

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

JANUARY 28, 2025 – 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.

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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 Heick, 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. December 17, 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. N/A

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. N/A

- 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. N/A

- 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) Jerry Bourassa

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:

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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) Maribel Gudat
- 2) Jacob Ozment
- 3) Brandon Richard Jr.

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) N/A

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) 23-72 Stephanie Whitmer, PT
- 2) 23-84 Noah Abrahams, 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

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. 24-05 Georgia Holguin, PTA (9:00)

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. 24-17 Laura Crowe, PT

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

B. Robert Palmer, PTA

- 1) Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding case 24-23
- 2) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding release from case 22-45

C. 24-22 Joshua Leslie, PTA

Initial review, discussion, and possible action regarding complaint

D. BJA

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

E. AB

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

F. GR

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

G. CS

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

H. KR

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding opening a case

10) PT Compact matters: review, consideration, and action.

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A. Helena Bustamante, PTA

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding renewal of her compact privilege

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. 23-88 David Castillo, PT

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding signed 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. Board Elections (President, Vice-President, Secretary)

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Board Elections pursuant to A.A.C. R4-24-103

B. FSBPT Delegate Election (Delegate and Alternate)

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Election of Board Delegates for FSBPT 2024 meetings

- 1) Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) July 19-20, 2025; Arlington, VA
- 2) Annual Educational Meeting October 23-25, 2025; Spokane WA

C. Executive Director's Report

- 1) **ADA requirements and testing accommodations**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding ADA requirements and testing accommodations
- 2) **Drafted substantive policy statement for the Alternate Approval Pathway**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the drafted substantive policy statement related to the Alternate Approval Pathway
- 3) **Legislative update**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding proposed legislation and legislative committee actions including but not limited to HB2181, HB2583, SB1037, and SB1235
- 4) **Updates regarding the Board's proposed rulemaking**
Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the status of the Board's currently proposed rulemaking.
- 5) **December 2024 Financials**
Review and possible discussion
- 6) **Licenses and Registrations**
Review and discussion on approvals granted in December 2024
 - a) **94 Licenses Newly Issued**
 - i. 23 Physical Therapists Endorsement
 - ii. 59 Physical Therapists Examination
 - iii. 1 Physical Therapist Universal Recognition
 - iv. 1 Physical Therapist Foreign Educated
 - v. 2 Physical Therapist Military Spouse
 - vi. 3 Physical Therapist Assistants Endorsement
 - vii. 5 Physical Therapist Assistants Examination

- viii. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Universal Recognition
- ix. 0 Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse

b) 6 Licenses Reinstated and Reactivated

- i. 3 Physical Therapists
- ii. 3 Physical Therapist Assistants

c) 2 Business Entity Registrations

- i. 2 Newly Issued
- ii. 0 Reinstated

d) 1 Interstate Telehealth Registrations

- i. 1 Newly Issued PT
- ii. 0 Newly Issued PTA

13) Future Agenda Items

14) Adjournment

January 24, 2025



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