

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-1 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD,
BOARD RULE 490-1-.01 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD AND BOARD RULE
490-1-.02 OFFICERS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RULE 490-1-.01 Organization of Board
RULE 490-1-.02 Officers**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to Board Rule Chapter 490-1 Organization of Board, Board Rule 490-1-.01 Organization of Board and Board Rule 490-1-.02 Officers (herein after “proposed rule(s)”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-state-board-physical-therapy-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule(s) at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m., September 29, 2026**, via WebEx. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the hearing via WebEx.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **September 22, 2026**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. Written comments may be sent via email to PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

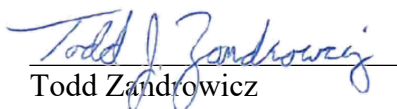
The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meetings on July 22, 2025, and July 21, 2026. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule(s) cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-5, 43-33-10 and 50-18-70. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-5, 43-33-10 and 50-18-70 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the physical therapy profession.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy has the authority to adopt the proposed rule(s) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-5, 43-33-10 and 50-18-70.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 25th day of August, 2026.



Todd Zandrowicz

Division Director

Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 08.25.26

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-1 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD,
BOARD RULE 490-1-.01 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

Purpose: The proposed amendments add language to provide clarity on the Board's authority ("in accordance with the law") to appoint its members and additional language clarifying the submission of requests to speak, appear, or discuss by the Board.

Rule 490-1-.01 Organization of Board

- (1) The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy is composed of eight members who are appointed by the Governor in accordance with the law. Members of the public may obtain information from the Board and make submissions or requests to the Board by contacting the Joint Secretary of the Professional Licensing Boards Division.
- (2) Any requests to speak, appear, or submit a topic for discussion by the Board must be submitted to the Board office in writing a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. If permitted by law, and:
 - (a) The request or item for discussion is received according to the specified time frame; it will be considered as an agenda item.
 - (b) The request or item for discussion is not received according to the provisions of this rule, the request or item may be withheld from the agenda or placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-5, 43-33-10 and 50-18-70.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
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BOARD RULE 490-1-.02 OFFICERS**

Purpose: The proposed amendments provide clarity to the public and flexibility for Board members as it relates to electing the president and vice president of the Board during the last scheduled meeting of the calendar year.

Rule 490-1-.02. Officers

- (1) The Board shall elect annually from its members a president and vice president, who shall have the privilege of re-election. Elections shall be held at the ~~regular December last~~ regularly scheduled meeting of the year, with officers to preside at the following meeting, unless otherwise determined by the Board.
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Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 and 43-1-25.

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