

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia SC 29211

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Board Members Present

Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Vice Chair
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Member
Lori Winkles, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member
Rachel Wiggins, P.T., Member
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Texas T. Smith, Public Member

Absent Member

Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member, Chairperson

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Esq., Advice Counsel
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108 Columbia, SC 29211 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.

Call to Order

Mr. Junkins, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Absent Member

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to excuse Ms. Swygert absence. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to approve the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented two (2) statistic reports. January 1, 2016 to March 29, 2016 there were one active case and one administratively closed and January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 eleven (11) cases closed, two (2) administratively closed, three (3) pending board action and one remanded back to investigations. He stated that he had one formal complaint and two (2) dismissals from March 29, 2016 to present to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Case #:

- 2015-15
- 2015-17

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for dismissals. The motions was seconded and approved.

Case #:

- 2015-16

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to approve as a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel stated she had zero cases to present to the Board and eight (8) cases closed since the first of last year.

Finance Report: Ms. Reynolds, Board Administrator presented the financial report.

Application Hearings

Initial Applications

Tyler Geib: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Geib should be granted a physical therapy license. Mr. Geib made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion that Mr. Geib be granted a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request for Approval to Take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) 3rd and Final Time with ADA Accommodations

Tyler Starkweather: The purpose of this hearing was a request for approval to take the NPTE a third and final time with ADA Accommodations. Mr. Starkweather made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Blackstone made a motion that Mr. Starkweather be granted to sit for the NPTE a third and final time with ADA Accommodations. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request for Approval to Take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) 3rd and Final Time

Whitney Watford-Henderson: The purpose of this hearing was a request for approval to take the NPTE a third and final time. Ms. Watford-Henderson made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion that Ms. Watford-Henderson be granted to sit for the NPTE a third and final time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request to be Released from Prior Terms of Consent Agreement

Mr. Junkins recused himself from all proceedings involving the hearing. Mr. Warren proceeded with the hearing.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Blackstone made a motion for a closed hearing because it may pertain to federally protected information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Heather Thomason: The purpose of this hearing was a request to be released from prior terms of a consent agreement. Ms. Thomason made a personal appearance before the Board with Chris McCoy, representative from RPP and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to approve Ms. Thomason request to run concurrently and be released from the prior terms of the consent agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Junkins rejoined the Board proceedings.

Discussion Topics

a. FSBPT Board Member Training and Approval for Attendance: After Board discussion, Mr. Junkins asked Ms. Reynolds, Board Administrator if four (4) members could attend the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Board Members Training (June 2016) in Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Reynolds, stated two (2) can attend but it is FSBPT decision on additional attendees.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Smith made a motion that Ms. Wiggins and Ms. Winkles will attend. Mr. Forlini will attend if funding is provided by FSBPT. The motion was seconded and approved.

b. FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly: After Board discussion, Ms. Reynolds Board Administrator stated three (3) people can attend the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly (November 2016) in Columbus, Ohio.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion Mr. Warren will attend as delegate and Ms. Dilts Alternate. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion that a additional board member Ms. Blackstone will attend and Ms. Reynolds, Board Administrator. The motion was seconded and approved.

c. FSBPT Star Rating: The Board discussed the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) star rating.

d. FSBPT Position on Number of Times NPTE Can Be Taken: The Board discussed the number of times the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) can be taken.

e. Board Position on PTA Dry Needling: The Board discussed Physical Therapy Assistant dry needling.

f. Continuing Education Process: After Board discussion, Ms. Blackstone and Ms. Winkles will generate a form for the continuing education process to be voted on by the Board.

g. Jurisprudence Exam Update:

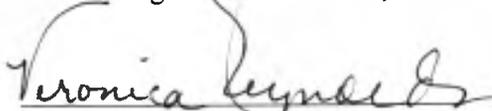
Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

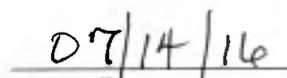
Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [12:03 p.m. – 12:38 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mr. Junkins adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m..


Administrator


Date