

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

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Board Members Present (via Teleconference)

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

Absent Members

Judd Warren, PTA

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Robby Dean, OIE/IRC
Erin Baldwin, Attorney, ODC
Gabe Coggiola, Esquire, ODC

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. The meeting was held by video/teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the April 9, 2020, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Dean, presented the OIE statistical report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Mr. Dean presented the IRC Report to the board. There are six dismissals, four letters of caution and two formal complaints.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for the six dismissals, four letters of caution and two formal complaints. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, 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.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Memorandum of Agreements:

2018-8: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information with the exception of those mentioned by Ms. Baldwin. The motion was seconded and approved.

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. [10:39 a.m. - 11:07 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. Bowie made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and allow the respondent to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

2019-11: The respondent made a personal appearance before the board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information with the exception of those mentioned by Ms. Baldwin. The motion was seconded and approved.

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. [12:11 p.m. - 12:26 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. McMillan made a motion to issue a letter of caution and allow the respondent to continue practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Non-Compliance with Board Order

Kimberly Filyaw: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Filyaw is in compliance with the Board's order. Ms. Filyaw made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information with the exception of those mentioned by Ms. Baldwin. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to allow Ms. Filyaw to continue practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina with continued monitoring by RPP. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request to be Removed from a prior Board order

Nathan Beaulieu: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Beaulieu should be removed from the terms of the Board's order. Mr. Beaulieu made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information with the exception of those mentioned by Ms. Baldwin. The motion was seconded and

approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to place Mr. Beaulieu's physical therapist assistant license on inactive status and require him to be reassessed by RPP prior to reactivating that license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Initial Applications:

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

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

Enelbert Astorga: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Astorga should be granted a license as a physical therapist. Mr. Astorga made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Astorga a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina upon the condition that he provides a letter documenting his 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to rescind the previous motion for Mr. Astorga and amend the motion by issuing a provisional license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina in order to obtain 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Mr. Astorga will be issued a full physical therapy license upon the completion of his transitional DPT degree at a CAPTE-approved school. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pinakin Hinhoriya: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Hinhoriya should be granted a license as a physical therapist. Mr. Hinhoriya made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Mr. Hinhoriya a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. It was seconded and approved.

Aruna Maddela: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Maddela should be granted a license as a physical therapist. Ms. Maddela made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

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. [3:15 p.m. - 3:22 p.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. Bowie made a motion to grant Ms. Maddela a provisional license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina to gain 1,000 supervised hours. The respondent will be allowed to use the hours earned from out of state, assuming proof of the hours can be provided. The motion was seconded and approved.

Maevryl Mangussad: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Mangussad should be granted a license as a physical therapist. Ms. Mangussad made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Ms. Mangussad a provisional license pending receipt of confirmation of 1,000 hours of supervised practice from the current supervisor. The motion was seconded and approved.

Gourav Miglani: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Miglani should be granted a license as a physical therapist. Mr. Miglani made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Miglani a provisional license to obtain 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications:

Mehul Patel: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Patel's license should be reinstated to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Patel made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Mr. Patel a provisional license to obtain the 1,000 clinical practice hours. Once the required hours are completed the license will be reinstated at that time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

2020 Renewals: The Board discussed the renewal process for 2020.

Telehealth: The Board discussed telehealth.

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. [4:59 p.m. --- 5:15p.m.]

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

2020 Regulatory Training: The Board discussed the cancellation of the regulatory training.

2020 LIF Meeting: Mr. Williams informed the Board that the LIF meeting will be held remotely.

2020 Annual Meeting: Mr. Williams informed the Board that the Annual Meeting will be held on October 22nd and October 24th.

Legislative Updates: The Board discussed legislative updates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Mark W. Williams
Administrator

10-19-20
Date