

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 10th, 2025

Board Members Present

Lori Thomas, P.T., Vice Chair
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Hunter L. Bowie, P.T., Member
Diane E. Haigler, P.T., Member
Larry Kopelman, P.T. Member
Barnett Keitt, P.T.A., Member

Board Members Absent

Mary Addison Blackstone
Mollie Barrow
Matthew Judd Warren

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Executive
Tara Nixon, Advice Counsel
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator
LeAnna McMenemy, Esq.
Yarikza Alexander, OIE

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. Thomas, 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. Dilts.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:

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

Approval of April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Kopelman made a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Keitt.

Administrative Reports

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

IRC Report: In open session, Ms. Alexander presented Case #'s 2024-9 and 2025-3 to the Board for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2024-9 and 2025-3. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Kopelman.

In open session, Ms. Alexander presented three (3) Formal Complaints, Case #'s 2024-5, 2021-11, and 2024-1 to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2024-5, 2024-11, and 2024-1. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Keitt.

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.

Application Hearings **Endorsement Applications**

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

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

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

(10:28 am – 10:37 am) – No votes were taken during executive session.

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

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

Trenten Marcotte, PTA: Mr. Marcotte made an appearance by WebEx video conference before the Board, and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Marcotte should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant. The Chair closed the meeting to protect personal health information.

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

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

(10:54 am – 11:11 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 Mr. Keitt.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant the license to practice as a physical therapy assistant contingent on compliance of the following: Submission of quarterly reports from the Director of Rehabilitation for a period of one (1) year and participate in the continuing education audit for the current biennium ending December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Kopelman.

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

Steven Scherger-FSBPT (Presentation on AAP Process)

Mr. Scherger and Ms. Souza discussed the Alternate Approval Pathway process with the Board. The AAP process is a free service that the FSBPT offers the jurisdiction where CAPTE candidates are made eligible on the Board's behalf. The SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has opted in the AAP process on May 5, 2025. If the Board opts-in the APP, accommodations process candidates will come directly to FSBPT to request testing accommodations and FSBPT will review, process and approve accommodations request. The FSBPT pays for all of the accommodations for the candidate.

AAP Process (Vote to include accommodations request)

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to approve the APP accommodations request. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Kopelman.

IRC Member Update

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to appoint Leigh Ann Frick, PT to-the IRC. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

Delegate Authority to Staff to Approve Provisional Licenses

Motion: In open session, Mr. Kopelman made a motion for staff to approve provisional licenses. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

PTA Student Supervision/Pro Bono Requirements

An email was sent to the Board from the Program Director from an accredited PTA program. The Program

Director stated the Program will be introducing a faculty and staff pro-bono clinic on the college campus as part of the student curriculum. S.C. Regulation 101-09 indicates that a Physical Therapist should not concurrently supervise more than three (3) full-time equivalent Physical Therapist Assistant position. The students at the pro-bono clinic will have 100% direct on-site supervision by licensed Physical Therapists or Physical Therapist Assistants. The question is: The Program is requesting clarification if they will need to limit the number of students in the clinic at any given time to meet the requirements under SC Reg. 101-09. and since no billing will occur, is a physician order still required or would direct access be in play for ninety (90) days.

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

(11:33 am – 11:49 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 by Ms. Dilts.

The Board's consensus of the discussion was to respond to the Director's inquiry. The Board supports matching the current requirement in SC Reg. 101-09 that a PT can supervise up to three PTA's at a time. If a school has a pro-bono clinic, they must meet the requirements of the current requirement that no more than three students per each Physical Therapist in the clinic.

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Motion: In open session, Mr. Kopelman made a motion for staff to approve provisional licenses. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Keitt.

PT Compact Q1 Status Report

The Board reviewed the PT Compact Q1 and Q2 status reports. As a majority, the privileges to practice are being issued from Georgia and North Carolina. The Board accepted the report as information.

Regulatory Review

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

(11:58 am – 12:42 pm) – 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 by Mr. Bowie.

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 12:44 p.m.