

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dorothy Gaskin, Board Chair  
Anne Thompson, Vice Chair  
Chad Whitefield, Board Member  
Destiny Gaddis, Board Member  
Terri Burner, Board Member

**Board Members Absent**

Charles Bass, Board Member  
Laurri Wallace, Board Member  
Norma Nunez-Cortes, Consumer Board Member

**Visitors Present**

Dr. Kathleen Geist,  
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT  
Tina Spears, PT  
Jaqueline Wilson  
Leila Rahnama

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Attorney General's Office**

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

**Call to Order:** Ms. Gaskin established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Dr. Burner 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, or enforcement matters and/or 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, Chad Whitefield, Terri Burner, and Destiny Gaddis.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, December 14, 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**

**Executive Session Minutes – November 16, 2021 Executive Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the November 16, 2020 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as amended for clerical corrections.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

**1. Compact Privilege Holder Dispositions**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send letter via certified mail and email to the respondents informing them that they must submit proof of completing the GA JAM requirement within 30 days of the notice. If no response or the requirement is not complete as stated, the compact privilege is revoked and the PT Compact Commission shall be notified.

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Dr. Gaddis to submit questions via email through the Executive Director to the Assistant Attorney General for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the statutes of the Board in order to provide guidance to the Rules Committee.

## **2. PT Compact Request for Use of Licensee Email Addresses**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to inform the PT Compact that the Board declines to participate in the release of email addresses of its licensees at this time.

## **3. PT200028**

Dr. Thompson 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 or a Private Order with terms as discussed in Executive Session.

### **Cognizant Summary Report – C. Whitefield – PT220012**

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to renew the license for the cycle ending December 31, 2019 with a reservation of rights letter citing the current violations, potential actions under consideration by the Board, and enclosing a renewal coupon for the current renewal cycle. If renews the license for current cycle, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Public Consent Order with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session for action in another jurisdiction and continuing education violations for the biennia ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2021 [O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a)(8)].

### **Application for Board Review**

#### **Applicant 2980271**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table. Recommend for applicant to file a petition for rule waiver/variance for consideration by the Board.

#### **Applicant 2640514**

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to renew with a reservation of rights letter informing the licensee that they must report if a felony conviction occurs to the Board within 10 days in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-27, and must provide a certified copy of the bond conditions for Board review. Upon receipt of requested documentation, refer to the Attorney General's Office for an OMPE.

### **Compact Privileges**

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send letter via certified mail and via email to the respondents informing to the following Compact Privilege holders that they must submit proof of completing the GA JAM requirement within 30 days of the notice. If no response or the requirement is not complete as stated, the compact privilege is revoked:

**CP008504T**  
**CP007563A**  
**CP008049T**

**OPEN SESSION**

**Open Session Minutes – November 16, 2021 Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 16, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 490-2-.01(3) Yogeshkumar Makvana**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 490-2-.01(3) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Extend application until April 1, 2022.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

**1. BR 490-2-.02 Otuome Okoye PT013699**

Dr. Burner motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**2. BR 490-2-.03 Engelbert Solis**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner 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. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Thompson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 pending review of proof of verification of employment in good standing, based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**Miscellaneous Discussion**

It was the consensus of the Board that the Rules Committee be charged to conduct an additional review of Board Rules 490-2-.09 for compliance and congruency with Board Rule 490-2-.03 and Board Rule 490-13-.01 to include language concerning actions to be taken should a compact privilege holder fail to meet the GA JAM requirement. Dr. Thompson volunteered to also conduct some research on the timelines, competency factors and current standards for education used in other jurisdictions to assist the Rules Committee in determining if the Board's standard for active years of practice remains consistent with industry standards.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** March 8, 2022

**DOROTHY GASKIN**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

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