

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Anne Thompson, Chair  
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair  
Terri Burner, Board Member  
Laurri Wallace, 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

**Board Members Absent**

Ashley Camoosa, Board Member  
Claire Mullin, Board Member  
Charles Bass, Board Member

**Attorney General's Office**

Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

Eunse Park  
Call-In User 1  
Call-In User 2  
Call-In User 3  
Ira Blondheim, PT  
Daniel Dale, PT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Tina Spears, PT  
Deanna Sinko  
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)  
Stephen Curley, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy, FSBPT Liaison  
Dr. Yvette Cibntron-Tamari, PT  
Aaron Freeman, PTA Program Director, Chattahoochee Tech  
Amy Cornell, PT  
Jennifer  
Andrew White  
Tina Rigdon, PT

**Call to Order:** Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Open Session Minutes – January 13, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the January 13, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: January 6, 2026 - February 23, 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 – Request for PTAs to Perform Dry Needling Corteia Baker, PTA**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the reply correspondence as written.

**Correspondence – Remote Faculty Who Do Not Reside in GA - Christine Odeh, South College**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Gaddis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the issue of demonstrating compliance with CAPTE requirements rests with the educational program which is responsible for documenting how it maintains compliance with statutory and regulatory standards. The Board may not become involved with documenting whether an educational program is compliant and/or interpreting the statutes appropriately unless and until there is a report of the educational program’s noncompliance with the requirements.

**Correspondence – Question About Policies for Minors Accompanied by Parents to PT, Samantha Czymbor Smith**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Mr. Tyler seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board has no jurisdiction over physical therapy businesses and/or their policies and cannot provide what may be considered as legal advice concerning the legality or appropriateness of a business policy. The Board encourages the writer to consult with the business regarding their concerns as well as their own legal counsel for guidance.

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

**1. FSBPT Liaison – Stephen Curley, Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy**

The Board thanks Mr. Curley for being a personal connection to the Federation. He introduced himself and asked that the Board reach out to him with any concerns.

**2. January News Brief**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to remand the TOELF score changes to the Rules Committee for review during their June 23, 2026, Committee meeting for the purpose of determining if the current Board Rules need to be amended to correspond with these changes.

**3. Regulatory Hour with Dale Atkinson - Conflict of Interest**

**4. February News Brief**

Dr. Thompson reminded Board members and visitors that this year’s FSBPT annual conference will be held in Greenville, SC, and to take advantage of the opportunity due to its proximity.

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

**Discussion – Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) – To Launch Website Redesign**

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

**Discussion – PT Compact – E-Newsletter – January 2026**

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

**Discussion – American Physical Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter (APTA-GA) – Dr. Ben Braxley, PT, DPT, President – Response Regarding Practice Act Amendments for Foreign Trained**

The Board accepts the correspondence and report in reference to APTA-GA’s Response Regarding Practice Act Amendments for Foreign Trained, as information.

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

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

Dr. Gaddis 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)-(g) based upon insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**2. BR 490-2-.03(g)\_Vyoma Parikh**

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

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 490-2-.03(e) Vyoma Parikh**

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

**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

Mr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Burner 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 apprised the Board of the movement of SB 314, which is related to the scope of practice of Athletic Trainers. She reported that APTA-GA is opposing the bill due to changes in the definition of athletic injury, and they are watching for any language relevant to dry needling for Athletic Trainers.

Dr. Thompson reminded Board members that their Annual Strategic Planning piece is coming upon us. The Annual Board Assessment Resource is a diagnostic tool to determine how the Board is achieving the goals they have set out to accomplish. She asked that each Board member complete it and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

She concluded her report by expressing that the TOEFL change is very important to review which will be done by the Rules Committee during their June 2026 meeting. Equally important is fair and equitable treatment of applications with regard to petitions for rule waiver/variance. She underscored that the Board takes their charge seriously, and treats everyone fairly.

Dr. Thompson closed by expressing appreciation to Board Members and staff for their time and work in improving processes to get applicants to work, and for carrying out the Board’s charge of public protection.

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board Chair's Report and advice as presented.

**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, Destiny Gaddis, Terri Burner, Laurri Wallace, and Everett Tyler.**

**At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, March 3, 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. Applicant 4365703**

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion, renew the license, and close the case.

**Executive Session Minutes – January 13, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Gaddis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 13, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General's Report – E. Yi**

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

**1. Cases for Ratification**

- i. PT250466**
- ii. PT260050**

Accept orders as received.

**2. Case for Closure – PT250002**

Accept the Voluntary Surrender and close the case.

**Cognizant Ratification List – Applicant 4348874**

Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of \$500 for false attestation for answering NO to the arrest question. Fine to be paid within three (3) months of order docket date. Flag for CE Audit. The decision will need to be ratified at the March 3, 2026, Board meeting.

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the referral.

**Cognizant Summary Report – L. Wallace, DPT**

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

- PT250518** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct.
- PT260074** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
- PT230014** Close the case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate further investigation.

Laurri Wallace left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.  
Laurri Wallace re-joined the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

- PT260023** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT260063** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
- PT240015** Table pending outcome of companion case PT240008.
- PT240021** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct.
- PT250476** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- PT250437** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct.
- PT240011** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- PT240014** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- PT240002** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct.
- PT260053** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order and reprimand for action in another jurisdiction related to violations of the PT Compact laws and rules.
- PT250475** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an Order for a Mental/Physical Evaluation (OMPE).
- PT250404** Close the case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate further investigation.
- PT230019** Close the case and renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding unprofessional conduct.
- PT260075** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

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

- PT210020** Close the case.
- PT250420** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent order and public reprimand for unprofessional conduct by engaging in inappropriate relations with a patient. Terms and conditions of to include a fine of \$500 and a Board approved professional boundaries course. The fine and course must be completed within 90 days of the order docket date. The course taken to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet requirements for license renewal. Flag for audit.
- PT220020** Renew the license and issue dry needling designation with a Letter of Concern regarding violation of the previous consent order by failing to complete the terms and conditions within the designated timeframe.

**Applications for Board Review**

**INITIAL APPLICATIONS**

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

**Applicant 4349053** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Order for history of substance abuse and mental health disorders with terms and conditions to include a period of monitoring for a minimum of four (4) years with quarterly personal, employer, psychotherapy, and aftercare reports, random drug screens, and medication management reports. Flag for audit.

**Applicant 4497351** Issue the license.

**Applicant 4327338** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a Public reprimand and a fine of \$1000 for violation of HIPAA law [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a) (1) (2),(6), & (8) Board Rule 490-2-.09 (2) (b) & 490-9-.02] and unprofessional conduct for false attestation on application for failure to disclose all of the states in which the applicant has ever held a license. Cause applicant to complete HIPAA Compliance training and an Ethics training Fine to be paid within six (6) months of order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

**Applicant 4388132** Uphold denial based on failure to meet application requirements [BR 490-2-.09(3)(c)].

**Applicant 4404459** Issue the license.

**RENEWAL – DRY NEEDLING**

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

**Applicant 4436751** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with 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 docket date of the order. Dry needling designation may be authorized upon payment of the fine. Flag for Audit

**Applicant 4378350** 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 May 2025 to present before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to demonstrate eligibility to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia based on failure to complete the OSHA Blood Borne Pathogen requirement [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Dry Needling designation may be added to the license upon docketing. Flag for Audit.

**Applicant 4362831** 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 2024 to March 2024 before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to demonstrate eligibility 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 docket date of the order. Dry Needling designation will be added to the license upon docketing.

**Applicant 4428193** Issue a mitigating circumstance letter requiring the applicant to submit proof of completing the remaining 2 hours of dry needling education within 90 days of the date of the letter. If complete, renew the license with the dry needling designation. If proof of completion is not received, renew the license without the designation with a Letter of Concern regarding the unauthorized practice of dry needling, noting that the applicant must cease the practice of dry needling in Georgia until proof of having satisfied the requirements have been completed and approved by the Board.

**Applicant 4393965** 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 May 6, 2024 to 02/09/2026 before demonstrating specific and competent education and training to demonstrate eligibility to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine fee must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

**Applicant 4466068** 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 August 25, 2022 to Present without demonstrating specific and competent education and training to demonstrate eligibility to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. Fine fee must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

**Applicant 4503954** 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 201 to March 2, 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.

#### **RENEWAL – CE AUDIT**

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

**Applicant 4427880** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet CE requirements for renewal of licensure. Must complete two (2) hours of board approved CE and pay the fine within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Flag for Audit.

**Applicant 4464997** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a Public reprimand and a fine of \$500 for violation of Board Rule 490-4-.02 (1)(2)(a). Fine to be paid within six (6) months of order docket date. CE hours obtained in 2026 cannot be used for renewal biennium 2027. Flag for CE Audit.

#### **RENEWAL – OTHER**

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 4371895** Renew the license.

**Applicant 4367279** Renew license with Letter of Concern regarding alcohol and criminal history.

**Applicant 4362392** Renew the license.

#### **Dry Needling Violation Cases**

Dr. Gaddis motioned, Dr. Burner seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer dry needling violation cases to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$250 for unprofessional conduct by engaging in the practice of dry needling without demonstrating specific and competent education and training to demonstrate eligibility to practice dry needling in the State of Georgia and/or gaining approval of the Board [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & (6); BR 490-9-.05]. A list of cases referred and orders issued will be presented to the Board to ratify the referrals during the next scheduled Board meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** May 19, 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, March 3, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

Anthony Wolff  
Notary Public

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