SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Thursday, July 12, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia, SC 29211

Board Members Present

Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member, Chairperson Jane E. Julian, P.T., Member E. Dargan Ervin, Jr., P.T. Member Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Member Darlene Pope, P.T., Member W. Dixon Reaves, P.T.A, Member

Excused Absence

Texas T. Smith, Member Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Member

Staff Present

Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel Veronica Reynolds, Administrator Mack Williams, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Office, the lobby Kingstree Building, 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. A quorum was present at all times.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Swygert, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108, Kingstree Bldg., 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to amend the agenda by OIE to number five and new business of application hearing down to number six. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 12 and June 7, 2012 board meetings were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the minutes of April 12, 2012 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Mr. Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes for June 7, 2012, Special Telephone Conference as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. APPROVAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS

Motion: Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to approve the absent of Board member, Texas Smith and Roy Junkins, PTA. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT and (OGC) REPORT

OIE REPORT

Mr. Love presented reports for the Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) case status report. During the year 2011 through December 31, 2011 there were one (1) active investigation and fourteen (14) cases had been closed. During 2012, there had been one (1) active investigation and two (2) cases closed.

Mr. Love presented the second report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) presented the IRC report and following recommendations to the Board:

Three (3) Formal Complaint cases: 2011-13, 2012-4 and 2012-5.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to accept the IRC and OIE reports as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

OGC Report

Ms. Baldwin, Office of General Counsel presented that there were no disciplinary cases pending. She indicated there were several cases that would be coming before the board at a later date.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Reynolds brought to the board's attention the Military Bill that had become law. Ms. McCartha explained what the bill impact had on boards and commissions. She indicated the board may issue a temporary license to military spouses only, if their practice act does not prohibit it. The bill matches the Federal Military Spouse Relief Act of 2012. Ms. McCartha recommended the board discuss it again at its next board meeting in October.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Applications Hearing

Terry Ryder: Mr. Ryder answered "yes" to question 1 and 2 on his application for licensure that required his appearance before the board. Mr. Ryder did make a personal appearance before the Board and waived his rights to be represented by legal counsel.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Ervin made a motion to approve the application for licensure in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Suzanne Auld - Ms. Auld answered "yes" to question 9 and 10 on the initial application for licensure. Ms. Auld made a personal appearance before the Board and waived her rights to be represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to grant a license to practice physical therapy in the state of South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

7. Review and Approval of the C-20 Eligibility Form to Sit for NPTE

The board reviewed and discussed the request from Greenville Technical College that would allow a new method to be used to approve applicants to sit for the exam prior to graduation.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Mr. Ervin made a motion to adopt the method of approving for exam registration by the program directors verifying the individuals are going to be graduating within ninety (90) days of the exam date. Applications must be into the board office within three (3) weeks prior to the exam deadline with the application fee. The motion was seconded and approved.

2012 Jurisdiction Board Member Training

Ms. Witherspoon shared training highlights of the board member training she attended in Alexandria, Virginia.

8. Review of FSBPT new aPTitude Program via WebEx

Ms. Herbst – Paakkonen demonstrated the new program and all of its features.

There being no further business, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

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