

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia SC 29211

Thursday, July 14th, 2022

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone P.T., Chairperson
Lori McMillan, P.T. Vice-Chair
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Hunter L. Bowie, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member

Absent Board Members

Greg Forlini, P.T., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Hardwick Stuart, Esquire
Otis Richardson, Administrative Assistant

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:

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

License Fee Presentation:

Director Farr and Mr. Jarvis presented the license fee presentation to the board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the 2nd option \$10 dollar fee reduction. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes, with recommended changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

OIE/IRC Report: Ms. Branham and Jennifer Harris presented the statistical report. There were no cases to present. The Board accepted the report as information.

ODC Report: Mr. Alston presented the ODC report. There was only one open case. The Board accepted the report as information.

Financial Report: Mr. Williams presented the financial report. The Board accepted the report as information.

Request to Reconsider Administrative Suspension:

Rory Neiden: Ms. Neiden made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is for the Board to consider the Respondent's request to reconsider the administrative suspension of the Respondent's physical therapy license.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. (10:51a.m.-11:36a.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 continue the hearing at a later date. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request Extension to Board Order:

Nam Gin Bowman: Mr. Bowman made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the Respondent's request for an extension to complete the Professional Problem Based Ethics course should be approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to go into closed session to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve a 90 day extension to complete the Professional Problem Based Ethics course. Once the course is complete, and all other requirements have been met, staff is authorized to remove the suspension. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Warren made a motion to exit closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Patrycja Bergmooser: Ms. Bergmooser made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if Ms. Bergmooser should be granted a license to practice as a Physical Therapy Assistant in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts motioned to approve Ms. Bergmooser a license to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Thomas Gurney: Mr. Gurney made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if Mr. Gurney should be granted a license to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts motioned to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session (12:19p.m.-12:37p.m.)

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren motioned to defer this hearing to a later date. The motion was seconded and approved.

Uha Jatla: Ms. Jatla made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if Ms. Jatla should be granted a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren motioned to grant Ms. Jatla a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kenneth Muller: Mr. Muller made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Mr. Muller should be granted a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts motioned to grant Mr. Muller a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Manali Parikh: Ms. Parikh made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine if Ms. Parikh should be granted a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Ms. Parikh a license to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application:

Wageed Girgis: Mr. Girgis did not appear before the board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The board deferred the application until the applicant is able to appear.

Tori Gude: Scope of Practice for Physical Therapy in South Carolina PTs and PTAs ability to perform deep suctioning using a closed system ballard endotracheal tube, and suctioning a tracheostomy tube by open technique. The presentation was given by Tori Gude.

Scope of Practice for Physical Therapy in South Carolina PTs and PTAs to flush NG and PEG tubes before disconnecting: The presentation was given by Tori Gude.

In open session, Tori Gude appeared before the Board and provided information related to each subject. The Board asked Ms. Gude to provide additional information to be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

PT Compact Fees: The Board discussed PT compact fees.

Jurisprudence Exam: The Board discussed the jurisprudence exam.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie motioned to move to closed session, to protect the integrity of the exam. The motion was seconded and approved.

Delegate to Staff the Authority to Approve Applications from New Applicants Indicating Criminal History or Disciplinary Actions within Established Guidelines: The Board discussed the matter of staff approving initial applications with criminal history or disciplinary actions. The Board deferred the matter to the next meeting and asked staff to provide examples of guidelines.

Foreign Educated PT to Obtain PTA License: The Board discussed foreign educated PTs being able to obtain a South Carolina PTA license. The board indicated that an applicant for a PTA license must be a graduate of a Board approved PTA program.

PTA Performing Pre-Admission Screenings: The Board discussed PTAs being able to perform Pre-Admission screenings. The Board indicated that performing pre-admission screening is not within the scope of Physical Therapy practice, but anyone with a license performing these duties outside of their role of physical therapy, the Board is not limiting the performance of duties in another capacity.

PT Initial Assessment Virtually: The Board discussed the initial assessment being virtually. The Board recommended physical therapist review the Board's Advisory Opinion on telehealth.

Regulatory Review: The regulatory review was presented by Mr. Stuart. The Board decided to review the regulations and send any recommended changes to staff to be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion Topics:

2022-2024 Renewals: The Board discussed the 2022-2024 renewals.

Virtual Physical Therapy: The Board discussed virtual physical therapy.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

[Redacted Signature]

Administrator

10-13-22
Date