

S C DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION

Thursday July 23, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC 29211

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel
Eddy Lane, Hearing Adviser
Ronald Adams, Board Assistant

EXCUSED ABSENCE

E. Dargan, Ervin, P.T., Member

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Office, the lobby 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Swygert, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 204, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The July 23, 2009 agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to amend agenda to include discussion of Practice Review Tool under Continuing Education Unit audits. The motion was seconded and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of April 9, 2009 were presented for review and approval.

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

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC and dismiss case #4.

NEW BUSINESS

Disciplinary Hearing

1. **Leah Ann McConnell:** Ms. McConnell did not make a personal appearance before the Board.

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. Witherspoon made a motion if Leah Ann McConnell's case goes to an intermediate hearing, the Board requests the panel be comprised of a Hearing Officer and a physical therapist with expertise in the area of practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Hearing/Unlicensed Practice

1. **Kimberly Leaird:** Ms. Leaird did make a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Leaird request reinstate of her license.

Motion: Ms. Julian 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 to issue a public reprimand and grant reinstatement of the license with the following condition: upon presentation of documented continuing education units to satisfy prior period. The reprimand will be expunged from the record in five (5) years provided applicant has complied with the statues and regulations, which govern her practice with a physical therapist license upon her written request. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request for Approval for NPTE 3rd Administration

1. **Christine Mealing:** Ms. Mealing did make a personal appearance. Ms. Mealing requested the Board approve her to sit for her third (3rd) and final administration of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to allow Ms. Mealing to sit for the third (3rd) and final administration of the NPTE. The motion was seconded and approved.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Continuing Education Audits

The Board voted to conduct continuing education audits.

Practice Review Tool

The Board voted to place the Practice Review Tool on the next agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Junkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Teronica Reynolds
Administrator

10/20/09
Date

Next meeting is scheduled October 8, 2009, Kingstree Building, Room 108, 10:00 a.m.