

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, October 13th, 2022

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone P.T., Chairperson
Lori McMillan, Vice Chair
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Hunter L .Bowie, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member

Absent Board Member

Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Megan Flannery, 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, Ms. Dilts made a motion to approve the agenda with recommended changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:

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

Approval of July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

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

OIE/IRC Report: In open session, Byron Ray presented the statistical report and training report. There were three cases that are open at this time.

In open session, Mr. Ray presented the IRC report. Case 2022-8 is recommended for LOC and case 2021-8 and 2022-9 is recommended for formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for the three cases. The motion was seconded and approved.

ODC Report: Mr. Alston presented the ODC report. The Board accepted the report as information. Mr. Alston introduced Ms. Sara Morris as the new ODC Counsel.

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 via WebEx, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether to consider the Respondent's request to reconsider the administrative suspension of the Respondent's physical therapy license.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. (10:25a.m.-10:50a.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 moved to deny the request to remove the administrative suspension. Order from the record. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Daniel Amador: Mr. Amador made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Amador should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant.

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

Bryan Brandon: Mr. Brandon did not make an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The Board deferred the application until the applicant is able to appear.

Genesis Simon: Mr. Simon made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Simon should be granted a license as a physical therapist.

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

Jigar Shah: Mr. Shah made an appearance before the Board via WebEx, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Shah should be granted a license as a physical therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan motioned to approve Mr. Shah to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application:

Shane Enscoe: Mr. Enscoe made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Enscoe should be reinstated as a physical therapist assistant.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to enter into executive session, the motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to leave executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. (11:53a.m.-12:07p.m.)

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the reinstatement once certain conditions required by the board are met. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of closed session.

Wageed Girgis: Mr. Girgis made an appearance before the Board via WebEx, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Girgis should be reinstated as a physical therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No vote were taken during executive session (12:47p.m.-1:31p.m.)

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie motioned to deny Mr. Girgis license reinstatement to practice as a Physical Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jamie Kornegay: Ms. Kornegay made an appearance before the Board via WebEx, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Cornea should be reinstated as a physical therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session (12:28p.m.-12:41p.m.)

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan motioned 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 1000 clinical practice hours and seventy-five continuing education hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADA Approval: The board reviewed and discussed the process for ADA approval. The board decided not to make any changes to the process at this time.

PT Compact: Mr. Williams updated the board on the PT Compact.

2023 Board Meeting Dates: The Board approved the upcoming 2023 PT Board Meeting dates.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates with a correction to the year of the October 2023 meeting date. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:
CE for Volunteer Services

In open session, the board reviewed the email regarding volunteer services and whether serving on a PT advisory board at a college will be accepted as CE credit for volunteer services. The board decided that did not meet the criteria to receive CE credit for volunteer services.

Continued Business

PT 2022-2024 Renewals:

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to go into closed session to protect details on the CE Audit process and renewal process. 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 guideline:

In closed session, The Board discussed staff ability to approve certain initial applications with criminal history and disciplinary actions from other boards.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to allow staff to approve initial applications that are misdemeanors, first offense beyond five years. Applications with felony offenses must make a board appearance. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

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:

In open session, the board discussed the issue and decided that the practice act does not prohibit a PT or PTA ability to perform deep suctioning using a closed system ballard endotracheal tube, and suctioning a tracheostomy tube by open technique.

Scope of Practice for Physical Therapy in South Carolina PTs and PTAs ability to flush NG and PEG tubes before disconnecting:

In open session, the board discussed the issue and decided that the practice act does not prohibit a PT or PTA ability to Flush NG and PEG tubes before disconnecting.

Jurisprudence Exam: The Board discussed having a 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.

In closed session, the board reviewed the proposed jurisprudence exam.

Motion: **In open session**, Ms. Barrow made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Regulatory Review: The Board discussed regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Administrator

1-13-22

Date