

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia SC 29211

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Board Members Present

Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Chair
Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Vice Chair
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Hunter Bowie, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member
Lori Winkles, P.T., Member
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Rachel Wiggins, P.T., Member
Dr. Anil Yallapragada, M.D., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Mary League, Advice Counsel
Emily Butzer, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108 Columbia, SC 29211 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

Mr. Junkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Blackstone made a motion to approve the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Swartz, Office of Investigations, presented the statistical report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

IRC Recommendations

Ms. Swartz presented the IRC report to the Board. There is one (1) dismissal and one (1) formal complaint

Case #

- 2017-1
- 2017-3

In open session, the Board accepted the IRC recommendations.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC Report, eight (8) open cases total and two (2) cases to present to the Board.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, presented the financial report.

Board Updates: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, addressed the Board.

Consent Agreement

Case 2016-7: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Robyn Madden, legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Council presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to accept the consent agreement with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2016-4: The respondent did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Council presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to accept the consent agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications

Colin Cummings: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Cummings should be granted a physical therapy assistant license in South Carolina. Mr. Cummings made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion that Mr. Cummings be granted a license to practice as a physical therapy assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Vitasta Somaiya: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Somaiya should be granted a physical therapy assistant license in South Carolina. Ms. Somaiya made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to deny licensure as a physical therapist assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications

Lori Barger: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Barger should be reinstated as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Barger made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to grant Ms. Barger a provisional license to obtain 61 hours and 45 minutes of supervised employment. Once the supervised employment is completed, a license will be granted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kirby King: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. King should be reinstated as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. King made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion that Ms. King be reinstated to practice physical therapy in South Carolina contingent on paying the reactivation fee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Marla Payne: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Payne should be reinstated as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Payne made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion that Ms. Payne be granted a provisional license in South Carolina to obtain one thousand (1,000) hours of supervised employment. The motion was seconded and approved.

Renewal Application

Christen Miller: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Miller's license should be renewed as a physical therapy assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Miller made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion that Ms. Miller be granted a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina with provision. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request Approval to Take the NPTE Exam 3rd and Final Time

Rachel Paull: The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether Ms. Paull should be granted approval to take the NPTE Exam a third and final time.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Blackstone made a motion to grant Ms. Paull approval to take the NPTE Exam. The motion was seconded and approved.

Continuing Education Audit Process

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to offer a consent agreement to licensees who did not meet continuing education requirements, with the exception, those who were on the automatic audit list must make an appearance before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Regulatory review Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-9

The Board reviewed their regulations in accordance to Executive Order 2017-9.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion that the Chair be allowed to sign on the Board's behalf. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

- a. **Continuing Education Units for Clinical Instructors:** The Board discussed continuing education units for clinical instructors.
- b. **Federation State Board of Physical Therapy Update on Ethics and Legislative Committee:** The Board discussed the licensure compact.
- c. **Committee Appointment IRC:**

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to reappoint Dargan Ervin and Cynthia Witherspoon to serve on the IRC Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Election of 2018 Board Officers: The Board determined the election of officers should be done at the first meeting of the calendar year.

2018 Board Meeting Dates

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to approve the 2018 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Dr. Yallapragada made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Mackie Alderson
Administrator

1-17-18
Date