

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, Chair
Anne Thompson, Vice Chair
Laurri Wallace, Board Member
Destiny Gaddis, Board Member
Terri Burner, Board Member
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Malika Benoit, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Visitors Present

Anne Rathbone
Dr. Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, Past President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Ansley Bailey, OT
Rolano Pena
Tina Spears
Venkata Rajesh Ancha

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Expressions of Gratitude for Dorothy Gaskin, PT

Dr. Thompson addressed the Board regarding the end of Dorothy Gaskin's on September 22, 2022. She expressed her appreciation of the great service Mrs. Gaskin provided as a Board Member and in the role of Board Chair in service of her profession. Ms. Gaskin congratulated the Board and staff for their excellent job in representing the profession. Dr. Thompson and the other Board members echoed that she will be sorely missed.

Open Session Minutes – August 9, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 9, 2022 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: July 5, 2022 – September 13, 2022

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Wallace 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 – Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

1. The New FSBPT Portal

2. **GA_Q2 2022 – NPTE Survey Results**
3. **GA_Q2 2022 – Application Processing Satisfaction Survey**
4. **GA_Q2 2022 – NPTE Survey Comments**
5. **July News Brief**
6. **Regulatory Workshop for Board Members and Administrators**
7. **Faculty Newsletter Third Quarter 2022**
8. **Register for the 2022 FSBPT Annual Education Meeting**
9. **Input Requested for PT Compact Growth Strategy**
10. **Regulatory Hour – September Scope**

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

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

1. **Accreditation Actions Summer 2022**
2. **Recent Actions**
3. **Master List PT**
4. **Master List PTA**

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

Discussion – CE Broker Report

1. **Monthly CE Broker Report – July 2022**
2. **Monthly CE Broker Report – August 2022**
3. **Price Increase on Premium Subscription Services_Eff_October 3, 2022**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to CE Broker as information.

Discussion – Rule 490-2-.01. Application For Licensure and Examination

The Board entered into a discussion about the adopted amendments to Board Rule 490-2-.01. Application For Licensure and Examination. Staff noted that the rule was added to the agenda for clarification. The version adopted at the March 2022 meeting is in the Governor’s office awaiting approval. If the Governor does not approve the March 2022 version, the Board will need to use the current version on the website to make any further amendments.

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that if the Board determines additional amendments are warranted based on the previous, it is recommended that the Board wait to receive a decision from the Governor’s office. Once the decision is received, refer the rule and the decision back to the rules committee for further discussion and amendments as necessary.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Pankaj Katyal**

Dr. Burner 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.

2. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Venkata Rajesh Ancha**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner 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.

American Physical Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Dr. Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, Executive Director

No update presented.

Board Member Elections

1. Board Chairperson

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Anne Thompson as the Board's Chair.

2. Vice Chairperson

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Destiny Gaddis as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

3. Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Laurri Wallace as the Board's Complaint/Disciplinary Cognizant.

4. Application Cognizant

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Anne Thompson as the Board's Application Cognizant.

5. Rules Committee

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Destiny Hebert as Committee Chair, with Dr. Terri Burner and Ms. Ashley Camoosa as a Rules Committee Members.

6. Special Projects Committee

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to re-elect Dr. Laurri Wallace as the Committee Chair and Mr. Chuck Bass as a Special Projects Committee Member.

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
- Board Member Appointments

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner 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

No official report presented. Ms. Gaskin expressed appreciation, gratitude and honor for her time spent serving on the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, noting she is leaving the Board in good hands.

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, September 20, 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 – August 9, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the August 9, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Changus

1. AG MEMO – Initial Decision – PT200042

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Gaddis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the Initial Decision as presented.

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner 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. Burner motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session. Dr. Thompson recused herself from the vote:

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| Applicant EL | Approve request to retake the exam. |
| Applicant 3032976 | Issue the license. |
| Applicant 3042670 | Issue the license. |
| Applicant 3036747 | Issue the license. |
| Applicant 3017810 | Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding criminal history. |
| Applicant 3040900 | Cause applicant's supervisor to submit a Letter of Explanation. Once received, send for Cognizant review. If no unlicensed practice found, issue the license. If unlicensed practice is found, refer to Legal Services for a private Consent Agreement with a fine of \$25/day of unlicensed practice. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. |

Reinstatements

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

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| Applicant 3030337 | Approve request to retake the exam. |
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Applicant 3040271 Refer to Legal Services for Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$25/day for unlicensed practice. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. CE hours submitted with reinstatement application cannot be used to fulfill CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2023.

Renewals

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

Applicant 1282020 Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding alcohol use.

Applicant 1764145 Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding documentation of CE in accordance with Board Rule 490-4-.02.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: October 11, 2022

DOROTHY GASKIN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR