

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, January 9th, 2025

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

Board Members Absent

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

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 10:02 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:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve Mr. Kopelman's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

Approval of October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the October 10, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved Mr. Keitt.

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 Case # 2024-16 to the Board for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2024-16. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Bowie.

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

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

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, Board Executive, reminded the Board to file with the State Ethics Commission prior to the deadline.

Jason Grubb-CE Broker Presentation: Mr. Grubb spoke about CE Broker, its history, services, and roles with the Board. Topics included licensee adoption, renewal preview, licensee compliance, completions reporting, and course reporting by self (licensee) or provider (CE sponsor). The Board expressed their concerns from the previous audit.

Application Hearings **Endorsement Applications**

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

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

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

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

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

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

2023-2024 CE Audit Update

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding the CE audit. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

(11:27 am – 12:52 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

Ms. Blackstone summarized the process of the CE Audit. The Board will initialize the audit, process of informing the licensees, providing the CE audit form and documentation to the licensees, and a special call meeting on March 27, 2025 to review the audits.

2024-2026 Renewal Update

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the 2024-2026 renewal period.

TOEFL Requirements

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to approve and accept the total score of ninety-five (95) as long all scores are in the high-intermediate level. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

FAQ Update

Ms. Nixon discussed the FAQ update with the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding the FAQ. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Bowie.

(1:08 pm – 1:21 pm) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

PT Compact Commission Report

Mr. Williams discussed the PT Compact Commission report with the Board. The report showed how many national PT's have obtained a PT Compact privilege in South Carolina and how many SC PT licensees have requested the compact privilege in another state.

Election of 2025 Board Officers

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to elect Ms. Blackstone as Chair and Ms. McMillan as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

2025 Regulatory Training-Approve Members to Attend

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve Mr. Williams and Ms. Nixon to attend the Regulatory Training. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

2025 LIF Meeting-Approve Members to Attend

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve Mr. Keitt as delegate and Ms. Barrow as the alternate delegate and approve Mr. Keitt and Mr. Williams to attend the 2025 LIF meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.