11:01 a.m. establishing a quorum of the Board.

Cognizant Report – C. Whitefield

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

1. **PT210024** Close the case, no jurisdiction.
2. **PT210025** Refer to investigations as discussed in Executive Session. Notify the requesting authority that the Respondent is under investigation regarding allegations of failure to report.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – PT200028

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a hearing for suspension of licensure for violation of an order for Outpatient Mental Physical Examination. Suspension to remain in effect until the Respondent has complied with the order and the Board has rendered a decision after review of the results.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 2917812 Issue the license with Reservation of Rights letter. Final disposition must be submitted to the Board within 10 days of adjudication of the criminal case.

Applicant 2893050 If the applicant desires the Board to accept the hours done as completion of the traineeship, the applicant must request the supervisor to submit the Traineeship Competency Evaluation Form and the applicant must submit a Petition for Rule Variance or Waiver for consideration by the Board. If the supervisor does not complete the evaluation form as required, the traineeship and application is approved through December 31, 2021. Applicant should heed the timeframe and terms of the traineeship. Further requests would require substantiation in strict accordance with the published rule.

Applicant 2908284 Approve the Traineeship Competency Evaluation and issue the license.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: July 13, 2021

DOROTHY GASKIN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR