

**S C DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

Thursday April 12, 2007, 10:00 a.m.  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108  
Columbia, SC 29211

**Board Members Present**

Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Member  
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Member  
Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member, Chairperson  
Jane E. Julian, P.T., Vice Chairperson  
W. Dixon Reeves, P.T.A., Member  
E. Dargan, Ervin, P.T., Member (via telephone)  
Darlene Pope, P.T., Member

**Others Present**

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator  
Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel  
Sheridan Spoon, Asst. General Counsel  
Kathy Meadows, OIE Investigator  
Mack Williams, Board Assistant

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Robert Flandry, M.D., Member

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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The April 12, 2007 agenda was presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** Ms. Pope made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following corrections: to add her name as being present and E. Dargin Ervin as being absent and to reorder the agenda by moving Deborah Jones to the top of new business because of her travel time. The motion was seconded and approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 11, 2007 were presented for review and approval.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Disciplinary Report**

Mr. Atkins, OIE Investigator presented the Board with the following complaint with a recommendation to dismiss with a Letter of Caution.

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**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to dismiss with a Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Administrators Report**

Ms. Reynolds stated Ms. Fair had resigned from the Board effective April 1, 2007. Ms. Reynolds reviewed the roles of the new Chair and Vice Chair and recommended the members that have not attended LLR Board members training should consider attending the seminar when it is offered again. Ms. Reynolds also reminded the members to make sure their economic interest statement for 2006 be filed with their tax return by the deadline of April 15, 2007.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Disciplinary Hearing**

**a. John Thomas:** Mr. Thomas did make a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Counsel, D. Michael Kelly, Esquire.

**Motion:** Ms. Pope made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Pope made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion Mr. Thomas license be permanently revoke. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Deborah Jones:** Ms. Jones did make a personal appearance. Ms. Jones is requesting approval of an Ethical Tool Box Course to satisfy the Board order.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to approve the ethical Course and upon completion of the course to submit a copy of the certificate to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Application/Renewal Hearing**

**1. Ignacio Liunovas:** Mr. Liunovas did make a personal appearance before the Board. Mr. Liunovas was not represented by Counsel. Mr. Liunovas requested the Board grant a license after four (4) fails on the national physical therapy examinations.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Julian made a motion the Board deny granting a license under Section 40- 45 -260(D) the Board must not issue a license to an applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score three (3) or more times on a Board approved licensure examination. The motion was seconded and approved.

**2. Marina E Quiroga:** Ms. Quiroga did not make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Quiroga requested the Board grant a license after three (3) fails on the physical therapy national examination.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the Board deny granting a license under Section 40- 45 -260(D) that states the Board must not issue a license to an applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score three (3) or more times on a Board approved licensure examination. The motion was seconded and approved.

**3. William Taylor:** Mr. Taylor did not make a personal appearance. Mr. Taylor is requesting a license to practice Physical Therapy after completing a non-degree program.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion to deny granting a license until Mr. Taylor can demonstrate before the Board comparable education to South Carolina current requirements in its general licensing provisions. The motion was seconded and approved.

**4. Charles Baker:** Mr. Baker did make a personal appearance. Mr. Baker is requesting renewal of his license after a indicating a change in status since his last renewal on the renewal application.

**Motion:** Mr. Ervin made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30- 4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Reeves to issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution advising him if he changes employers to immediately notify the Board regarding the change. The motion was seconded and approved

**5. Geneva Alberson:** Ms Alberson did not make a personal appearance. Ms. Alberson is requesting renewal of license after indicating a change in status since her last renewal on her renewal application.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the license be placed on non-disciplinary suspension until such time the licensee makes an appearance before the Board and present evidence that she can return to work. The motion was seconded and approved

**6. Joel B. Stenslie:** Mr. Stenslie did not make a personal appearance. Mr. Stenslie had a prior disciplinary action in another jurisdiction and request a license be granted to practice physical therapy.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion the license be granted. The motion was seconded and approved

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **Request Approval for Additional Administration of NPTE after Three (3) Fails**

**Erica Jones:** Ms. Jones did make a personal appearance. Ms. Jones requested the Board approval for her fifth (5) administration of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

Ms. Swygert, Chairperson recused herself from the proceedings. Ms. Julian, Vice Chairperson conducted the hearing.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Mr. Junkins made a motion to approve Ms. Jones to take the national examination for a fifth (5) and final time with special accommodations to include the examination be taken within sixty (60) days from date of the Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Request Amendment to Prior Order**

**1. Christine Thomas:** Ms. Thomas made a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Thomas requests the Board amend its prior order to allow a supervisor in North Carolina.

**Motion:** Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to approve a one (1) hour face-to-face consultation to be completed on a monthly basis. In addition, approve Susan Hawkins, a North Carolina Board licensed Physical Therapist as supervisor to replacing the current Board approved supervisor, Ms. Cree. All other conditions in the order signed on May 6, 2005 will remain in effect. Ms. Thomas will also take an online billing course to fulfill requirements. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Nomination of FSBPT 2007 Delegates**

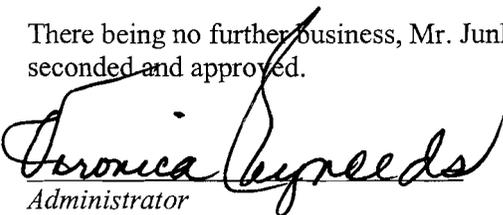
Ms. Swygert was nominated to attend the national conference in Memphis, TN as the delegate.

Ms. Julian was nominated to attend the national conference as the alternate delegate

Ms. Reynolds will attend as the Administrator.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Junkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

  
Teronica Reynolds  
Administrator

07-16-2007  
Date

**Next meeting is scheduled October 11, 2007, Kingstree Building, Room 108, 10:00 a.m.**