

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 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

Ashley Bailey, OIE
Rowland Alston, Esquire, ODC

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held by video/teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie 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. Bowie made a motion to approve the April 8, 2021, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Bailey presented the statistical report and training report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical report and training report as information.

Ms. Bailey presented the IRC Report to the Board. There were three cases to present. Case 2020-19 and 2021-1 was recommended for dismissal, and case 2020-16 was recommended for a letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2020-19, 2021-1 and 2020-16. 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:

2019-17: The respondent made an appearance before the Board by video conference and was represented by Dayne Phillips, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Phillips, Esq. made a motion to sequester the states witnesses in this matter. The state approved of the motion.

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. [2:01 p.m. – 2:50 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. Barrow made a motion to issue a Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

2020-8: The respondent 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, 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. [3:18 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.]

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

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a public reprimand, suspend the license until cleared to return to practice by a Board approved medical provider, the respondent must complete a Board approved ethics course and pay a civil penalty of \$1500 and must appear before the Board prior to being considered for reinstatement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Tomasz Szewczyk: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Szewczyk should be granted a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. Mr. Szewczyk 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. [4:28 p.m. – 4:45 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 grant Mr. Szewczyk a license to practice physical therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

Leah Neidig: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Neidig should be granted a license to practice as a physical therapy assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Neidig 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 grant Ms. Neidig a license to practice as a physical therapy assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application:

Angela Grunkemeyer: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Grunkemeyer should be granted license reinstatement to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. Ms. Grunkemeyer made an appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

In open session, Mr. Bowie recused himself from the hearing.

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. [5:10 p.m. – 5:17 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 approve a provisional physical therapy license to obtain 165 supervised hours of clinical practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

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

Appoint IRC Member: The Board discussed possible IRC members.


Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve Marilyn Swygert or Chris Junkins as IRC members. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative update: Mr. Williams and Mr. Russell, Esq. updated the Board on the status of the PT Compact.

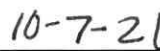
ADJOURNMENT

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 5:41 p.m.



Administrator



Date