

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member

Visitors Present

Dr. Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Olivia Buckner, Nelson Mullins
Dr. Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)

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

Open Session Minutes – May 3, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the May 3, 2022 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Correspondence - PT Ownership of a Legal Entity - Mr. Derwin Bryan Davis, Esquire

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board upholds the staff response and recommends the writer consults with legal counsel on this matter.

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 490-2-.09 Jason F Jones

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 490-2-.09 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) – Chhaya Anugra Ashwinbhai

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)(g) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Dr. Burner 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, Terri Burner, Laurri Wallace, and Destiny Gaddis.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Monday, May 23, 2022, 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 – May 3, 2022 Executive Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the May 3, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Legal Services MEMO

1. Request for Reconsideration – PT220025

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the request for reconsideration and close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding the provision of accurate responses to renewal questions.

Norma Nunez Cortes joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

2. Case for Closure – PT170169

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send renewal application to Respondent via certified mail along with a reservation of rights notice for the 2017-2019 biennium. Must apply for renewal with the appropriate fee and provide proof of completion of all CE requirements for the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 biennia, to include copies of certificates of completion, within 30 days of receipt of notice. If responds, submit documentation to the Board for review. If fail to respond, license is revoked by operation of law for failure to renew. Notify Respondent that they may withdraw their renewal application and if they opt to do so, the license will lapse by operation of law.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – MedBridge E&J Course

Send letter to APTA-GA as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: July 12, 2022

DOROTHY GASKIN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR