



ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
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MISSION

The mission of the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy is to protect the public from the incompetent, unprofessional, and unlawful practice of physical therapy. The Arizona Physical Therapy Practice Act establishes the standards for the practice of physical therapy, continuing competence and testing, and defines the scope and limitations of practice. The Board licenses and certifies qualified applicants as physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; and receives, investigates and adjudicates complaints against licensees and certificate holders.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2021 – SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public and to the members of the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy (“Board”) that the Board will hold a meeting open to the public on the date and at the time listed above. A full meeting agenda can be found online at ptboard.az.gov or in the lobby of the Board’s office building in the case displaying meeting notifications. If a member of the public would like to speak at the meeting, please contact Judy Chepeus, Interim Executive Director, at 602-271-7365.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, except for those matters set for a specific time. Formal and Informal Hearings are scheduled to be heard during specific time blocks. The Board President, however, reserves the right to call cases in random order. Please note that the recommendations listed on the agenda are merely suggested Board actions. Those recommendations do not become final until adopted by the Board. The Board has the authority to accept, reject, or modify any recommendation listed on the agenda.

The meeting is open to the public. However, during the course of the meeting, the Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an executive session on any of the listed agenda items to discuss or consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state and federal law, or to obtain legal advice. A.R.S. §§ 38-431(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3) and/or (A)(4). Executive sessions are not open to the public.

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Meeting Access: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public may join:
Via telephone: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 212 928 721 3430#

Board Members: Dr. Mark Cornwall, PT, PhD, President; Kelly King, PT, DPT Vice-President; Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, OCS, CLT, Secretary; Giovanni Leone, PTA, Professional Member; Joshua Greer, Public Member; Joshua Barton, Public Member.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

1) Call to order – 8:30 am

2) Roll Call (staff)

3) Minutes: Review, consideration, and action:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), any discussion of the executive session minutes will take place in executive session.

- A) October 26, 2021 Regular Session
- B) October 26, 2021 Executive Session A
- C) October 26, 2021 Executive Session B
- D) November 30, 2021 Regular Session

4) Applications for Licensure and Certification:

A) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist applicants requesting ADA accommodations.

- 1) Kathryn Berry
- 2) Nicole Kanefsky
- 3) Courtney Marley

B) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist Assistant applicants requesting ADA accommodations.

- 1) N/A

C) Review, consideration, and possible action on Physical Therapist applicants who graduated from foreign educational programs that are not U.S. Accredited.

- 1) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding educational equivalence, option to license or require a supervised clinical practice period and/or eligibility for NPTE/ AZLAW exams.
 - a. Erini Guirguis
- 2) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding approving the Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) facility and supervising therapists proposed by Foreign Educated Physical Therapist applicant.
 - a. Apeksha Beseekar

5) Consent Agenda:

Consent agenda items may be considered for approval as a single action unless a Board member or

interested party wishes to remove an item for discussion. The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to 38-431.03(A)(3).

A) Applications recommended for approval of Physical Therapist licensure upon successful completion of the application, including receipt of transcripts and passage of the NPTE and/or AZLAW. The Board will review, discuss, and may take action on the following applicants who provided an affirmative response to application questions related to their background.

1) N/A

B) Applications recommended for approval of Physical Therapist Assistant certification upon successful completion of the application, including receipt of transcripts and passage of the NPTE and/or AZLAW. The Board will review, discuss, and may take action on the following applicants who provided an affirmative response to application questions related to their background.

1) Verbena Coffin
2) Alejandro Garcia

C) Cases recommended for termination of Board Order. The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1) 17-21, Dale Bryan, PT
2) 19-42, Gregory Bustamante, PTA
3) 19-51, Natalie Meyer, PT

D) Cases recommended for extension of probation. The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1) N/A

End of Consent Agenda

6) Complaints and other disciplinary matters: review, consideration, and action.

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to 38-431.03(A)(3).

Pending complaints represent unproven allegations. On investigation, many complaints are found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and are dismissed.

A) 20-20 Nicole Raymond, PT

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding compliance with Board Order

B) 20-40 Melinda Kane aka Coy, PTA

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding compliance with Board Order

C) 20-47 Yocelin Tepezano, PTA

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding compliance with Board Order

- D) 21-13 Heidi Erpelding, PT**
Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint
- E) 21-30 Timothy Charleston, PT**
Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint
- F) JZ**
Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible final action

7) Board business and reports:

- A) Arizona Physical Therapy Association Presentation Regarding Current Events/Topics**
- B) Executive Director Position**
Review, consideration, and possible action regarding adopting a hiring process for the position of Executive Director.
- C) PT Compact Designation**
Review, consideration, and possible action regarding possible designation of PT Compact as an “association of licensed health professionals” pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3226
- D) Pending AZ Auditor General Financial Audit**
- E) Proposed 2022 Virtual Board Meeting Dates**
Review, consideration, and possible action regarding adopting virtual meeting dates for 2022.

 - January 25, 2022
 - February 22, 2022
 - March 22, 2022
 - April 26, 2022
 - May 24, 2022
 - June 28, 2022
 - July 26, 2022
 - August 23, 2022
 - September 27, 2022
 - October 25, 2022
 - November 15, 2022 (Holiday month)
 - December 20, 2022 (Holiday month)

- F) November 2021 Financials**
Review and possible discussion

- G) Licenses / Certificates**
Review and discussion on new licenses/certifications processed in November 2021

- 1) 43 Individuals Licensed/Certified November 1, 2021- November 30, 2021
 - a. 16 Physical Therapists Endorsement
 - b. 12 Physical Therapists Examination

- c. 2 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
- d. 0 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
- e. 0 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
- f. 2 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
- g. 11 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
- h. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- i. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

8) Future Agenda Items

9) Adjournment

December 17, 2021



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