

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Anne Thompson, Chair  
Charles Bass, 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  
Donna Richardson, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

**Board Members Absent**

Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair  
Laurri Wallace, Board Member

**Attorney General's Office**

Maximillian Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

Pratisha Mahrjan  
Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Tina Spears  
Kimberly Livingston

**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 voted by acclamation to accept the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes – August 15, 2023 Board WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the August 15, 2023 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: August 15, 2023 – September 12, 2023**

The Board voted by acclamation 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. Georgia Q2 ELDD CPR Rating\_07162023
2. July News Brief
3. Faculty Newsletter Third Quarter 2023
4. The When, How, and Why of the 2024 NPTE Redesign
5. PT Compact – Enhancements to Compact Communications
6. August News Brief
7. Resource – Alternate Paths to Legal Practice
8. October 2023 Regulatory Hour\_Regulatory Awareness\_Board Communications & Outreach

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

### **Discussion – American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)**

- 1. Digital Health Win Against Kaia's MSK Pain APP & United Healthcare**
- 2. SACSCOC HCTC Program Closure PTA23**
- 3. CAPTE Final Draft of 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 APTA as information.

### **Discussion – CE Broker**

- 1. Now Powered by Propelus**
- 2. PT Monthly Report\_July\_2023**
- 3. eNewsletter**
- 4. PT Monthly Report\_August 2023**

Ms. Camoosa 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 – SB 197 – Amendments to O.C.G.A. Ch. 43, Ch. 1, Art. 33 RE Advertisements, Labeling & Representations**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the correspondence in reference to SB 197 as information.

### **Discussion – Request from Georgia Department of Public Health Opioid Substance Misuse Response Program – Donovan M. Stephens, MPH, Deputy Director**

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k)(1), approve release of the identified applicant information to the Georgia Department of Public Health Opioid & Substance Misuse Response Program upon receipt of written request.

### **Petitions for Rule Waiver**

- 1. BR 490-2-.04 Andrew Pilcher**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 and BR 490-2-.03(1)(c) for Executive Session discussion.

- 2. BR 490-2-.03(1)(c) Andrew Pilcher**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 and BR 490-2-.03(1)(c) for Executive Session discussion.

- 3. BR 490-9-.05 Abbie Laycock PT016686**

Mr. Bass motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 490-9-.05 based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

- 4. BR 490-2-.03(b)(d)(e), BR 490-2-.03, BR 490-2-.04 Pratistha Mahrjan**

- a) Public Comment – Isha Oli**
- b) Public Comment – Shital Joshi**
- c) Public Comment – Aleena Bhandari**
- d) Public Comment – Amar Suwal**
- e) Public Comment – Shraddha Dahal**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(b)(d)(e), BR 490-2-.03, BR 490-2-.04 for Executive Session discussion.

**Discussion – Summary Report Webinar – Navigating the Licensure Renewal Process**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Summary Report for the webinar on Navigating the Licensure Renewal Process as information.

**American Physical Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Dr. Dhara Shah, PT, DPT, President**

No update presented.

**Discussion – 2024 Board Member Elections**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to maintain the current elected positions and to elect Claire Mullin as a Special Projects Committee Member.

**Position**

Chair	Anne Thompson
Vice Chair	Destiny Hebert
Applications Cognizant	Anne Thompson
Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant	Laurri Wallace

**Rules Committee**

Chair	Destiny Gaddis
Committee Member	Terri Burner
Committee Member	Ashley Camoosa

**Special Projects Committee**

Chair	Laurri Wallace
Committee Member	Charles Bass
Committee Member	Claire Mullin

**National Conference Representatives – October 2024**

Compact Delegate	Destiny Hebert
LIF Representative/ FSBPT Delegate	Anne Thompson

**Executive Director Report – A. Price**

The 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:

- Exam, Licensure & Disciplinary Database (ELDD) Consumer Protection Rating (CPR)
- PLB Updates

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.

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

Dr. Thompson apprised the Board members and meeting visitors of the FSBPT Jacksonville event, Healthy Practice Tool Resource, and encouraged involvement. She explained that this is a self-assessment to allow licensees to take 10 different modules on subjects such as professionalism and healthy practice. The FSBPT website has additional information for those interested.

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, Mr. Bass 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, Ashley Camoosa, and Claire Mullin.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, September 19, 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**

### **Petitions for Rule Waiver**

#### **1. BR 490-2-.04; BR 490-2-.03(1)(c) Andrew Pilcher**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 and BR 490-2-.03(1)(c) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

#### **2. BR 490-2-.03, BR 490-2-.04 Pratistha Mahrjan**

- a) Public Comment – Isha Oli
- b) Public Comment – Shital Joshi
- c) Public Comment – Aleena Bhandari
- d) Public Comment – Amar Suwal
- e) Public Comment – Shraddha Dahal

Dr. Mullin 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, and to grant the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 if the applicant provides proof of a minimum of two (2) years active practice which must be received by October 15, 2023. If not received, the petition is denied based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

### **Executive Session Minutes – August 15, 2023 Executive Session WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the August 15, 2023 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

### **Attorney General's Report – M. Changus**

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

**Initial Applications**

**Applicant 3108318**

Refer to Legal Service for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose an arrest on application for licensure. Fine to be paid in full within ninety (90) days of the order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 3106406**

Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding false attestation on application and criminal history.

**Applicant 3099203**

Approve applicant to retest for the NPTE seventh attempt, per Board Rule 490-3-.02 Re-examination.

**Reinstatement**

**Applicant 3102576**

Cause applicant to complete a 480-hour Traineeship Agreement. Per Board Rule 490-4-.01. Renewal and Reinstatement of License and Penalties.

**Renewals**

**Applicant 240989**

Close the case, renew the license, and flag for Disciplinary Action and CE Audit.

**Applicant 1724295**

Request documentation from treating physician for ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Must be received within 30 days of notification. If not received, refer to the Attorney General's Office for an Outpatient Mental Physical Examination.

**Applicant 2682370**

Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation on renewal application, and for not completing CE hours as required per Board Rule 490-4-.02. Completion of two (2) hours of Continuing Education hours must be submitted, and fine paid in full within ninety (90) days of the order docket date. CE submitted to satisfy the terms of the order cannot be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2023. Flag for CE Audit.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** November 7, 2023

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

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