

**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, October 7, 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  
Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel

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**Call to Order**

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

**New Business**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report:** Ms. Bell introduced the new Chief investigator for the Board, Amanda Branham.

Ms. Bell presented the statistical report and training report to the Board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Ms. Bell presented the IRC Report to the Board. There were four cases to present. Case 2021-10 recommended for dismissal, case 2021-5 and 2021-6 recommended for a letter of caution and case 2021-9 recommended for formal complaint.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for cases 2021-10 2021-5, 2021-6 and 2021-9. 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:**

**Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations:**

**2020-17:** The respondent made an appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Rowland Alston, Esq. represented the state. Mr. Alston presented the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations to the Board.

**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. [10:35 a.m. – 10:55 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 Stipulations, issue a public reprimand, and require the respondent to complete a Board approved ethics course within six months of the order. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Application Hearings:**

### **Initial Applications:**

**Angela Casper:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Casper should be granted a license to practice physical therapy assistant in South Carolina. Ms Casper 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 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. [11:23 a.m. – 11:31 a.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 grant Ms. Casper a license to practice as a physical therapy assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

In open session, Mr. Costa withdrew the application for license.

**Jenny Paola Avellaneda Mendoza:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Casper should be granted a license to practice physical therapy assistant in South Carolina. Ms Casper 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.

**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 grant Ms. Avellaneda Mendoza a provisional PT license to obtain 1000 clinical practice hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

In open session, Ms. Nwaroh withdrew the application for license.

**Reinstatement Application:**

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

In open session, Ms. Lucas withdrew the application for license.

**Discussion Topics:**

**CE Audit:** The Board discussed the CE audit and consent parameters for licensees that are non-compliant.

**Legislative update:** Mr. Williams updated the Board on the status of the PT Compact.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the 2022 board meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

**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 2:22 p.m.

Maed Wille  
Administrator

1-13-22  
Date