

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Anne Thompson, Chair
Terri Burner, Board Member
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member
Claire Mullin, Board Member
Laurri Wallace, Board Member
Everett Tyler, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office

Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair
Charles Bass, Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present

Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA) Past President
Andrzej Przybula
Dhara Shah, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA) Past President
Myler Ybarley
Rachael Walton-Mouw
Timothy Cobb
Tina Spears, PT
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
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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 9:12 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Minutes

1. **March 4, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
2. **April 7, 2025 Subcommittee on License Renewal WebEx Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the March 4, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes and the April 7, 2025 Subcommittee on License Renewal WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: February 28, 2025 – May 12, 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.

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

1. **UPDATE - Faculty Newsletter First Quarter 2025**
2. **Regulatory Hour with Dale Atkinson - Board Efficiencies**

3. **March News Brief**
4. **CBA Webinar - The Patient_Practitioner Relationship**
5. **Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report**
6. **Regulatory Hour with Jennifer Semko - Chevron — One Year Later**
7. **In the Public Eye - What the Public Thinks about State Regulatory Bodies**
8. **April News Brief**
9. **2025 Q1 ELDD Consumer Protection Rating**
10. **2024 Georgia Jurisprudence Assessment Module Annual Report**

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

Discussion – PT COMPACT

1. **Response to GA PT Board Query on Verification of Jurisprudence Requirements**
2. **Compliance Report – QTR1_2025**
3. **2025 Q1 Compact State Status Report**
4. **PT Compact - Update_May 2025**

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to PT COMPACT as information.

Discussion – Vermont Press Release – SHARE ACT Support

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to Share Act Support as information.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(d,e)_Amir Massoud Arab Loodaricheh**
2. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g)_Amir Massoud Arab Loodaricheh**
3. **BR 490-2-.04 & BR 490-2-.03_Myler Nabi Ybarley**
4. **BR 490-2-.04_Myler Nabi Ybarley**
5. **BR 490-2-.03(1)(g)_Bae Chibum**

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 application for licensure in Executive Session prior to rendering a decision on the petition.

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

Dr. Kathleen Geist, DPT, indicated that she is the appointed liaison for APTA-GA on behalf of Dr. Braxley who has nothing to report. The Board accepted the statement as information.

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
- Rules Hearing
- PLB Updates
- Georgia General Assembly

The Board voted by acclamation to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Board's Chairperson Report – A. Thompson

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

1. 2025 Proposed Guide for Continuing Competence Activities Documentation Requirements

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the 2025 Proposed Guide for Continuing Competence Activities Documentation Requirements to the Rules Committee.

2. Discussion – Notice on Georgia Licensing Requirements for Educators in PT & PTA Programs

Dr. Thompson addressed the Board and visitors by stating that there has been a great deal of interest concerning the legal interpretation of the law as it relates to who is able to teach in a PT and PTA program. She shared that the Board has no position on the law, or the legal interpretation of the law that has been provided by the Attorney General's Office because this is a Board that enforces the law as it is written. She stated that the legal advice that was received was shared with the schools, CAPTE, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia. Dr. Thompson then read aloud the advice provided from the Attorney General's Office noting that the Board sent this information out again to reiterate that based on the plain language of the statute, teaching and educating in PT and PTA educational programs is the practice of physical therapy and therefore, individuals engaged in these acts must be licensed by the Board. She then asked Ms. Price to comment.

Ms. Price stated that the other important point to make is that the statute does not have any exceptions or exemption other than those that are noted in the exemption area of the law and not relegated to the use of the regulatory designators. Teaching is included within the definition of physical therapy. She further stated a statutory change will be required to change this definition.

Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace 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, Terri Burner, Ashley Camoosa, Laurri Wallace, Claire Mullin, and Everett Tyler.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, May 20, 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

Cognizant Summary Report – L. Wallace, DPT

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:

PT250399	Close case at complainant's request.
PT250425	Close case due to insufficient evidence.
PT250452	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to apply for licensure, details of case will be revisited.
PT250450	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250456	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250449	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250447	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to apply for licensure, details of case will be revisited.
PT250441	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.

PT230007	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT250442	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250443	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to re-apply for licensure, details of case will be revisited.
PT250458	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to re-apply for licensure, details of case will be revisited.
PT250457	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to re-apply for licensure, details of case will be revisited.
PT240047	Close the case.
PT250464	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250433	Close case due to insufficient evidence.
PT250426	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$500 for falsifying documentation. Fine to be paid and submission of four (4) hours ethics and jurisprudence CE due within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.
PT250446	Close with a Letter of Concern regarding AAJ and flag for Audit.
PT250448	Close with a Letter of Concern regarding AAJ and flag for Audit.
PT250415	Close case due to insufficient evidence.
PT250402	Close case, no jurisdiction.
PT250398	Close the case.
PT220023	Close the case due to insufficient information.
PT250462	Close case due to no jurisdiction. Should attempt to reinstate, details of case will be revisited.
PT250421	Close the case.
PT250463	Close case due to no jurisdiction and insufficient evidence.
PT250460	Close case due to insufficient evidence.
PT250508	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT250507	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT250506	Close with a Letter of Concern regarding AAJ and flag for Audit.

Petition for Rule Waiver

1. BR 490-2-.03(1)(d,e)_Amir Massoud Arab Loodaricheh

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

2. BR 490-2-.03(1)(g)_Amir Massoud Arab Loodaricheh

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

3. BR 490-2-.04 & BR 490-2-.03_Myler Nabi Ybarley

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-.04 & BR 490-2-.03 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

4. BR 490-2-.04_Myler Nabi Ybarley

Public Comment – Andrea Terry, PT
Public Comment – Josh Drummond, PT

Mr. Tyler motioned, Dr. Wallace 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.

5. BR 490-2-.03(1)(g)_Bae Chibum

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Mr. Everett seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. May submit a new petition with documentation to fully support continuous active practice in the United States jurisdictions and territories.

Executive Session Minutes – March 4, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 4, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – G. Souza

1. AG MEMO – PT250003 – David Polson

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the recommendation of the Attorney General's Office.

Dr. Burner motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report and advice as presented.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. Request for Investigative Information_PT240050

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to release complaint information to the AL Board as requested.

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer a request to the Rules Committee to draft a policy regarding the release of information to the PT Compact States upon request.

2. Traineeship requirements

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer a request to the Rules Committee to clarify the need for applicants to present evidence of having achieved clinical competence in the US territories.

3. PT230011 Petition to Terminate

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant request to terminate monitoring.

Legal Services MEMO

Ms. Camoosa 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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| 1. Case for Ratification – PT250444 | Accept order as received. |
| 2. Request to Withdraw Application – PT250467 | Allow to withdraw application, if attempts to reapply, case will be reconsidered. |

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 4220543	Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to disclose failure of an exam.
Applicant 4217881	Must complete 480-hour Traineeship Agreement.
Applicant 4231869	Table pending additional information.
Applicant 4239938	Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding criminal history.
Applicant 4218291	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 Audit.
PT250472	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for non-compliance with Public Consent Order, false attestation regarding CE requirements, and failure to meet CE requirements for renewal. Terms to include a fine of \$1500 to be paid within six (6) months of the order docket date and must complete four (4) hours of Ethics and Jurisprudence CE within 90 days of the order docket date. Hours taken to satisfy the terms of the Order may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes reviewed by:	Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on:	July 1, 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, May 20, 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 27th day of May 2025

Anthony Wolff
Notary Public

Anthony Wolff
NOTARY PUBLIC
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
My Commission Expires
09/18/2027