

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
SPECIAL SESSION - MINUTES**

November 09, 2023

**Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Physical Therapy convened by telephone conference call on November 9, 2023 at 12:13 p.m. to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice as a Physical Therapist constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to Va. Code §54.1-2408.1. A quorum of the Board was present, with Ms. Suzy Szasz Palmer, Vice Chair, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Fox, PT, DPT
Rebecca Duff, PTA, DHSc
Elizabeth Locke, PT, PhD

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director
Melanie Pagano, Deputy Executive Director
Florence Venable, Senior Discipline Manager

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF
THE COMMONWEALTH:**

Mandy Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL:

Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

MATTER:

**Joshua Kyle Forrest
License #2305-214616
Case Number: 226697**

DISCUSSION:

The Board received information from Assistant Attorney General Mandy Padula-Wilson in order to determine whether Joshua Kyle Forrest's ability to practice as a physical therapist constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Ms. Padula-Wilson provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Fox, and duly seconded by Dr. Locke, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Joshua Kyle Forrest, P.T. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Tillman Wolf, Ms. Pagano and Ms. Venable attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session.

DECISION:


Upon a motion by Dr. Fox and duly seconded by Dr. Duff, the Board determined that the continued practice of Joshua Kyle Forrest, PT, constitutes a substantial danger to the public health and safety. The board voted to summarily suspend his license to practice as a physical therapist, simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to §54.1- 2408.1 of the Code of Virginia.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 12:33 p.m.



Corie Tillman Wolf
Executive Director

3/4/2024

Date

