



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

MAY 24, 2022 – 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, 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.

Title 2 of the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits the Board from discriminating on the basis of disability in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Judy Chepeus, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy at 602-271-7365. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Meeting Access: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public may join:
Via telephone: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 319 927 101 9937#

Board Members: Kelly King, PT, DPT President; Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT, Vice-President;

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) March 22, 2022 Regular Session

B) March 22, 2022 Executive Session A

C) April 26, 2022 Regular Session

D) April 26, 2022 Executive Session A

4) Applications for Licensure and Certification:

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

1) N/A

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. N/A

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. N/A

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) Lauren Youngs
- 2) Nicole Carlson

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) Kenneth Love
- 2) Gerardo Sanchez
- 3) Krystian 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) 18-17, Daren Povar, 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) Administrative Hearings

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-2046(D) and 41-1092 the Board will conduct an administrative hearing in the following matter. During the administrative hearing the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and/or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

- A) N/A

7) Informal Hearings

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2046(A) and A.A.C. R4-24-306 the Board will conduct an informal hearing in the following matter. During the informal hearing the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and/or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

- A) 21-07, John LaDouceur, PTA (9:00 am)
B) 21-34, Makeda Gilbert, PT (9:30 am)

8) Rehearing or Reviews

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2046(E), A.R.S. § 41-1092 and A.A.C. R4-24-308 the Board will review,

consider and take possible action on the motion for rehearing or review filed in the matter listed below. During the Board's consideration of this matter, it may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and/or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A) N/A

9) 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) 19-10, Hans Lettner, PT

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding request for termination of Board Order

B) 21-22, Erik Bidinger, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

C) 21-26, Nick Lueck, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

D) 21-27, Shilo Evans, PTA

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

E) 21-28, William Johnson, PTA

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

F) 22-19, Chelsea Freeman, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

G) 22-09, James B Kreicher, PTA

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

10) Board business and reports:

A) Presentation by John Hosterman Regarding ADA Accommodations (10:30 am)

John Hosterman, PhD, Chief of Accessibility & Disability Services, Paradigm Testing will provide an ADA Accommodations presentation.

B) Assistant Attorney General Report

1) **LC2022-000061, Sean Flannagan, PT**

Review and discussion regarding dismissal of appeal

C) Executive Director's Report

1) **Arizona telehealth regulations**

Review and discussion of current Arizona telehealth regulations

- 2) **PT Compact renewal without subsequent AZLAW exam passage**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding PT Compact renewal privilege purchases completed without subsequent AZLAW exam passage

- 3) **Possible merit-based incentive authorization**
The Board may go into executive to discuss personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1) and/or to obtain legal advice pursuant to 38-431.03(A)(3).

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Executive Director authorization to approve and award merit-based incentive pay to qualifying staff as feasible.

- 4) **General agency updates**
Review and discussion regarding the following items
 - a) Website
 - b) Data Committee Report

- 5) **April 2022 Financials**
Review and possible discussion

- 6) **Licenses / Certificates**
Review and discussion on licenses/certifications processed in April 2022
 - a) **43 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**
 - i. 24 Physical Therapists Endorsement
 - ii. 2 Physical Therapists Examination
 - iii. 3 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
 - iv. 1 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
 - v. 0 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
 - vi. 7 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
 - vii. 4 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
 - viii. 2 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
 - ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

 - b) **1 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**
 - i. 0 Physical Therapists
 - ii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistants

 - c) **1 Business Entity Registrations**
 - i. 0 Newly Issued
 - ii. 1 Reinstated

 - d) **1 Interstate Telehealth Registrations**
 - i. 0 Newly Issued PT
 - ii. 1 Newly Issued PTA

11) Future Agenda Items

12) Adjournment

May 20, 2022

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