



**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
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### **MISSION**

*The mission of the Arizona 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 qualified applicants as physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; and receives, investigates and adjudicates complaints against licensees.*

## **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

### **FOR THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**DECEMBER 17, 2024 – 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](http://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.

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**Meeting Access:** The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public may join:  
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Board Members: Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT President; Kelly King, PT, DPT Vice-President; Giovanni Leone, PTA, Secretary; Joshua Greer, Public Member; Joshua Barton, Public Member; John Heck, PT, DPT, PhD

## **REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

**1) Call to order – 8:30 am**

**2) Roll Call (staff) and recitation of Mission Statement**

**3) Minutes: Review, consideration, and action; Consent Agenda**

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

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. October 29, 2024 Regular Session**

**4) Applications for Licensure:**

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. Candidates who are requesting ADA accommodations.** The Board considers ADA accommodation requests associated with the National Physical Therapy and Arizona Jurisprudence Examinations. Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant licensure requires successful completion of the application, including, but not limited to, receipt of transcripts and passage of the NPTE and/or AZLAW.

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

- a. Larz Stowell
- b. Kenneth Scherer

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

- a. N/A

**B. Physical Therapist applicants who graduated from a foreign educational program:**

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 for applicants who graduated from a Non-U.S. Accredited foreign educational program.

- a. Ian Miguel Ayson
- b. Sakshi Shah

2) 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 for applicants who graduated from a U.S. Accredited foreign educational program.

- a. N/A

3) 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. Phillip Edmundson

4) Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the completed Supervised Clinical Practice Period (SCPP) and possible licensure of Foreign Educated Physical Therapist applicant.

- a. N/A

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

- 1) Larry Hernandez

D. Review, consideration and possible action on Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant applicants applying under A.R.S. § 32-2032

- 1) 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) Leanna DeLeon
- 2) Michael Ybarra
- 3) Mckenze Thomsen
- 4) Denise Larsen

**B. Applications recommended for approval of Physical Therapist Assistant 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) Jacob Durham
- 2) Mickellie Hammond
- 3) Glenda Fisher

**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) N/A

**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

**E. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and issuing an advisory letter related to continuing competence audit.** The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

- 1) N/A

**F. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and offering a consent agreement related to continuing competence audit deficiency.** 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, a complaint may be found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and may be dismissed.*

**A. 24-07 Karlee Hopkins, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

**B. 24-16 Alvin Rodgers, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

**C. 24-22 Andrea Liermann, PT**

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

**D. NK**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**E. TM**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**F. JK**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**G. KL**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**H. RH**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**I. PP**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**J. DK**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

**10) PT Compact 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).

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A. N/A

**11) Old Business: 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).

**A. 23-27 Christopher Karps, PTA**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding interim consent agreement

**12) Board business and reports:**

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. Update regarding FSBPT Annual Meeting**

Review and possible discussion regarding the FSBPT Annual Meeting held October 31-November 2, 2024 in Cedar Rapids, IA.

**B. Executive Director's Report**

1) **2025 Prospective Board Meeting Dates**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Board's potential 2025 meeting dates (\*date deviates from fourth Tuesday)

- a) January 28, 2025
- b) February 25, 2025
- c) March 25, 2025
- d) April 22, 2025
- e) May 20, 2025\*
- f) June 24, 2025
- g) July 22, 2025
- h) August 26, 2025
- i) September 23, 2025
- j) October 21, 2025\*
- k) November 18, 2025\*
- l) December 16, 2025\*

2) **NPTE contract Alternate Approval Pathway implementation**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following subjects:

- Implementation of the Alternate Approval Pathway on or about January 3, 2025
- Designation of FSBPT as the Board's designee to grant eligibility
- Potential Substantive Policy Statement as it relates to meeting the requirements as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-2024(B)(2)(c)
- Processing steps for ADA accommodation requests

3) **PT Compact status report**

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the November 2024 PT Compact status report.

- 4) **Updates regarding the 2024 five-year rules review and notice of proposed rulemaking**  
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the submitted 2024 five-year rules review report and the published notice of proposed rulemaking.
- 5) **October & November 2024 Financials**  
Review and possible discussion
- 6) **Licenses and Registrations**  
Review and discussion on approvals granted in October & November 2024

**a) 99 Licenses Newly Issued (Oct. 44; Nov. 55)**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	
i.	28	20	Physical Therapists Endorsement
ii.	1	23	Physical Therapists Examination
iii.	3	1	Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
iv.	0	0	Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
v.	0	0	Physical Therapist Military Spouse
vi.	1	1	Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
vii.	9	10	Physical Therapist Assistants Examination
viii.	2	0	Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
ix.	0	0	Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

**b) 5 Licenses Reinstated and Reactivated (Oct. 3; Nov. 2)**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	
i.	2	2	Physical Therapists
ii.	1	0	Physical Therapist Assistants

**c) 5 Business Entity Registrations (Oct. 1; Nov. 4)**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	
i.	1	4	Newly Issued
ii.	0	0	Reinstated

**d) 1 Interstate Telehealth Registrations (Oct. 0; Nov. 1)**

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	
i.	0	1	Newly Issued PT
ii.	0	0	Newly Issued PTA

**13) Future Agenda Items**

**14) Adjournment**

December 13, 2024

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