

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 13, 2022

Board Members Present (via Video 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
Mary League, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Amanda Branham, OIE
Rowland Alston, Esquire, ODC

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 December 21, 2021, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

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

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

Ms. Branham presented the IRC Report to the Board. There was one case to present, which was a formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for a formal complaint. 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.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams reminded the Board to file with the Ethics Commission prior to the deadline.

Disciplinary Hearing:

Nathan Dixon: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Dixon should be granted relief from the terms of the Board's April 17, 2019 order requiring him to complete the CPEP Professional Problem Based Ethics Course within six months from the date of the April 11, 2019 hearing. Mr. Dixon made an appearance before the Board by video conference, and was represented by Alex Imgrund, Esquire.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice for this request. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:30am – 11:56 am]

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 suspend Mr. Dixon's license to practice, effective immediately, due to non-compliance to previous Board order, upon receiving proof of completion of the specific Probe Ethics course, the license can be reinstated. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Gennadiy Gets: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Gets should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Gets appeared 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, regarding this application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:38am-11:08]

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

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

Joice Miles: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Miles should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant. Ms. Miles appeared 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. [12:13pm-12:23pm]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren 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. Miles a license to practice as physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Sturgis: The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Sturgis should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant. Mr. Sturgis appeared before the Board by video conference and was represented by Jacob Bell, Esquire.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Mr. Sturgis a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

PT Compact Update: The Board discussed the PT compact. The Board is still awaiting approval for the ORI number.

Motion: Ms. Dilts made a motion to appoint a subcommittee for the creation of a jurisprudence exam, whose

members would include Ms. Blackstone, Mr. Forlini, Mr. Warren and Ms. McMillan. The motion was seconded and approved.

CE Audit Update: The Board discussed the continuing education audit and licensees who are not compliant with the continuing education requirements.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to administratively suspend the licensees who are not in compliance with the continuing education requirements. The motion was seconded and approved.

Election of 2022 Board Officers: The Board discussed the election of the 2022 Board officers.

Motion: Mr. Bowie made a motion to nominate Mary Addison Blackstone as Chair, and Lori McMillan as a Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

2022 Regulatory Training: The Board discussed the 2022 regulatory training.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve Mr. Warren to attend the 2022 regulatory training, in the event vacancies are not filled by new Board members. The motion was seconded and approved.

2022 LIF Meeting/FSBPT Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the LIF Meeting and FSBPT Annual Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Warren made a motion to nominate Ms. Dilts to be the delegate for LIF and the annual meeting and Ms. McMillan to be the alternate delegate. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Mack Willison
Administrator

4-14-22
Date