

**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, October 10th, 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  
Barnett Keitt, P.T.A., Member  
Larry Kopelman, P.T., Member

**Staff Present**

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

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**Call to Order**

Ms. Blackstone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 by Ms. McMillan.

**Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:**

All members are present.

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

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

## **Administrative Reports**

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

**IRC Report:** In open session, Ms. Howe presented one (1) Forman Complaint, Case # 2023-12 to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2023-12. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Bowie.

**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** **Endorsement Applications**

**Devin Dinecola:** Mr. Dinecola made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Dinecola 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 health information. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Barrow.

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

(10:15 am – 10:20 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

**Motion:** In closed session, Mr. Warren made a motion to grant the license to practice as a physical therapist assistant. The motion was seconded and approved Ms. McMillan.

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

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

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

**Niravkumar Subhashchandra Shah:** Mr. Shah made an appearance before the Board, 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. Dilts made a motion to grant the license to practice as a physical therapist. The motion was seconded and approved Ms. McMillan.

### **Exam Application**

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

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

(10:57 am – 11:09 am) – 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 by Ms. Barrow

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant the license to practice as a physical therapist assistant. The motion was seconded and approved Ms. Barrow.

### **Reinstatement Application**

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

In open session, Mr. Kopelman made a motion to go into executive session.

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

(11:22 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, Mr. Kopelman made a motion to grant Ms. Greene a provisional license to complete three hundred-forty clinical practice hours under the supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. McMillan.

### **Approval of Audit Procedures**

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

(11:31 am – 12:11 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 by Ms. Dilts.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the initiation of the audit procedures and

timeline as described in executive session and to approve the Board to audit 2.5-5% of licensees and that non-compliant licensees may be placed on administrative suspension. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

### **Alternate Approval Pathway**

Mr. Williams discussed the FSBPT alternate approval pathway process with the Board. The Board approved the alternate approval pathway at the July Board meeting. The SC Board will still approve ADA accommodations.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to adopt the alternate approval pathway and the Board will still approve ADA accommodations and foreign trained requirements. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

### **Appoint IRC Member**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to appoint Mr. Forlini as the IRC member. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Kopelman.

### **Appoint Expert Reviewers**

The Board presented four (4) licensees to be considered as expert reviewers, Sandra Felkel, Robert Askins, Robbie Leonard, and Lynn Van Dijk.

### **Review and Update FAQs**

Mr. Williams and Ms. Nixon discussed reviewing and updating the FAQs with the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to establish a committee to update the FAQs. The motion was seconded and approved Ms. Barrow.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.