

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 29, 2024 - 12:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. 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  
Everett Tyler, Consumer Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Donna Hammond, Licensing/Complaint/Compliance Analyst

**Attorney General's Office**

Mary Brannen, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

Charles Bass, Board Member  
Laurri Wallace, Board Member

**Visitors Present**

Nirav Kothari  
Viswanatha R Mukkamalla  
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Lohitha Dinnipalle  
Call\_in User 3  
Call-In User 4  
Gauri Malthankar  
Guest User

**Call to Order:** Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Minutes**

1. **May 7, 2024 Board WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**
2. **May 21, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the May 7, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the May 21, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Board Meeting Minutes as presented, by acclimation with no opposing votes.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

1. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) – Gauri Malthankar**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. **BR 490-2-.03 – Lohitha Dinnipalle**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending a discussion of relevant application information in Executive Session.

**3. BR 490-2-.09(3)(c) – Mervin Into**

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.09(3)(c) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. May submit new petition with adequate evidence to support petition.

**4. BR 490-2-.04 – Viswanatha R Mukkamalla**

- a) Public comment from Venkata Dhulipudi
- b) Public comment from Surendranath Reddy
- c) Public comment from Ravi Mandala
- d) Public comment from Raveena Mandala
- e) Public comment from Rahul Mandal
- f) Public comment from Sharma Tejomurtula
- g) Public comment from Sushmitha Naraparaju
- h) Public comment from Sri Karthik Bhagi
- i) Public comment from Swapna Lingala
- j) Public comment from Ramyadevi Ramamoorthi
- k) Public comment from Raghavender Nelakosigi
- l) Public comment from Raj Chekuri
- m) Public comment from Anuj Gupta

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending a discussion of relevant application information in Executive Session.

**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, Terri Burner, Ashley Camoosa, Claire Mullin, and Everett Tyler.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, May 29, 2024, 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**

Destiny Gaddis joined the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

**Open Session Minutes**

- 1. May 7, 2024 Board WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**
- 2. May 21, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion to approve the May 7, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the May 21, 2024 Rules Committee WebEx Board Meeting Minutes pending amendment and subsequent Board review.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

**1. BR 490-2-.03 – Lohitha Dinnipalle**

Dr. Mullin 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.

**2. BR 490-2-.04 – Viswanatha R Mukkamalla**

- a) Public comment from Venkata Dhulipudi
- b) Public comment from Surendranath Reddy
- c) Public comment from Ravi Mandala
- d) Public comment from Raveena Mandala
- e) Public comment from Rahul Mandal
- f) Public comment from Sharma Tejomurtula
- g) Public comment from Sushmitha Naraparaju
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- i) Public comment from Swapna Lingala
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- k) Public comment from Raghavender Nelakosigi
- l) Public comment from Raj Chekuri
- m) Public comment from Anuj Gupta

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.04 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship as the rule cited on the petition does not address traineeship requirements. May wish to submit new petition for consideration citing BR 490-2-.03(g).

**Legal Services MEMO – Case for Ratification – PT240040**

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

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed by:</b>	Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
<b>Minutes approved on:</b>	June 21, 2024

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

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
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**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 Physical Therapy 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, May 29, 2024 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 6 day of June 2024

Julie F. Kab  
Notary Public

