

**S C DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

Thursday January 12, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108  
Columbia, SC 29211

**Board Members Present**

Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Chairperson  
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Member  
Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member  
Darlene Pope, P.T. Member

**Others Present**

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator  
Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel  
Sheridan Spoon, Asst. General Counsel  
Kim Fair, Board Assistant

**Board Members Absent**

Dargin Ervin, P.T. Member-Excused

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Office, the lobby Kingtree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Witherspoon, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The January 12, 2006 Quarterly Meeting Agenda was presented for review. The Agenda was re-arranged to add Administrative Report after Disciplinary Case Status.

*Motion:* Mr. Junkins moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of July 14, 2005 were presented for review and approval.

*Motion:* Mr. Junkins moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved

**DISCIPLINARY CASE STATUS**

Mr. Atkins presented the Board with current complaints that had been reviewed by the IRC Committee.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon recused herself from Case Number 2005-24.

**Motion:** Ms. Swygert moved to accept the recommendations of the IRC Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Reynolds informed the Board of the Regulation Hearing that will be taking place on the 26th of January at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Academy on Monticello Road. Ms. Reynolds mentioned to the Board to if individuals contact them regarding possible disciplinary issues they should immediately refer them to the Board office. If a Board member discussed a potential case it could possible lead to Ex Parte communication resulting in the Board member having to recuse themselves. When this occurs it could jeopardize cases being heard. Ms. Reynolds stated there had been an increase in individuals calling regarding pre-approvals of continuing education courses most likely because of past audits.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Application Hearing**

**a. El Tegra Cowart:** Mr. Cowart made a personal appearance. Mr. Cowart requested that the Board review and approve his request for licensure as a physical therapist assistant.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion the Board grants a license to the applicant upon his completing his application process. Mr. Cowart would be placed on probation for three (3) years and required to have submitted quarterly reports from Alcohol Anonymous along with screenings every six (6) months. The motion was seconded and approved.

**b. Valeria Hoefler:** Ms. Hoefler made a personal appearance. Ms. Hoefler requested that the Board review and approve her request for licensure as a physical therapist. Ms. Hoefler stated that FCCPT credential evaluation had indicated she had a deficient and was short of a physics course. Ms. Hoefler requested licensure and a specified time to complete the physics course because of financial reasons.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion the Board come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Swygert made a motion the Board grant Ms. Hoefler a non-disciplinary probation for one (1) year until such time that she provides satisfactory evidence of completion of the physics course required. The motion was seconded and approved.

**c. Carolyn Hooks:** Ms. Hooks made a personal appearance. Ms. Hooks requested that the Board review and approve her request to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins recused himself.

**Motion:** Ms. Swygert made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Swygert made a motion that the Board comes out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Swygert made a motion the Board approve Ms. Hooks' request to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination. The motion was seconded and approved.

**d. Felix Alcantara:** Mr. Alcantara made a personal appearance. Mr. Alcantara requested that the Board review and approve his request for licensure as a physical therapist. Mr. Alcantara requested exemption of the oral TOEFL examination regarding his fluency of the English language.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion that the Board comes out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion the Board grant Mr. Alcantara a license subject to a non-disciplinary probation for one (1) year as outlined in Section 40-45-220 (D), or until he satisfies the 1,000 clinical practice hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

**e. Erica Jones:** Ms. Jones did not make a personal appearance. Ms. Jones requested that the Board review and approve her request to sit for a fourth (4) administration of the NPTE. Ms. Jones submitted additional documentation to be considered with her request.

**Motion:** Ms. Swygert made a motion the Board grant Ms. Jones request be approved with extended time based on medical documentation submitted to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **2. FCCPT Coursework Evaluation Tool**

General education credits required by foreign graduates were reviewed for informational purposes only. Ms. Witherspoon stated the Board will review the additional information from and since Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy is reviewing for implementation, the Board would revisit the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

*Throna Reynolds*  
Administrator

04-19-2006  
Date

***Next meeting is scheduled April 13, 2006, Kingstree Building, Room 108***