

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, January 14, 2021

Board Members Present (via Teleconference)

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

Absent Member

Lori McMillan, Vice Chair

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Greg Hinson, OIE
Rowland Alston, Esquire, ODC

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, held via video/teleconference 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, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held by video/teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the absence of Lori McMillan. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the October 8, 2020, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

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

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC Report to the board. There were no cases to report.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Alston, Esquire, presented the ODC Report to the board.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

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

The Board accepted the Financial Report as information.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, reminded the Board to file with Ethics Commission before the March 30, 2021 deadline.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Formal Complaints:

2018-10: The respondent did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to accept the Board's Exhibit mentioned by Mr. Alston. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie 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. [10:50 a.m. – 10:59 a.m.]

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

The Board heard additional testimony.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to move into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [12:10 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts 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 permanently revoke the respondent's license. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Jeffrey Costa: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Costa should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Costa made an 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. [1:20 p.m. – 1:34 p.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Costa's withdrew the application for license.

Ashleigh Beeson: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Beeson should be granted a license reinstatement as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Beeson made an 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. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed 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. [2:02 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts 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. Beeson a provisional license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina to gain 1,000 supervised hours and also obtain 55 hours of continuing education credits. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Discussion Topics:

2020 Renewals: Mr. Williams updated the Board on the 2020 Renewals.

CE Audit: The Board discussed the CE audit for the 2020 Renewals.

Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine: Mr. Russell updated the board on the administration of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Election of 2021 Board Officers: The Board discussed the election of Board Officers for 2021.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow nominated Ms. Blackstone as the Chairperson. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to defer action on the election of the Vice Chair until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

2021 Regulatory Training: There were no updates regarding the regulatory training, it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

2021 LIF Meeting: There were no updates regarding the LIF meeting, it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

2021 Annual Meeting: There were no updates regarding the annual meeting, it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Legislative Updates: The Board discussed legislative updates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Mark Williams
Administrator

4-8-21
Date