

**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 9th, 2025**

**Board Members Present**

Mary Addison Blackstone, Chair

Lori Thomas, P.T., Vice Chair

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

**Board Members Absent**

Mollie Barrow

Barnett Keitt

**Staff Present**

Mack Williams, Board Executive

Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel

Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator

Rowland Alston, ODC

LeAnna McMenamin, Esq.

Bianca Smith, OIE

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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 Mr. Kopelman.

**Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members:**

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

## **Approval of July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the July 10, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

## **Administrative Reports**

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

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

**IRC Report:** In closed session, Ms. Smith presented Case # 2025-1 for dismissal.

**Motion:** In closed session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2025-1. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

In closed session, Ms. Smith presented Case #'s 2025-4 and 2025-14 for Formal Complaints.

**Motion:** In closed session, Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2025-4 and 2025-14. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Bowie.

In closed session, Ms. Smith presented Case # 2024-14 for Formal Letter of Caution.

**Motion:** In closed session, Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2024-14. 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 presented the financial report. The Board accepted the report as information.

## **Application Hearing**

### **Exam Application**

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

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

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

## **Expungement Request**

**Michael Hurley, PT:** Mr. Hurley made an appearance before the Board, and was not represented by counsel. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether Mr. Hurley should be granted an expungement of a prior Board suspension order.

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

(10:37 am – 11:07 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 Mr. Warren.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant the expungement of the Board suspension order. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

## **Disciplinary Hearing**

### **Formal Complaint – Case # 2021-8**

Mr. Alston, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented a Formal Complaint to the Board. The Respondent made a personal appearance and was represented by counsel, Mr. Charles George.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to close the session. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Dilts.

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

(2:34 pm – 3:15 pm) – 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 Mr. Warren.

**Motion:** In closed session, Ms. Thomas made a motion to permanently revoke the license as a physical therapist. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Warren.

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

## **Review Pocket Card/Wall Certificate**

Mr. Williams presented the new pocket card and wall certificate to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to approve the new pocket card and wall certificate. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Thomas.

## **2025 LIF Meeting Update**

Mr. Williams presented Mr. Keitt's LIF Meeting report as well as the official FSBPT LIF report to the Board. Mr. Williams stated the topics of importance of healthcare profession, importance of workforce data by

profession, the emerging challenges of artificial intelligence in the profession, and that jurisdictions are having an increased push for deregulation. Also, the Board discussed the FSBPT TOEFL scale from Mr. Keitt's report.

### **2025 FSBPT Annual Meeting**

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the 2025 FSBPT Annual Meeting. Mr. Williams informed the Board that we will be responsible for providing a short presentation at the next annual meeting which will be held in Greenville, South Carolina.

### **Legislative Update**

Mr. Williams discussed H.3842, Section 40-45-285 update with the Board. This states that a physical therapist may certify that an individual is handicapped and declare that the handicap is temporary for purposes of the individual's application for a handicap placard.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.