

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. 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
Charles Bass, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Everett Tyler, Consumer Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Caroline Pope
Kavitha Jampala
Kya Cochran
Nikki
Sara Yarbrough
Thomas Lazzari
Tina Rigdon, PT
Tina Spears
Eunse Park
Katherine Sylvester
Thomas County Schools
Ben Braxley, PT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA), President
Deanna Sinko
Shilpa Krishnan
Ryan Hall
Daniel Dale, PT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Priyal Das
Jennifer Coleman
Valerie Mourot
Doug Hall
Dr. Carly Ritter, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA), Board Liaison
Dr. Iyette Cintron-Tamari
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Call-In User 1
Call-In User 4
Call-In User 5
Call-In User 6
Call-In User 7
Call-In User 8
Call-In User 9
Jacqueline
Amani Taylor
Donna Andrews Benton
Diana Carman
Mervin

Allison Hall
Nicola Williams
Hari Krishnan Neeli

Call to Order: Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Burner motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Open Session Minutes – November 18, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the November 18, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: November 10, 2025 – January 5, 2026

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 – IDEA rules supersede the rules of Ga PT Licensure from GaDOE – Tina Rigdon, PT004046

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice.

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

No official report presented.

Dr. Ritter and Dr. Braxley both expressed their appreciation of the work done by the Board, and the collaboration with APTA-GA.

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
- Georgia General Assembly

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

Board's Chairperson Report – A. Thompson

No official report was presented. Dr. Thompson discussed the frustration applicants are experiencing and she advised them to be patient as well as to submit everything twice if necessary to make sure their documentation is easy to find. She encouraged applicants to make sure their application is as complete as possible upon submission. She also explained that Board members cannot assist with questions and processing as they are not aware of the

specifics of each application, stating that is the purview of Board staff. She encouraged them to forward their questions to the Board office via email and be patient as they await a response.

Additionally, Dr. Thompson addressed the dry needling requirements and directed interested parties to the statute and rules to ensure they are in compliance with that which is required in Georgia. The OSHA requirement must be explicitly listed on documentation submitted to fulfill dry needling requirements.

Proposed Changes to Georgia Physical Therapy Practice Act O.C.G.A. 43-33-12 & 13

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board’s Chairperson Report as presented and the proposed changes to the Georgia Physical Therapy Practice Act O.C.G.A. 43-33-12 & 13 related to foreign educated graduates.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to forward the proposed language change to Georgia Physical Therapy Practice Act O.C.G.A. 43-33-12 & 13 to the APTA-GA Board for consideration.

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, Charles Bass, Terri Burner, Laurri Wallace, Ashley Camoosa, and Claire Mullin.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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

Scheduled Personal Appearance

10:00 a.m. PT250466 Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement with a public reprimand for engaging in unlicensed practice.

Executive Session Minutes – November 18, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Mullin motioned, Ms. Camoosa seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the November 18, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – E. Yi

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

Legal Services MEMO

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

- 1. Case for Ratification – PT260049** Accept order as received.
- 2. Requests for Reconsideration – PT260050** Uphold previous motion.

Cognizant Summary Report – L. Wallace, DPT

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

- PT240013** Table pending outcome of companion cases.
- PT250392** Close the case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.
- PT250413** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-33-18(a)(2)(E).
- PT260046** Refer to the PT Compact and close the case based on lack of jurisdiction. The Board will reconsider the facts of the case should the Respondent attempt to submit a new application for licensure.
- PT250395** Close case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
- PT240005** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding patient safety while practicing dry needling.

Applications for Board Review

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:

Initial Applications

- Applicant 4388132** Deny based on failure to meet educational requirements.
- Applicant 4246419** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of \$500 for false attestation on application for licensure. Fine to be paid within ninety (90) days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4380043** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding false attestation on application for licensure.
- Applicant 4377850** Approve 480-hour traineeship upon completion of application for licensure.
- Applicant 4349053** Table pending receipt from current treatment provider evaluating the applicant’s ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.
- Applicant 4358592** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of \$500 for false attestation on application for licensure regarding action in another jurisdiction. Fine to be paid within ninety (90) days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4348874** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of \$500 for false attestation on application regarding arrest. Fine to be paid within ninety (90) days of order docket date. Flag for CE Audit

Complaints

- PT250475** Refer to Cognizant to present recommendations back to the Board.

Reinstatements

- Applicant 4300541** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of \$500 for failure to disclose all licenses ever held. Fine to be paid within ninety (90) days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Renewals

- Applicant 4435961** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a public reprimand and a fine of \$250 for unprofessional conduct by engaging in the practice of dry needling from April 4, 2024 to January 5, 2026 before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to be eligible to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4373910** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a public reprimand and a fine of \$250 for unprofessional conduct by engaging in the practice of dry needling from June 2021 to present before demonstrating specific and competent education and training, and gaining the approval from the Board [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Dry needling designation may be authorized upon payment of the fine. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4473405** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a public reprimand and a fine of \$250 for unprofessional conduct by engaging in the practice of dry needling from February 2022 to August 7, 2023 before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to be eligible to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4462266** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a public reprimand and a fine of \$250 for unprofessional conduct by engaging in the practice of dry needling from July 2023 to December 9, 2024 before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to be eligible to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Dry Needling designation will be added to the license upon docketing.
- Applicant 4365703** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for violations of Board Rule 490-4-.02(1) by completing more than 10 CE hours in one calendar day. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Flag for Audit.

Destiny Gaddis left the meeting at 2:35 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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.

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Destiny Gaddis rejoined the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Correspondence – PT Dry Needling Scope of Practice Question – Jan Dommerholt, PT, DPT, President, Myopain Seminars

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board, nor its administrative staff, may provide what is considered legal advice regarding scope of practice to any third party due to any potential and unforeseen legal ramifications for providing such advice.

As a result, it is recommended that you review the Frequently Asked Questions, the Board Rules and statute and/or seek guidance from your personal legal counsel to assist you with interpreting the laws and rules regarding scope of practice.

Correspondence – Is it within the PT Scope of Practice to Complete Medical Examiner Certificates

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board, nor its administrative staff, may provide what is considered legal advice regarding scope of practice to any third party due to any potential and unforeseen legal ramifications for providing such advice.

As a result, it is recommended that you review the Frequently Asked Questions, the Board Rules and statute and/or seek guidance from your personal legal counsel to assist you with interpreting the laws and rules regarding scope of practice.

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

1. November News Brief
2. February 2026 NPTE Workshop for Educators
3. Regulatory Hour with Dale Atkinson - A Year in Review
4. Faculty Newsletter Fourth Quarter 2025
5. NPTE Workshop for Educators
6. 2026 Budget
7. Regulatory Workshop
8. December News Brief
9. 2026 Funded Delegate Selection
10. Forum 2025
11. Survey Results NPTE - Q4 2025
12. GA_Q4 2025 State Application Processing Satisfaction
13. NPTE Comments Q4 2024 GA

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

Discussion – Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE)

1. Recent Accreditation Actions – Fall 2025
2. Voluntary Program Closer - Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College

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 CAPTE as information.

Discussion – PT COMPACT

1. Annual Meeting Delegate Handbook & Committee Sign Up
2. Response to Public Comment on Policy Change Regarding Voluntary Surrenders of Compact Privileges
3. Georgia Status Report_Q4

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

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 490-2-.03(g)_Eunse Park

Ms. Camoosa motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 490-2-.03(g) on the basis that the alternative standard does not meet the standard for a traineeship or approved period of active practice.

2. BR 490-2-.04(a)5_Valerie Mourot

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 490-2-.04(a)(5) so as not to require a new passing score on the NPTE based on substantiated hardship.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the request to reduce the number of traineeship hours required. The petitioner must complete a 480-hour traineeship.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. BR 490-2-.03(1)(b)_Shilpa Krishnan

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

2. BR 490-2-.03(g)_Shilpa Krishnan

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

3. BR 490-2-.03(d)_Shilpa Krishnan

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(d) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Petitioner has demonstrated proficiency in the English Language.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 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 3, 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

