

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, April 8, 2021

Board Members Present (via Teleconference)

Mary Addison Blackstone P.T., Chairperson
Lori McMillan, Vice Chair
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

All Members Present

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Gregg Hinson, OIE
Rowland Alston, Esquire, ODC

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:26 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:

All Members Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021, 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 three cases to present. Case 2020-15 was recommended for dismissal, case 2020-17 was recommended for formal complaint and 2020-18 was recommended for letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of dismissal for case 2020-15. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a letter of caution in case 2020-18. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a formal complaint in case 2020-17. The motion was seconded and approved.

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.

Disciplinary Hearing:

Formal Complaint:

2018-21: The respondent did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

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. [11:18 a.m. – 11:56 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 permanently revoke the respondent's license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

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

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. [12:04 p.m. – 12:15 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, Ms. Dilts made a motion to amend Ms. Moore's application by endorsement to an application by examination. Once the updated application is received the license may be granted at that time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Katheryn Tan-Atienza: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Tan-Atienza should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Tan-Atienza made an appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to defer action on the application until Ms. Tan-Atienza provide proof of 1000 clinical practice hours under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Alice McManus: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. McManus should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. McManus made an appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow 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. [12:42 p.m. – 1:07 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 accept the documentation submitted and the education is equivalent and meet regulatory requirements. The application is approved pending the applicant provide proof of 1000 clinical practice hours under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

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. [1:20 p.m. – 1:25 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, Ms. Dilts made a motion to deny the application due to the number attempts being more than six before passing the national physical therapy exam. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications:

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren 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. [1:42 p.m. – 1:56 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow 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 approve a provisional license to obtain 176 supervised hours of clinical practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to reinstate the original order from June 2020. Once Mr. Beaulieu has complied with the original order the license may be reinstated at that time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

CE Audit: The Board discussed the CE audit for 2020 license period. The Board decided to audit all records that are non-compliant according to CE Broker.

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie nominated Ms. Ms. McMillan as the Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded and approved.

2021 Regulatory Training: The Board discussed the 2021 Regulatory Training. The training will be virtual starting May 6th- 8th 2021.

2021 LIF Meeting: The Board discussed the 2021 LIF meeting. The LIF meeting will be virtual. The LIF meeting dates are July 15th -18th 2021.

2021 Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the 2021 annual meeting. The meeting will be a virtual meeting. The annual meeting dates are October 22nd-23rd 2021.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts motioned to approve Mr. Bowie as the delegate to attend the LIF meeting and FSBPT annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts motioned to approve Ms. Barrow as the alternate delegate to attend the FSBPT annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative Updates: Mr. Warren updated the Board on the PT Compact.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Mark Willey
Administrator

7-9-21
Date