

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

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Board Members Present

Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member, Chairperson
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Vice Chair
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Member
Lori Winkles, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member
Rachel Wiggins, P.T., Member
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Texas T. Smith, Public Member

Absent Member

None

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Assistant
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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

Ms. Swygert, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion to approve the December 4, 2015 meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence: Dylan Sitterle, Attorney with the Office of Investigations and Enforcement with LLR addressed the Board requesting approval to send a E-Blast to all licensees regarding Domestic Violence.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion to approve the E-Blast on Domestic Violence. The motions was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion to approve the CEU's concerning Domestic Violence for licensees listed. The motions was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love, Chief Investigator of OIE office stated that he had no cases to present to the Board.

The Board did not have a statistical report to review.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel indicated that she will resume assignments for the Board. She had zero cases to present to the Board.

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

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, Board Assistant reminded the Board members to file their Economic Interest Statement with the Ethics Commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2016 at 12:00 p.m..

Application Hearings

Initial Applications

Erin Madden: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Ms. Madden should be granted a physical therapy license. Ms. Madden made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Ms. Madden application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:35 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.]

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, Mr. Junkins made a motion to deny Ms. Madden a physical therapy license in South Carolina based on 40-45-230 (h). The motions was seconded and approved.

Donald Ratcliffe: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Mr. Ratcliffe should be granted a physical therapy license. Mr. Ratcliffe 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 a closed hearing due to potential privacy issues. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion that Mr. Ratcliffe be granted a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. The motions was seconded and approved.

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

Request for Approval to Take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) 3rd and Final Time

Laura Bryant: The purpose of this hearing was a request for approval to take the NPTE a third and final time. Ms. Bryant made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Wiggins recused herself from all proceedings involving the hearing.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion that Ms. Bryant be granted to sit for the NPTE a third and final time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Wiggins rejoined the Board proceedings.

Edward Givens, III: The purpose of this hearing was a request for approval to take the NPTE a third and final time. Mr. Givens, III made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion that Mr. Givens, III be granted to sit for the NPTE a third and final time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics

a. ADA Accommodation Process: The Board discussed the ADA Accommodation Process.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to appoint a three (3) person review board for ADA applications: Ms. Reynolds, Board Administrator, Board legal counsel, and a Physical Therapy Board member. The motion was seconded and approved.

b. Jurisprudence Exam Update: The Board discussed the jurisprudence exam.

c. Executive Session to Provide Litigation Update

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the litigation update. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:53 a.m. – 12:26 p.m.]

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

Board Appointment for IRC and Expert Reviewers

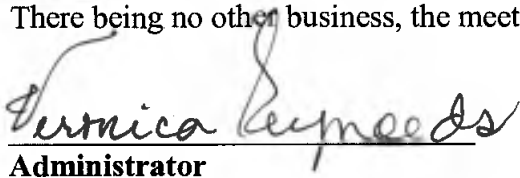
Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Witherspoon and Mr. Ervin to serve on the IRC board and Ms. Julian as the expert reviewer. The motion was seconded and approved.

Election of 2016 Board Officers

Motion: In open session, Ms. Winkles made a motion to defer elections for Chair and Vice-Chair until the July meeting and maintain the current officers. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Mr. Junkins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m..


Teronica Reynolds
Administrator

04/19/2016
Date