

South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Quarterly Meeting
April 14, 2005
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 111, 10:00 A.M.
Columbia, SC

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Chairperson
James Ryan, Jr., P.T.A., Vice Chair
Dargin Ervin, P.T., Member
Diane Funderburk, P.T., Member
Eric A. Schmidt, P.T., Member
Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A., Member
Darlene Pope, P.T., Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Ruby Brice McClain, Asst Director
Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel
Larry Atkins, OIE
Alana Holmes, Board Administrator
Quintina Griffin, Adm. Assistant
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners office, lobby of the Kingtree 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. Ellis Witherspoon, Board Chairperson , called the meeting, held in Room 111, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Dr., Columbia, South Carolina to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The April 14, 2005 Quarterly Meeting Agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded and carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Moved to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2005. Seconded. Two editorial corrections were noted. Ms. Swygert's name should be corrected and add Darlene Pope.

Mr. Ervin moved to approve the minutes with the editorial corrections. Seconded and approved.

4. INVESTIGATION PROCESS/OIE

Mr. Atkins discussed the investigation process within the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

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New Business

5. APPLICATION HEARING

a. Kristin Dorio

Ms. Dorio made a personal appearance before the Board.

Motion: Ms. Funderburk moved to accept Ms. Dorio's application by endorsement.

b. Signe LaPlant

Ms. LaPlant did not make an appearance before the Board.

Motion: Mr. Ervin moved, based on the 1989 Wisconsin license, the Board inform Ms. LaPlant and initiate granting her license.

c. Sridevi Rao

Ms. Rao did not make an appearance before the board.

Motion: Mr. Schmidt moved the Board issue Ms. Rao a license pending confirmation of an active unrestricted license in Illinois.

6. Disciplinary Hearing

7. Request Waiver of Re-instatement fee

a. Shannon Virtue

Ms. Virtue did not make appearance before the Board.

Motion: Mr. Schmidt moved to drop the late fee. Mr. Seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Report of Change Since Last Renewal

a. John Sisk

Ms. Funderburk recused herself from participating and voting in this matter.

John Sisk made an appearance before the Board.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Schmidt moved the Board enter executive session to seek legal counsel on this matter. Ms. Swygert seconded the motion, which carried.

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RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Ms. Swygert moved to allow the reinstatement of this license with the agreement Mr. Sisk have his counselor send a semi-annual report over the next licensing period, that is license year 2006, and that failure to comply with this agreement will result in immediate suspension of his license. Mr. Seconded the motion, which was approved.

9. BOARD POSITION STATEMENT

1. A Scope of Authority Functional Capacity Evaluations
2. PTA Involvement in Patient Screens

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon stated she has position statements that she has previously used as answers to questions. She feels the Board could devise statements.

Mr. Schmidt stated since he serves on a North Carolina PTA Board he had a position statement regarding screenings from North Carolina.

Mr. Schmidt stated the Board could use the statements from North Carolina as a benchmark. He asked Ms. Witherspoon to send her statements to the Board for review. He indicated North Carolina has indicated in its statement that FCEs must be performed by a physical therapist.

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon stated the Board may develop a position statement prior to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Dantzler advised the Board to understand that the licensees would have to refer the statements to their employers.

10. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Pending Bills and the Impact on Physical Therapy Practice

1. House Bill 3615 still in the Senate.

2. Senate Bill 499

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon asked Ms. Holmes, Board of Veterinary Care Administrator, if the language in Section 40-69-20(17) could be changed from “physical therapy” to “other therapeutic modalities”. Ms. Holmes stated that the bill just passed the sub-committee and would be going before the full committee shortly. She indicated the bill had already passed the Senate. She noted there is a section in that bill that would allow a veterinarian to delegate certain procedures if the veterinarian felt it was necessary or the pet owner wanted it.

3. House Bill 3409

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Ms. McClain stated it is unlikely this bill would cross over to the Senate. She noted it has not yet been before the sub-committee.

The Board discussed AHEC and continuing education requirements. Mr. Schmidt brought thoughts to the Board regarding general education and professional requirements in Section 101-04. He indicated the schools would again be surveyed regarding the education requirements. He noted the minimum general education may be revised to 90 and the minimum professional education requirement may be revised to 100.

Mr. Schmidt under 101-4(A) suggested the first sentence be changed to read “a minimum number of credit hours as determined by the Board” Ms. McClain expressed concern over making the language too generic. He suggested that the section regarding licensure by endorsement be called licensure by exam and develop criteria.

Mr. Schmidt will draft language in regard to the regulation in regard to education requirements.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2005.