

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

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

Board Members Present

Anne Thompson, Chair
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair
Terri Burner, Board Member
Laurri Wallace, 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

Attorney General's Office

Sandra Bailey, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member

Visitors Present

Helen Gardenhour
Jessica Bolt
Alexander
Anne Welch, PT, DPT
Chris Gray
Tina Spears
Elizabeth Bryant
Daniel Dale, PT, DPT, Past President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Katherine Sylvester, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Dhara Shah, President, 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 9:06 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board voted by acclamation to accept the agenda as reordered.

Open Session Minutes – September 19, 2023 Board WebEx Board Meeting Minutes

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the September 19, 2023 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: September 12, 2023 – November 1, 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.

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 to include information on the Georgia Online Application Licensing System (GOALS)

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to support a pause in the renewal process until the issues in the GOALS system have been resolved successfully.

Dr. Wallace 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 visitors about the amount of behind the scenes work that is being done by staff and salutes the licensees for their ongoing patience. Dr. Thompson also thanked Ms. Price for her tireless efforts in handling the GOALS rollout issues. She also recognized the YouTube link provided by Dhara Shah, APTA-GA President, which details how to navigate the new renewal process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i9324YICcv3ZwBLzqcRP46xG1bUQS2UR/view?usp=share_link

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

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

1. New Webinar – Emerging Areas of Practice and Scope of Practice Clarification
2. New Webinar – Optimizing Regulatory Effectiveness in Investigation and Discipline
3. September News Brief
4. 2023 Delegate Handbook
5. Annual Education Meeting 2023
6. Annual Education Meeting 2023-Day Two — Final Keynote
7. The Physical Therapy Compact_Benefit for Military Spouses
8. October News Brief
9. 2023 Regulatory Hour_New Board Members & Staff_Preparation To Serve
10. Webinar on NPTE updates
11. PT Compact – Washington, DC Will Begin Issuing Compact Privileges November 6, 2023

The Board voted by acclamation to accept the correspondence in reference to FSBPT as information.

Discussion – CE Broker – PT Account Stats September 2023

The Board voted by acclamation to accept the correspondence in reference to CE Broker as information.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.04 Sujata Y Jarugula

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 for Executive Session discussion.

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

No update presented.

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, November 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

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.04 Sujata Y Jarugula

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner 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.

Executive Session Minutes – September 19, 2023 Executive Session WebEx Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the September 19, 2023 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – S. Bailey

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

Legal Services Memo – PT240012

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the order as received.

Cognizant Report – L. Wallace

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:

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| PT210021 | Refer back to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |
| PT220011 | Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with a reprimand and terms and conditions as discussed. |
| PT220020 | Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with a reprimand and terms and conditions as discussed. |
| PT220022 | Refer back to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |
| PT220023 | Refer back to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed. |
| PT220033 | Close the case. |
| PT230006 | Close the case. |
| PT230007 | Send a letter of request to the employer as discussed. If the request is granted, close the case. If not, refer the case to the Attorney General’s Office for Legal Advice. |
| PT230009 | Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with a reprimand and terms and conditions as discussed. |
| PT240001 | Close the case. |
| PT230002 | Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with a reprimand and terms and conditions as discussed. |

Applications for Board Review

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

Traineeship Agreements

Applicant 3107687

Approve 1000-hour Traineeship Agreement, with alignment of start date to the date of approval.

Applicant 3110949

Approve 480-hour Traineeship Agreement with start date to align with date of approval.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: **January 9, 2024**

ANNE THOMPSON, PT, EdD
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now E. Anne W. Thompson, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the PT Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, November 7, 2023 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

E. Anne W. Thompson
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 7th day of November 2023

Katherine Pesaturo
Notary Public

Katherine Pesaturo
NOTARY PUBLIC
Chatham County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires 12/27/2026