

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

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

Attorney General's Office

Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Charles Bass, Board Member
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair

Visitors Present

Daniel Dale, PT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Ben Braxley, PT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA), President
James
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Rachel Walton-Mouw
Andrzej Przybyla

Call to Order: Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Minutes

1. **October 14, 2025 Special Projects Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**
2. **October 28, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the October 14, 2025 Special Projects Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the October 28, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: September 23, 2025 – November 9, 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. **2025 Virtual Annual Education Meeting**

Dr. Thompson and Dr. Wallace provided an update on their experience at this year's annual conference. Dr. Wallace reported that it was a great meeting and interesting to see the types of alleged violations that we have here in Georgia concerning boundary violations and sexual misconduct is happening across the country. She noted that it's becoming a huge issue and mentioned how different states address the violations. Dr. Wallace commented that she has been in practice for twenty-six years and can see where a lot of acts by licensees could unintentionally become boundary violations.

She also noted that a new coursework tool will be coming up soon. The Georgia Board has had a lot of discussion internally and in the Special Projects Committee regarding internationally educated therapists, the confusion those applicants can experience. The new coursework tool will come out in a few months and will be easier to follow.

Dr. Wallace continued there is much discussion nationally around streamlining the process for internationally educated therapists. Georgia is not the only state where these applicants have a hard time of understanding which forms to fill out, and when and where to submit the information, to include those applicants transferring from another state.

And lastly, she shared that the keynote speaker for the lunch program discussed her personal experience with the issue of ambient listening devices and recording of sessions. Legally, there must be notices posted for this to take place, but there is a concern about whether the information gathered from these devices is correct, where it will be stored and for how long, and how it will be shared. The speaker noticed a sign on her physical therapist's computer that he had an ambient listening device, and she had no idea her whole sessions were being recorded. It was concerning to her how and where her information was being shared.

Dr. Wallace found this an interesting case because there are ambient listening devices in many places so anyone can be listening. She advised those in today's meeting to make sure to have the proper consent if using ambient listening devices. It can be very helpful to the clinician for notes and progress tracking, but for the most part, it is unknown where the data is stored, and more importantly, the patients may not know that it's part of their treatment. She concluded that overall, it was a great meeting, and she appreciated the opportunity.

Dr. Thompson attended with Dr. Wallace and wanted to add one piece of information from the finance committee. She continued that she is a member of the Committee, and their work is about sharing information regarding disciplinary actions between jurisdictions through the Exam Licensure Disciplinary Database (ELDD). Currently thirty-five boards actively share this information. She stated there is an archive of 13,000 disciplinary actions against over 8,800 individuals. In 2024, there were 364 notifications sent, and jurisdictions can update the ELDD in real time through the API connections where there is instantaneous data transfer.

One jurisdiction handles licensure updates as soon as a violation occurs and it will refresh every thirty minutes. Thirteen jurisdictions update daily, and then licensure files can be also imported. There's also a mechanism with FSBPT to reach out and gather the information. So, there's a big effort on everyone's part to be sure that we stop nefarious actors from jumping borders.

Dr. Thompson concluded her part of the report that next year, the annual meeting will be in Greenville, South Carolina and highly recommend that everyone take advantage of the proximity.

2. October News Brief

3. Expanding PT Practice into Health and Wellness Services

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

Discussion – PT COMPACT

1. Georgia Status Report

2. 2025 Q3 Compact Compliance Report

3. State Boards Presentation

4. Materials for Board Staff - updated 10312025

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

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Benjamin Briffe

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

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 490-9-.02(2) Andrzej Przybyla

1. PUBLIC COMMENT from Rachael Walton-Mouw

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the Petition for Rule Variance to review in Executive Session prior to rendering a decision on the petition.

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

Mr. Braxley reported that he did not have an official report prepared but did want to express his appreciation of the work done by the Board in protecting the public. Dr. Thompson commented that she and Mr. Braxley were in conversation about APTA Georgia moving forward with practice act amendments during the upcoming legislative season. Some of the points of note include licensure for internationally educated therapists would potentially be enhanced with an edit to section O.C.G.A. § 43-33-12(1), which could be put forward to make the traineeship optional at the Board’s discretion. The Board could evaluate each case on an individual basis to see if the requirements were met for safe legal and ethical practice for therapists who are educated in non-CAPTE institutions. Dr. Thompson wanted to make that public; that the Board is looking at the concern for non-CAPTE graduates and are collaborating with the Georgia chapter as we move forward into the legislative season.

Dr. Wallace motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the APTA-GA report as presented.

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 licenses, 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

Mr. Tyler motioned, Dr. Mullin 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 discussed regulatory guard rails, as discussed at the annual convention, and their importance of further streamlining the process, and diminishing regulation wherever possible, which include reducing what are considered barriers. She explained that the whole idea of a barrier versus a guardrail is the need for public protection. She noted that there are efforts in some states to combine regulatory boards so that several boards may be put together with a composite membership of the various disciplines that are represented. Fortunately, in Georgia, we are not in that situation. We still have a physical therapy Board that is governed by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants which she feels has provided the best service to the public and to the licensees in Georgia, and in doing so, she was very thankful for that.

Dr. Thompson went on to report that the Board and staff have received actual reports from constituents saying how easily they renewed this cycle. She concluded her report by thanking everyone on this Board who works so hard to show up and do the best work that they can.

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

Adrienne Price joined the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Ms. Camoosa 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, Laurri Wallace, Ashley Camoosa, Claire Mullin, and Everett Tyler.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, November 18, 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

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 490-2-.03(1)(g) Benjamin Briffe

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(1)(g) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 490-9-.02(2) Andrzej Przybyla

1. PUBLIC COMMENT from Rachael Walton-Mouw

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 490-9-.02(2) based on the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-13-9.1(c) which requires that a petitioner be subject to the rule they are attempting to waive. The petitioner is not an applicant or a licensee and is therefore not subject to the rule. Additionally, the rule requirement is based on language in the law for which the Board has no authority to vary.

Executive Session Minutes – October 28, 2025 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 October 28, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented. Claire Mullin recused herself from the vote.

Attorney General's Report – E. Yi

1. AG MEMO –Rule 490-2-.10 Licensure – Endorsement-Reciprocity for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office for legal advice regarding BR 490-2-.10.

2. AG MEMO - Legal Authority for Proposed Amended Rules

3. AG MEMO - Legal Authority for Proposed Amended Policies and Procedures

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

Cognizant Summary Report – L. Wallace, DPT

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

PT260030	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT260029	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT260028	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT260026	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT260024	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT260025	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT250020	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT250465	Close case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
PT250509	Close case due to no jurisdiction.
PT240033	Close case due to no violation.
PT240010	Table pending additional information.
PT250445	Close case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
PT250400	Close case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
PT230017	Close case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
PT260011	Issue a Mitigating Circumstance Letter based on violations of law [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(2) & (7), 43-33-18(a)(1) & (c)(3)] with terms and conditions as discussed. Issue a Letter of Concern to Respondent's employer for violations of O.C.G.A. 43-33-11(c).

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

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:

1. **PT250424** Close the case due to no jurisdiction and insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
2. **PT250486** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 4344846	Issue license with Letter of Concern regarding previous disciplinary actions by another jurisdiction and false attestation on application.
Applicant 4230335	Issue the license.
Applicant 4253192	Must submit three (3) hours Board approved CE within 30 days of notification. Once received, reinstate the license.
Applicant 4282492	Issue a Mitigating Circumstance Letter based on violations of law [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(2) & (7), 43-33-18(a)(1) & (c)(3)] with terms and conditions as discussed. Issue a Letter of Concern to Respondent's employer for violations of O.C.G.A. 43-33-11(c).

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by:	Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on:	January 13, 2026

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 13, 2026 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 23 day of January 2026

[Signature]
Notary Public

