



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 20, 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 video: <https://meet.google.com/jjt-zaxc-shf>
Or via phone: (US) +1 205-844-5119 PIN: 481 182 943#

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) November 15, 2022 Regular Session

4) Applications for Licensure and Certification:

During the Board's review of these matters, 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 A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

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

- 1) Stephanie Brown
- 2) Stuart Duersch
- 3) Gabrielle Olcott

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

D) Review, consideration and possible action on Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant applicants applying under A.R.S. § 32-2028

- 1) Jolene Knee

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) Sharon Harrison

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) Kelly Blasky
- 2) Aly Soro

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) 18-39 Joshua Bitton, 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) N/A

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) 22-11 Sarah Gomez, PT

Review, consideration and possible action regarding proposed monitoring contract

B) 22-14 Stephanie Cottingham, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

C) 21-31 & 22-28 Steven Kempton, PT

Review, consideration, and possible action including but not limited to request for continuance

D) 22-50 Linda Frahm, PT

Initial review, consideration, and possible action regarding complaint

E) AR

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible action

F) HJ

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible action

10) Board business and reports:

A) Executive Director's Report

1) Proposed 2023 Virtual Board Meeting Dates

Review, consideration, and possible action regarding adopting virtual meeting dates for 2023.

January 24, 2023

February 28, 2023

March 28, 2023

April 25, 2023

May 23, 2023

June 27, 2023

July 25, 2023
August 22, 2023
September 26, 2023
October 24, 2023
November 21, 2023 (Holiday month)
December 19, 2023 (Holiday month)

- 2) **Continuing competence audit process update**
Review and discussion regarding the current status of the 2022 continuing competence audit
- 3) **PT Compact purchases**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding providing direction to the Board pertaining to individuals who purchase a PT compact privilege prior to successful completion of the AZLAW jurisprudence exam
- 4) **October 2022 financials**
Review and possible discussion
- 5) **Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations**
Review and discussion on approvals granted in November 2022
 - a) **61 Licenses/Certificates Newly Issued**
 - i. 27 Physical Therapists Endorsement
 - ii. 17 Physical Therapists Examination
 - iii. 1 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
 - iv. 1 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
 - v. 1 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
 - vi. 7 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
 - vii. 6 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
 - viii. 1 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
 - ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse
 - b) **2 Licenses/Certificates Reinstated**
 - i. 2 Physical Therapists
 - ii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistants
 - c) **1 Business Entity Registrations**
 - i. 1 Newly Issued
 - ii. 0 Reinstated
 - d) **2 Interstate Telehealth Registrations**
 - i. 2 Newly Issued PT
 - ii. 0 Newly Issued PTA

11) Future Agenda Items

12) Adjournment

December 16, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chepeus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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