

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Anne Thompson, Chair
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair
Terri Burner, Board Member
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member
Claire Mullin, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member
Laurri Wallace, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, Past President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Kathrine Sylvester, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT, 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 9:08 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – February 14, 2023 Open Session Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Hebert motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 14, 2023 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Mullin abstained from the vote.

Licenses to Ratify: January 3, 2023 – February 28, 2023

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Hebert 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. February 2023 NPTE Workshop for Educators
2. 2023 CBA Winter Symposium RESCHEDULED
3. FSBPT Delegate and Alternate Delegate

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Anne Thompson as the Delegate to the Federation of State Physical Therapy Boards and Terri Burner as the Alternate Delegate.

5. January News Brief
6. February News Brief
7. February 2023 Regulatory Hour – Regulation and the Impaired Practitioner
8. Register for the FSBPT Regulatory Workshop in March

9. Call for Nominations for CBA Leadership Positions
10. 2023 CBA Winter Symposium
11. The When, How, and Why of the 2024 NPTE Redesign
12. Register for the FSBPT Regulatory Workshop March 10-12

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

Discussion – Proposed Administrative Licensing Policy

Dr. Hebert motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to develop an Administrative Licensing Policy for the Board to expedite processing relative to arrest and convictions.

Discussion – CE Broker Report – January 2023

Dr. Hebert motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the correspondence in reference to CE Broker as information.

Discussion – Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) – Call for Comment - Revised Standards and Required Elements

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the correspondence in reference to CAPTE as information.

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

No update presented at this time in the absence of Dr. Geist.

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
- Annual Public Officer Affidavit
- Georgia General Assembly

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

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to schedule a meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing petitions for rule waiver or variance.

Board's Chairperson Report – A. Thompson

Dr. Thompson reported to the Board that she is serving on the FSBPT Taskforce for PT Education whose purpose is to explain the Compact and will be a resource to both PT students and clinicians. Dr. Thompson is requesting Board member feedback in reviewing the frequently asked questions on the PT Compact site. She requested that Board members notify her if they find issues not already addressed in the FAQ list so that she may offer them to the taskforce for inclusion.

Dr. Thompson continued by reporting on the Subcommittee on the License Renewal Process by noting that the subcommittee did meet to discuss the development of a webinar on the subject and based on the discussion she has put together a small PowerPoint presentation that will be sent out to the Subcommittee Members for their input.

Once distributed and the Subcommittee Members have had an opportunity to provide feedback, there will be a meeting scheduled for discussion of the information provided and finalize details for the webinar. She recommended that the Subcommittee consider allowing Dr. Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT, an Ethics and Jurisprudence CE instructor, to serve as a resource for the Subcommittee as her experience and feedback should prove invaluable. There being favorable comments submitted by the Board on the idea and consent given by Dr. Eskew-Capps, Dr. Thompson indicated that she would pose that option to the Subcommittee for approval during the next meeting.

Dr. Sylvester was recognized by Dr. Thompson who indicated that she was given permission to provide some updates on behalf of APTA-GA President, Dr. Kathleen Geist. She stated that she was asked to report that a CE Broker resource will be added to the APTA-GA website to assist licensees during the license renewal process and the direct access bill did not make crossover day and will be presented again on next year. Dr. Thompson thanked Dr. Geist for the update and it was accepted by the Board as information.

Dr. Thompson queried the Board for their feedback after having completed the Board Assessment Resource (BAR). She commented that for a historical perspective she took the BAR in 2020 and again recently in 2023 and was pleased to see that the Board has improved in all categories. Ms. Price commented that this was her assessment as well. In response to taking the BAR, Ms. Camoosa said the information was interesting as well as educational as it highlighted some things that she may not know about the works of the Board.

Dr. Mullin noted that she will take the BAR again after the Regulatory Workshop this weekend as she believes her responses will vary greatly. Ms. Price encouraged the Board Members to review their responses to the BAR and if there are things that they are uncertain about to please email her their questions and she will provide the answers or direct them to the appropriate resource to assist them in becoming more knowledgeable.

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

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Gaddis 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, Terri Burner, Destiny Gaddis, Ashley Camoosa, and Claire Mullin.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 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 – February 14, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 14, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Changus

1. **AG MEMO – PT200080** Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind previous motion, accept the request to allow the license to lapse and administratively revoked by operation of law, and close the case.

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

Cognizant Report – L. Wallace

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

PT230010 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for action as presented.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – PT210004

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

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order for unprofessional conduct related to a failure to practice within the minimum standards of prevailing practice with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Applications for Board Review

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 3049933 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Applicant 3068739 Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding criminal history and previous disciplinary action by another jurisdiction.

Applicant 3077188 Applicant to complete 1000-hour Traineeship Agreement.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: March 21, 2023

ANNE THOMPSON, PT EdD
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR