

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Anne Thompson, Chair  
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair  
Charles Bass, Board Member  
Laurri Wallace, Board Member  
Terri Burner, Board Member  
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member  
Claire Mullin, Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Attorney General's Office**

Sandra Bailey, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

Hari Krishna Neeli  
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)

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

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda** The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

**Oath of Public Officer – Swearing in of Claire Marie Mullin, PT, DPT**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, administered the Oath of Public Officer to Claire Marie Mullin who was appointed to the Board by the Governor of the State of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp.

**Open Session Minutes – October 11, 2022 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 11, 2022 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote.

**Licenses to Ratify: September 13, 2022 – November 1, 2022**

Dr. Hebert motioned, Ms. Camoosa 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. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote.

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

1. Delegate Handbook for the FSBPT Delegate Assembly
2. September News Brief
3. Watch Some Annual Education Meeting Sessions Virtually
4. Annual Education Meeting Updates – A. Thompson & A. Price

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to explore the possibility of developing a Workforce Cross-Profession Minimum Data Set for use with physical therapy and be prepared to discuss it at the January 2023 meeting.

Dr. Thompson noted that Board Rule 490-4-.03(2)(1) would allow for licensees to receive up to 3 hours of credit towards meeting continuing education requirements for renewal if the licensee completes the Healthy Practice Self-Reflection Resource developed by the Continuing Competence Committee of FSBPT. She shared that she feels that the Board and all of the licensees might find it to be worthwhile exercise and she would like to encourage licensees to volunteer to complete the resource no later than November 30. If the licensees complete the resource, they will be entered into a raffle to receive one of 50, \$100 gift cards from Amazon.com. She indicated that their input will be valuable to finalizing the development of the tool. To that end, she stated she would like to share the tool with Kathleen Geist at APTA-GA and request that they consider posting it on their website, if there was no objection from the Board. Hearing none, Dr. Thompson will share the information with APTA-GA.

Dr. Thompson further discussed additional Annual Education Meeting topics such as NPTE Updates, Artificial Intelligence in PT Practice, Telehealth initiatives and the difficulties foreign trained individuals are having with procuring licenses in different jurisdictions and lastly encouraged the Board to participate more in PT initiatives on a national level.

## **5. October News Brief**

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

### **Discussion – PT Compact Commission Updates – Anne Thompson, PT, EdD**

#### **1. Strategic Planning**

#### **2. Quarterly Board Member Training and Review**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Dr. Destiny Gaddis to act as the FSBPT Compact Delegate.

### **Discussion – BR 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended**

The Board entered into a discussion for amending BR 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended. They determined that the proposed amendment should be implemented for those who are still practicing and for those who have graduated prior to 1996. Also taken into consideration is the expense of taking the exam and inability to work while waiting to take the exam. Other state practices were taken into consideration as independent support for the proposed rule amendment. The amendment is in line with other jurisdictions. The rule amendment will affect those who graduated prior to 1996.

The Board discussed the economic impact of the rule amendment and determined the change will ease administrative burden on staff who are now required to adjust old scores according to an old formula. The rule amendment will also favorably ease the burden for those entering the workforce.

The Board discussed the economic impact of BR 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended upon licensees. Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13, 43-33-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Physical Therapy.

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if no objections, vote to post.

#### **Rule 490-3-.01. Evaluation of Examinations. Amended**

- 1) The passing level for the physical therapist and the physical therapist assistant licensing examinations shall be determined by the Board. Scoring for the NPTE ranges from 200 - 800. The minimum passing score is 600 for both PT and PTA.
- 2) If an applicant scored less than 600 on a licensing exam taken before 1996, and the applicant was issued a license in another jurisdiction with requirements similar or equal to those in the State of Georgia, the exam result will be accepted as a passing score.

**Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 490-3-.01**

**Authority:** O.G.G.A. §§ [43-1-25](#), [43-33-10](#), [43-33-12](#), [43-33-13](#), [43-33-14](#).

**History.** Original Rule entitled "Evaluation of Examinations" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1973; eff. May 10, 1973.

**Amended:** F. Jan. 18, 1984; eff. Feb. 7, 1984.

**Amended:** F. May 27, 1987; eff. June 16, 1987.

**Amended:** F. Mar. 22, 1989; eff. Apr. 11, 1989.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 13, 1991; eff. June 2, 1991.

**Amended:** F. Apr. 18, 2016; eff. May 8, 2016.

#### **Discussion – CE Broker Report**

1. **Monthly CE Broker Report – July 2022**
2. **Monthly CE Broker Report – August 2022**
3. **Monthly CE Broker Report – September 2022**
4. **Monthly CE Broker Report – October 2022**

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

#### **Petitions for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03 Hari Krishna Neeli**

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Gaddis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote.

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

No update presented.

#### **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
- Application Programming Interface

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

**Board's Chairperson Report – A. Thompson**

Dr. Thompson encouraged Board members to get involved with FSBPT, and to join the webinars offered on the website. She also requested that a copy of the Board's Strategic Plan to be posted on Bridge.

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

**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: Anne Thompson, Charles Bass, Terri Burner, Destiny Gaddis, Laurri Wallace, Ashley Camoosa, and Claire Mullin.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Dr. Thompson 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 – October 11, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the October 11, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote.

**Attorney General's Report – S. Bailey**

**1. AG MEMO - PT200071**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind previous motion to refer and close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding drug and alcohol use.

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

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – PT200042**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to release the requested documents to the Florida Department of Health.

**Applications for Board Review**

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Mr. Bass seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote:

**Applications**

**Applicant 3044206**      Issue the license.

- Applicant 3049933** As a condition of consideration of the application, must submit the results of a mental physical examination from a board approved addiction psychiatrist or addictionologist within 45 days of notice. If fail to do so, deny licensure based on felony conviction.
- Applicant 3037005** Deny based upon failure to graduate from an accredited educational program and pass an examination approved by the Board. O.C.G.A. § 43-33-13(1) & (2).
- Applicant 3051466** Issue the license.
- Applicant 3046778** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding DUI.

**Renewal**

- Applicant 2282637** Schedule Investigative Interview.

**Traineeship Agreements**

- Applicant 3052490** Approve 480-hour Traineeship Agreement and cause revision to reflect current start date of approval.
- Applicant 3052486** Approve 480-hour Traineeship Agreement and cause revision to reflect current start date of approval.

**Traineeship Competency Evaluations**

- Applicant 3021422** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal and alcohol history.
- Applicant 3037435** Table pending additional information.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** January 10, 2023

**ANNE THOMPSON, PT EdD**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**