

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia SC 29211

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Chairperson
Lori McMillan, P.T., Vice-Chairperson
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Hunter Bowie, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Angie Baldwin, Office of Investigations
Serenna Swartz, Office of Investigations
Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

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 204 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

Ms. Blackstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 204 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, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the October 10, 2019, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. A. Baldwin, Office of Investigations & Enforcement, presented the statistical report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

IRC Recommendations

Ms. A. Baldwin presented the IRC report to the Board. There is one (1) case recommended for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the recommendations of the IRC. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. E. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, presented the financial report.

The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, reminded the Board to file with the Ethics Commission by the March 30 deadline.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to reorder the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request to be Removed from a Prior Board Order:

Cristina Rayne Madarang-Stofik: Ms. Mandarang-Stofik made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Madarang-Stofik should be removed from probation.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to release Ms. Madarang-Stofik from the prior order and allow her to have a full physical therapy license in South Carolina with no restrictions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Regina Brown: Ms. Brown made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Brown should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:32a.m. --- 10:49 a.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Forlini made a motion to grant Ms. Brown a provisional license pending a thousand supervised hours working as a Physical Therapist Assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chitra Gidwani: Mrs. Gidwani made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Chuck Ormond, Esq.. The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mrs. Gidwani should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mrs. Gidwani a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Memorandum of Agreements

Case 2018-14: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented Brian Arnold, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:25a.m.—11:41a.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2018-7: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillian made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [12:11p.m.-12:52p.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a public reprimand and take a three hour ethics course to be completed within six months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Formal Complaints:

Case 2016-3: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by David Rothstein, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Rothstein made a motion to dismiss on due process grounds failure to prosecute.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [1:09p.m.—1:09p.m.]

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

In open session, Advice Counsel indicated the Board will take Mr. Rothstein's motion under advisement and would like to proceed.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Rothstein made a motion for directed verdict at this time.

In open session, Advice Counsel indicated the Board respectfully denied the motion.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [4:31p.m.—4:52p.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2016-11: The respondent did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

In open session, The Board deferred the case until the next meeting.

Matthew Shenton: Mr. Shenton made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Shenton should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [5:23p.m.—5:40 p.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Shenton a license to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Todd Sholos: Mr. Sholos made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Sholos should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to grant Mr. Sholos his license to practice as a physical therapist assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2017-14: The respondent did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the consent agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

CE Audit Process: The Board discussed the CE audit process.

Update on PT Compact: The Board deferred the update on the PT Compact.

Legislative Updates: The Board deferred the legislative update.

Trauma's Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations Training: The Board discussed the Trauma's Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations Training and recommended someone from the office of investigation attend the training.

2020 LIF Meeting: The Board deferred the update on the 2020 LIF Meeting

2020 Annual Meeting: The Board deferred discussion 2020 Annual Meeting

Election of 2020 Board Officers: The Board deferred discussion of the election of officers.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Mack Williams

Administrator

4-13/2020

Date