

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
Lowcountry Room
Thursday, April 11th, 2024

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone P.T., Chairperson
Lori McMillan, P.T., Vice Chair
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Hunter L. Bowie, P.T., Member
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Diane E. Haigler, P.T., Member
Larry Kopelman, P.T., Member
Barnett Keitt, P.T.A., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Executive
Tara Nixon, Advice Counsel
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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:

All members are present.

Approval of January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the January 11, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Administrative Reports

OIE/IRC Report: Mr. Bond presented the IRC statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

IRC Report: In open session, Mr. Bond presented the IRC, Case # 2022-15 for dismissal to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2022-15. The motion was seconded and approved.

ODC Report: Ms. McMenammin, Esq. presented the ODC report. The Board accepted the report as information.

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

Application Hearings

Exam Applications

Shawn Mott: Mr. Mott made an appearance before the Board, and was represented by J. Micah Leddy, Esq. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Mott should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant.

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

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

(10:40 am – 11:28 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Warren made a motion to grant the license, conditioned on the applicant taking the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Service (“EBAS”) Examination in the area of Boundary Violations and achieving a score satisfactory to the Board, at which time Board staff shall be authorized to issue the license. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to grant the license to practice as a physical therapy assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application

Karen Rafferty, PT: Ms. Rafferty made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Rafferty should be granted license reinstatement to practice as a physical therapist.

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

(12:09 pm – 12:29 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to grant Ms. Rafferty a provisional license to practice physical therapy and to complete five hundred eighty-four (584) hours of supervised clinical practice within one (1) year of the date of issuance of the license. The applicant must submit a supervisory agreement with parameters found to be acceptable by the Board within thirty (30) days of the Order or the provisional license may be revoked. The motion was seconded and approved.

CE Audit Update

Mr. Williams discussed the CE audit with the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to form a subcommittee with Ms. Blackstone and Mr. Warren as members to review the remaining continuing education hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

2024 Renewals

Mr. Williams discussed the 2024 license renewal period with the Board and creating a renewal page for the PT Board website.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to remove the option for providers to report CE hours on behalf of the licensee. The motion was seconded and approved.

2024 FSBPT Annual Education Conference - Approve Members to Attend

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to for Ms. Blackstone to attend. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative Update

Ms. Nixon reviewed and explained the proposed changes to SC Reg. 101-11.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the changes to SC 1011-11 and resubmit the Regulations with the changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.