

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Anne Thompson, Chair  
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair  
Terri Burner, Board Member  
Claire Mullin, Board Member  
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member  
Charles Bass, Board Member  
Everett Tyler, Consumer Board Member  
Laurri Wallace, Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Sherry Strong, Licensing Analyst

**Attorney General's Office**

Giovanna Franchi Souza, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

Tina Spears  
Justin Lanphear  
Christopher Hairie  
Richard Woolf, FSBPT  
Robert Martin  
Alex Miranda  
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**Call to Order:** Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Minutes - September 10, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the December 4, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: October 31, 2024 – January 8, 2025**

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.

**Correspondence – American Physical Therapy Association Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Announcement of New Management Firm**

The Board accepts the correspondence regarding APTA-GA as information.

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

1. November News Brief
2. 2023 Georgia Jurisprudence Assessment Module Annual Report
3. 2025 Budget
4. Voting Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Funded Administrator
5. 2025 Georgia Delegation
6. Regulatory Workshop
7. Forum 2024
8. December News Brief
9. Reported Technical Issues With JAM Administration
10. Board Liaison - Stephen Curley
11. February 2025 NPTE Workshop for Educators
12. PTA Exam Windows Extended\_Rescheduled

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

### **Discussion – PT COMPACT**

1. **Approved Annual Meeting Minutes \_December 16, 2024**
2. **Year End Update**

Dr. Gaddis informed the Board that she did contact the PT Compact Commission as requested to inquire about the GA JAM requirement and the frequency of reports of GA JAM violations to member boards. She stated that presently, there is no process in place with the PT Compact Commission to prevent individuals from receiving a compact privilege before taking and passing the GA JAM nor have they established a frequency for reporting those violations to the member boards. She stated that Mr. Rosa, the PT Compact Administrator, did not seem to realize that the reports had already been shared with member boards, but there have been some discussions regarding how best to approach identified violations. He indicated that the Compact Commission will likely share the information soon. The request was made to the PT Compact Commission to establish a process that will prevent the issuance of a privilege before proof of a passing score on the GA JAM is provided.

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

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

No report presented.

### **Petitions for Rule Waiver**

1. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Vini Voggu**
2. **BR 490-2-.03(b) Hubert Esteban**

Dr. Thompson motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the petitions for Rule Waiver to review the applications for licensure in Executive Session prior to rendering a decision on the petitions.

### **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:

- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- Georgia General Assembly
- PLB Updates

Dr. Burner motioned, Ms. Camoosa 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 provided a summary of items the Board has on its radar to include the Board Assessment Resource (BAR) through FSBPT, which is now due, when to take the Georgia JAM if you are a Compact holder, the use of the regulator designator in the state of Georgia in reference to the statutory definition, and the process of updating the renewal webinar. She stated that she is ready for strategic planning in the new year and asked for the Board to complete the BAR and be prepared to discuss the strategic plan during the next meeting.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board’s Chairperson Report as presented.

**Mr. Tyler 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, Laurri Wallace, Ashley Camoosa, Claire Mullin, Charles Bass, and Everett Tyler.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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 – December 4, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Mullin motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the December 4, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – G. Souza**

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

**Legal Services MEMO – Requests for Reconsideration**

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

1. **PT250431**                      Rescind the previous motion and renew the license.
2. **PT250430**                      Uphold the previous motion.

Laurrie Wallace left the meeting at 10:09 a.m. with a quorum of the Board still present.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

**1. BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Vini Voggu**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table and send notification that prior to February 9, 2025, the petitioner must submit documentation of active practice for two years. If provided prior to the deadline date, grant petition based on sufficient evidence to substantiate the hardship. If not provided, deny the petition based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship.

**1. BR 490-2-.03(b) Hubert Esteban**

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(b based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**Applications for Board Review**

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

**PT200028** Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an Indefinite Suspension of Licensure based on violation of the Private Consent Order. May petition to lift the suspension after submitting the results of a mental physical examination completed by a physician specializing in addictionology who is approved by the Board. The suspension may be lifted with a Public Consent Order with terms and conditions as determined by the Board.

**Applicant 4171134** Issue the license.

**Applicant 4172316** Deny licensure based on unprofessional conduct and action in another jurisdiction [O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a)(5)(6)(8)].

**Applicant 4193236** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation and failure to disclose on application for licensure. Fine to be paid within six (6) months of order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 4198661** Cause applicant to complete a 480-hour Traineeship Agreement.

**PT250003** Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order to include monitoring for a minimum of two (2) years to include mandatory outpatient treatment for a minimum of one (1) year, random drug screens by a SAMHSA certified lab, quarterly personal, employer, and psychotherapy reports with medication management. Must practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist or physician during the period of monitoring. May petition to terminate upon demonstrating continuous documented sobriety for a minimum of two (2) years after the docket date of the order.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendation made in Executive Session. Terri Burner recused herself from the vote.

**Applicant 4148143** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice from 05/01/2024 – 07/31/2024. Fine to be paid within six (6) months of order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

**1. Cases Involving Violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-33-11**

Dr. Thompson informed the Board that although there was a motion made during the December 4, 2024 meeting to send notifications to Georgia schools reminding them that the regulatory designators for PT and PTA cannot be used unless the individual holds a license issued by the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, she made the executive decision to table the issuance of the letters pending further discussion with the Board. In speaking with Ms. Price, it was noted that the original discussion with the Board did not include any consideration of how to address faculty who reside in other jurisdictions but teach Georgia students. She wanted to know if the Board would be fine with the letter addressing those faculty members more directly.

The Board voted by acclamation to move forward with sending letters to PT and PTA programs in the State of Georgia, to Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia concerning potential violations of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-3(7)(E) and 43-33-11(b) & (c) to include reference to faculty located outside of Georgia who teach students in Georgia.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** **March 4, 2025**

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 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, January 14, 2025 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 3rd day of February 2025

Aratiben K. Patel  
Notary Public

