

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, July 11, 2019

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Chair
Lori McMillan, 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
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Rachel Wiggins, P.T., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Julia Lawson, Board Assistant

Also Present

Erin Baldwin, General Counsel
Serrena Swartz, Office of Investigations & Enforcement

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. Blackstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Dilts made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the April 11, 2019, 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 & Enforcement, 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 are two (2) cases recommended for dismissal; and one (1) recommended for letter of caution.

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

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

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

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Ryan Grant: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Grant should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Grant made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Grant a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kenneth Williams: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Williams should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Williams made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:31 a.m.—10:43 a.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Mr. Williams a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Shelia Mann: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Mann should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Mann 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.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:54 a.m.—11:30 a.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to defer action until such time as Ms. Mann successfully completes a licensure exam and if the exam is not completed within one year of application, the application will be withdrawn. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jonathan Mendez: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Mendez should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Mendez made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to defer action until such time as Mr. Mendez successfully completes a licensure exam and if the exam is not completed within one year of application, the application will be withdrawn. The motion was seconded and approved.

Deepak Chouti: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Chouti should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Chouti made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to grant Mr. Chouti a license to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina *with submission of evidence of hours worked at Woodlands Healthcare and Rehab in Georgia*. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jatinkumar Vaghasiya: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Vaghasiya should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Vaghasiya made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Vaghasiya a license to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

a. Expert Reviewers:

The Board discussed expert reviewers.

b. Clinical Performance Worksheet:

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to allow Mr. Williams to remain during executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: *No votes were taken during executive session.* [12:09 p.m.—1: 20 p.m.]

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

c. **Telepractice:** The Board discussed telepractice performed by Physical Therapists.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to continue to research telepractice before making a definitive statement. The motion was seconded and approved.

d. **PT Compact:** The Board discussed the PT Compact.

e. **Legislative Update:** Mr. Russell updated the Board on the legislation for the new Continuing Education Requirements and PT Compact.


ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.



Administrator



Date