

**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, July 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  
Diane E. Haigler, P.T., Member  
Larry Kopelman, P.T., Member

**Board Members Absent**

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

**Staff Present**

Mack Williams, Board Executive  
Tara Nixon, Advice Counsel  
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator  
LeAnna McMenamin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
NaTasha Mitchell, Office of Investigation & Enforcement

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, Ms. Dilts made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. McMillan.

**Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve Mr. Warren's and Mr. Keitt's absences. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. McMillan.

**Approval of April 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved Ms. McMillan.

### **Administrative Reports**

**OIE/IRC Report:** Ms. Mitchell presented the IRC statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

**IRC Report:** In open session, Ms. Mitchell presented one (1) letter of caution, Case # 2023-15 to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2023-15. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. McMillan.

**ODC Report:** Ms. McMenamin, 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.

### **Disciplinary Hearing**

**Case # 2023-10:** Ms. McMenamin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented a Memorandum of Agreement to the Board. The Respondent made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

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

**Motion:** In closed session, Mr. Kopelman made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

(10:22 am – 10:26 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 open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to dismiss the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

### **Application Hearings** **Endorsement Applications**

**Rimabahen Patel:** Ms. Patel made an appearance by WebEx before the Board, and was not represented by counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Ms. Patel should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant licensure upon receipt of the updated FCCPT credential evaluation showing substantial equivalency. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

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

(10:54 am – 11:01 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

### **Reinstatement Application**

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

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

(11:12 am – 11:24 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Kopelman 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. Brook’s reinstatement of license to practice physical therapy upon proof of completion of one thousand hours of out-of-state employment. Also, Ms. Brooks will be audited for the 2023-2024 cycle. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Request to Amend Previous Order**

**Harry Dinwiddie:** Mr. Dinwiddie made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the restriction that Mr. Dinwiddie only practice under the onsite supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist for the remainder of the one-year probationary period should remain in place.

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

(11:50 am – 12:09 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

**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, Ms. Dilts made a motion to release Mr. Dinwiddie from all terms, conditions, and/or restrictions previously imposed by the Board with the exception of Provision 2, requiring one (1) year of probation, and Provision 3(a), requiring onsite supervision for the duration of the one-year period. Also,

the Board will allow Mr. Dinwiddie's Clinical Director which is a PTA, provide onsite supervision when a licensed PT is not available. Mr. Dinwiddie will be required to participate in the first CE audit after the end of the probationary period. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Matthew Palmer, APTA-SC**

Mr. Palmer discussed the core purpose of the APTA-SC with the Board. Also, Mr. Palmer submitted the APTA-SC's 2024-2025 strategic plan to the Board. The Board discussed the CE audit process with Mr. Palmer.

**2021-2022 CE Audit Update**

Mr. Williams discussed the CE audit with the Board and the licensees who did not respond to the Consent Agreement.

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

(12:49 pm – 1:59 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

**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 made a motion to move forward with the orders of administrative suspension effective August 1, 2024. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Regulatory Training for CE Audit**

Mr. Kopelman attended the FSBPT Regulatory Workshop (Training) and requested CE credit with the Board. It was determined that it is approved as CE credit.

**NPTE Exam Eligibility and ADA Approval**

The Board and Mr. Williams discussed the FSBPT alternate approval pathway process. Mr. Williams stated the alternate approval process would make it easier for staff to make the applicants eligible for the exam.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to approve to use the alternate approval pathway process. The motion was seconded and approved.

**2025 Board Meeting Dates**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Williams discussed the regulations that were approved on May 24, 2024 with the Board.

### **Notice of Drafting of Regulations**

Ms. Nixon stated that if there were any notices that the Board wanted to publish, they would need to be published as soon as possible, but before the beginning of October. The Board provided no updates at this time.

### **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 2:01 p.m.