

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Anne Thompson, Chair
Destiny Gaddis, Vice Chair
Charles Bass, Board Member
Laurri Wallace, Board Member
Claire Mullin, 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

Terri Burner, Board Member
Ashley Camoosa, Board Member
Everett Tyler, Consumer Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Call-In User 2
Call-In User 5
Call-In User 6
Call-In User 7
Alexis S
Ben Braxley, PT, DPT, President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Brandon
Bri LeDonne
Stacy Hoffman
Brianna Florvilus
Jenna Raad
Magdalena Jankowski
McKeely Fortune
Callie Mathers
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT
Emily Lutfi
Cassidy Niblett
Rajvir Tuteja
Tina Spears
McKenna Watts
Tina Rigdon, PT
Luke Lammert
Roxanne
Kiley Kirkland
Sydney Kale
Olivia Johnson
Sarah
Simon Chang
Meghan Elliott
Connor Wood
Cody Jones
Alexis S
Jessica Villeda
Kristen L Crooms
Lillie Kluesner

John Quick
Sarah Palin
Jadee Claiborne
Evan Wright
Madison Hardeman
Nicole Krabel
Diego Lopez
Tanner Nichols
Kayla Williams
Kennedy Evans
Cade Wit
DeeAnna Sinko
Spencer Phillips
Jordan Price Phillips
Michelle May
Evan Wright
Heather Houchin
Roxanne Bascon, PT, DPT

Call to Order: Dr. Thompson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Minutes – March 3, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

The Board voted by acclamation to approve the March 3, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented. Dr. Mullin abstained.

Licenses to Ratify: February 24, 2026 – May 11, 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.

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

1. **March News Brief**
2. **Faculty Newsletter First Quarter 2026**
3. **Regulatory Hour with Dale Atkinson: Just Do It. What Does The Law Say?**
4. **April 2026 Regulatory Hour with Jennifer Semko**
5. **Sexual Misconduct & Boundaries Committee Brochure**
6. **April News Brief**
7. **Military Licensing Relief_ Where Are We Now**
8. **Regulatory Hour with Paul Welk**
9. **Georgia Jurisprudence Assessment Module 2025 Annual Report**

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

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

Dr. Braxley thanked the Board for their work and dedication. Additionally, he shared about the upcoming ImPacT Conference at Lake Lanier, June 6-7, 2026. He directed interested parties to the APTA-GA website for more information.

Discussion – Board Assessment Resource (BAR)

Dr. Thompson listed the five goals from last year for the Board.

1. Strategic Planning using the Board Assessment Resource Tool
2. Annual Board Member Training
3. Offer Navigating the License Renewal Process Continuing Education Course in 2025
4. Attending and participating in IMPACT
5. Explore opportunities for engagement beyond FSBPT and engagement with other boards to explore trends. Dr. Mullin is tasked with this endeavor.

Dr. Thompson reminded the Board members of her request for each member to complete the Board Assessment Resource (BAR) and the strategic plan for 2025. She acknowledged that the Board and its members have fulfilled all GOALS, except for exploring opportunities for community engagement beyond FSBPT and engagement with other Boards. Dr. Mullin inquired about the types of Board member training available. Dr. Wallace responded that there is great training via webinars on the FSBPT website. This is the way for Board members to increase their own personal toolbox.

The Board discussed updating the website FAQs, so they are directing people to the statute and Board Rules more strategically to alleviate confusion.

Ms. Price referenced the PT MDS (Minimum Data Set) which is now the Cross-Professional Minimum Data Set among healthcare professions. She shared that SB 500 passed this year which added new professions, including Physical Therapy, to the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base for the collection of workforce data during license renewal. Licensees will start to see the required survey relevant to workforce data on their 2027 license renewal applications.

Dr. Thompson clarified that the purpose of gathering such data is to anticipate the needs of PT services across the state. Ms. Price added that there is funding available to the Board to initiate the process for collecting the workforce data through FSBPT; however, since the data will have to be forwarded to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, if FSBPT is interested in the data, they will need to communicate with that Board. She indicated that she provided FSBPT contact information for Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce.

Ms. Price then shared what she feels is lacking on the PT website from an administrative perspective, to include identifying a clear roadmap for the complaint process. She stated that there is information about the complaint process on the main Licensing Board website but is not specific to the physical therapy profession nor is it on the Board's website which she feels is needed. Among her several other projects, she anticipates working on including that information on the Board website or at the very least simply pointing to where the information is located on the main website.

Dr. Thompson pointed out that navigating the website can be very difficult for the average user. She feels that anything that can be done to simplify the process will be a necessary improvement. She then suggested a website audit could be a task for the Special Projects Committee.

Based on the discussion, Dr. Thompson indicated that the strategic goals for 2026 as follows:

1. Review upcoming webinars and assign one to each board member to report out at the next meeting.
2. Offer more information or webinars on the website on hot topics pertaining to physical therapy.
3. Development of a standard page related to the disciplinary action and auditing process.

4. Website audit and links to statutes and processes by the Special Projects Committee.
5. Continue to explore opportunities for engagement beyond FSBPT to include engagement with other boards to explore trends.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board's Strategic Initiatives for 2026.

Dr. Thompson motioned, Dr. Gaddis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for the Special Projects Committee to review the PT website with special emphasis on continuing competence and auditing, to better align the website with Board Rules, the statute, and the complaint process.

The Board accepts the correspondence and report in reference to Board Assessment Resource (BAR), as information.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. BR 490-2-.03(g)_Dean Roxanne Luche

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace 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.

2. BR 490-2-.03(g)_Riddhi Ghevariya

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Mullin 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.

3. BR 490-2-.03(g)_Riddhi Ghevariya

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Mullin 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.

4. BR 490-2-.03_Gyanasudha Balki

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

- i. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Paresh Thanki MD**
- ii. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Pankaj Agrawal, MD (2)**
- iii. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Dr. Ben Braxley, APTA-GA, President**
- iv. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Ayo Ayodele, DPT**
- v. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Christy Miles, PT, DPT**
- vi. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Regina Marshall, MS, OTR_L**

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

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Gaddis 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

No formal report presented. Dr. Thompson shared that she is on the FSBPT Finance Committee and they work to keep the Association solvent as well as look for ways to fund projects of the member jurisdictions. She stated she is also part of the FSBPT Compact Initiative. Dr. Thompson concluded that the Board continually works to best serve the public.

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

Mr. Bass motioned, Dr. Gaddis 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, Laurri Wallace, and Claire Mullin.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Tuesday, May 19, 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 Appearances

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

10:00 a.m. Applicant 4465659 Uphold previous motion.

Adrienne Price left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.
Adrienne Price rejoined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Applicant 4389421 Rescind the previous motion, renew the license, notify the applicant of eligibility for inactive status, and close the case.

11:00 a.m. Applicant 4379898 Rescind previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for License Renewal with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

11:30 a.m. Applicant 4437421 Uphold previous motion. Must provide proof of completing OSHA BBP before Dry Needling can be approved.

12:00 p.m. Applicant 4498042 Rescind the previous motion, renew the license with the dry needling designation, and issue a Letter of Concern as discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session Minutes – March 3, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wallace motioned, Mr. Bass seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 3, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – E. Yi

AG MEMO – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that generally, if there is a conflict, federal statute supersedes state statutes; however, in this instance, the

federal statute is silent on the physician referral requirement. As a result, practitioners must adhere to the state statutes in this regard.

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Gaddis 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

1. Cases for Ratification

Dr. Wallace motioned, Dr. Mullin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the cases for ratification as presented

- a) PT260070
- b) PT260078
- c) PT260013
- d) PT260085
- e) PT260079
- f) PT260098
- g) PT260087
- h) PT260081
- i) PT260080
- j) PT260103
- k) PT260093
- l) PT260089

2. Requests for Reconsideration

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

- a) PT260071 Uphold previous motion.
- b) PT250472 Rescind previous motion and close the case.
- c) PT260112 Uphold previous motion.
- d) PT260108 Uphold previous motion.

3. Requests to Withdraw Application

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

- PT260010 Withdraw application as requested.
- PT250470 Withdraw application as requested. If attempts to reinstate, conditions of case will be revisited.

Ratification List of Dry Needling Cases Referred to Legal Services

Dr. Mullin motioned, Dr. Wallace seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the following List of Dry Needling Cases Referred to Legal Services.

Applicant 4363880

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 2024 without 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 4362711

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 27, 2025, until current without being authorized by the Board. Whereas the licensee did submit certificates for DN into CE Broker 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 4374766

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 2021 to current, 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 4379898

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 28, 2024, to current, 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 4465659

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 2022-current, 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 4384863

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 (2019 to current), 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 4389421

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 06/2017, to current, 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 4404648

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 06/2025, to 01/27/2026, 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 440497

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 06/2024, to current 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]. Applicant failed to submit proof of OSHA(BBP). Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4400537

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 04/2024, to current 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 4437421

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 2022, to current, 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 4445444

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 March 2024, to current, 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 4503876

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 March 2022 to current, 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]. Applicant completed the DN Level 1 course January 14-16-2022, DN Level 2 course March 4-6 2022 and OSHA(BBP) course 01/08/2024. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4463785

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 November 2021-current, without 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 4423496

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 1, 2024-current, 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 4444642

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 September 11, 2024, to current, 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 4478322

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 2024-current, 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 4482848

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 2024-current, 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 4463848

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 2022-current, 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 4498042

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 October 2013-August 2014, 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]. Applicant did not complete the OSHA(BBP) course until December 28, 2025. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4489604

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 December 2020-current, 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 4487944

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 March 2024-current, 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 4497256

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 March 1, 2021-current, Licensee admitted to engaging in the practice of dry needling since March 1, 2021, prior to demonstrating specific and competent education and training to the Board and gaining authorization 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 4500765

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-current, 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 4449681

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 2017-current, 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 4445529

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 January, 2024-current, 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 4426574

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 6, 2021-current, 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 4506125

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 December 2025-current, 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 4414926

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 September 30, 2025-current, 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 4395723

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 October 21, 2024, -03/04/2026, 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]. Applicant did not complete the OSHA(BBP) course and submit Dry needling application to the Board until 03/04/2026, Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Cognizant Summary Report – L. Wallace, DPT

Dr. Mullin 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:

- PT250388** Close the case due to insufficient evidence to initiate further investigation.
- PT240048** Close the case. No action required.
- PT260076** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
- PT260065** Close the case due to insufficient information to proceed with an investigation.
- PT230010** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- PT260059** Refer to Investigations to obtain evidence as discussed in Executive Session.
- PT240030** Close the case due to insufficient evidence
- PT240038** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT260136** Close the case due to no jurisdiction.
- PT240050** Close the case due to insufficient evidence to substantiate disciplinary action.
- PT230015** Close the case due to insufficient information to initiate further investigation.
- PT260068** Close the case due to no jurisdiction and add an alert to the account to review for disciplinary action in the event the Respondent attempts to reinstate their GA license.
- PT250401** Close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding accurate time reporting and documentation.
- PT250414** Close the case.
- PT250419** Close the case due to insufficient evidence. No deviations of care noted.
- PT260154** Close the case due to no jurisdiction since no valid GA PT license.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

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

- PT250410** Schedule an Investigative Interview.
- PT240045** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.
- PT250476** Close the case, no action.
- PT240010** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT240011** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT240013** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT240014** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
- PT230002** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Petition for Rule Waiver

4. BR 490-2-.03_Gyanasudha Balki

Dr. Mullin motioned, Mr. Bass seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 490-2-.03 due to the petitioner is not subject to the rule cited.

i. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Paresh Thanki MD

- ii. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Pankaj Agrawal, MD (2)
- iii. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Dr. Ben Braxley, APTA-GA, President
- iv. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Ayo Ayodele, DPT
- v. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Christy Miles, PT, DPT
- vi. Public Comment for Gyanasudha Balki from Regina Marshall, MS, OTR_L

Applications for Board Review

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

Initial Applications

- Applicant 4260043** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Private Consent Order with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.
- Applicant 4564750** Issue the license; all requirements are met.
- Applicant 4629962** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4247549** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.
- Applicant 4388132** Uphold previous motion to deny.

Renewals – Arrest

Charles Bass left the meeting at 2:42 p.m., leaving the meeting to continue as a Committee of the Board.

- Applicant 4458655** Renew the license.

Renewals – CE Audit

- Applicant 4388257** Approve CE course documentation and renew the license.
- Applicant 4375078** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.
- Applicant 4503099** Renew the license with a Reservation of Rights Letter regarding pending case.

Renewals – Skills and Safety

- Applicant 4447372** Renew the license.
- Applicant 4389339** Table pending receipt of records as discussed in Executive Session.

Charles Bass rejoined the meeting at 2:59 p.m. with a quorum of the Board now present.

- Applicant 4433796** Renew the license.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: June 1, 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, May 19, 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 21 day of May 2026

Kunal Jagdish Patel
Notary Public

