

OREGON BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Sept 12, 2025 8:30 AM - until end of business

Meeting Location: Webconference

Members of the public may attend public session portions of the meeting virtually via the link posted on our website at: <https://www.oregon.gov/pt/Pages/meetings.aspx>

I Call to Order - Public Session

II Executive Session – *The Board will enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)(h) and (L). Executive Sessions are closed to the public. Any attendees will be asked to wait in the waiting room or placed in the virtual waiting room during the executive session and brought back into the meeting room prior to the Board reconvening public session.*

III Resume Public Session

A Board Motions - *Board actions as result of Executive Session.*

B Consent Agenda Items – *These items are being presented as a consent agenda; the Board members review the consent agenda items ahead of the meeting and will adopt the items as a single motion unless specific items are flagged for discussion and/or individual motion.*

- 1 Board Meeting Minutes, Draft—July 16, 2025
- 2 Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses & Temp Permits issued, and renewals approved July 1, 2025 - Aug 31, 2025.

C Board Member/Committee/Delegate Reports

- 1 PT Compact Commission and FSBPT Delegate Updates
- 2 FSBPT Annual Meeting Information/Requests for Planning Purpose

D Board General Discussion & Action Items

1 Board Annual Best Practices Review—*The Board will complete annual review of best practices and performance.*

2 HB 3824 Updates – *brief update on status of bill and upcoming rulemaking needs.*

3 TOEFL Updates – *discussion about upcoming changes to TOEFL score reports.*

4 Review of Delegated Authority Letter— *discussion about licensees reporting arrests or convictions per Board rules and discussion about temporary permit extensions*

E Request for Temporary Permit Extension from N. Bronson

IV Other Business

V Adjournment

This proposed agenda subject to last minute changes without prior notice. A request for an interpreter or other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to 971-673-0200 or physical.therapy@obpt.oregon.gov

**Oregon Board of Physical Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2025 DRAFT**

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

[Meeting Materials](#)

Vice-Chair Okumura convened the Board into Public Session at 8:31AM.

Board Members Present: Hoku Okumura, PT, Vice-Chair; Tim Brinker, PT; Erin Crawford, PT; Mariah Frank, PT; Sandra Hahn; Susan Reynolds, PT; Dwight Terry.

Board Members Absent: Chair Shanahan, Excused.

Staff: Michelle Sigmund-Gaines, Executive Director; Sherri Paru, PT, Clinical Advisor/Investigator, Sarah Casey, Operations and Policy Analyst.

Staff Absent: Gayla Goodwin, Excused.

Legal Counsel: Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG.

Members of the Public Present: Yes.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were presented as a consent agenda. Board members reviewed the items prior to the meeting.

1. Board Meeting Minutes, Draft—May 16, 2025
2. Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses & Temp Permits issued, and renewals approved May 1st, 2025-Jun 30th, 2025.
3. Executive Director's Report for July 2025.

Director Sigmund-Gaines reviewed items from the Executive Director's report. Items highlighted included: Director's report -Fiscal year and 23/25 Biennium are completed. Licensing counts are slightly above counts for last biennium. Compact Privilege purchases are steady.

Motion by Member Reynolds to approve the consent agenda items as written.

Member Hahn seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Public Comments

No.

Board Member/Committee/Delegate Reports

PT Compact Commission Delegate Update:

Pennsylvania became an active member on July 7. Maine expects to be active in 2026. Nevada has enacted legislation making them the 40th member and expects to be active by end of this calendar year.

Member Crawford, our PTCC Delegate, noted the next Compact Commission meeting is scheduled

for July 31, 2025.

FSBPT :

Director Sigmund-Gaines noted that the annual Leadership Issues Forum is scheduled for July 19-20.

Strategic Plan Progress Review

Director Sigmund-Gaines provided update on the State Agency Planning submitted June 1, 2025. HB 3824, has not yet been signed by the Governor, however, if signed will impact scope and priorities in planning for the next 2 years. Next focus on strategic planning will be at the September meeting once we know if the Bill has passed.

Open Roundtable and Future Agenda Items:

Reviewed current topics listed and the items that have been completed.

Proposed: Public Meetings Process & Delegated Authority Review originally planned for July will move forward to September meeting.

Added: Concerns with Insurance influence on practice of Physical Therapy and application based on prior authorization and approvals required.

Using term “Universal Precautions” in regards to Consent.

Informed Consent-Motivational Interviewing-keeping that conversation going for outreach for students and licensees.

Board General Discussion & Action Items

SB 1552 Pre-Determination Process Proposed Rule

Proposed rule to adopt OAR 848-010-0005 was noticed per prior Board direction.

No Public Comment received.

Motion by Member Reynolds to adopt the proposed administrative rule regarding the Pre-Determination Process as OAR 848-010-0005 as written to be effective August 1, 2025.

Member Hahn seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

SCRA OARS and Process Draft

Proposed rule to adopt OAR 848-010-0028 was noticed per prior Board direction.

No Public Comment received.

Motion by Member Reynolds to adopt the proposed administrative rule regarding SCRA Permitting as OAR 848-010-0028 as written to be effective August 1, 2025.

Member Terry seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

2025 Legislative Session

Timeline and update of the Legislative Session provided. Legislature ended on June 27. HB3824 is on the Governor’s desk to be signed.

Public Session Adjourned at 8:57 AM.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 8:57AM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS

192.660(2)(L). Slide read as pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f)(h) and (L). All members of the Public were placed in virtual waiting room or left the meeting.

At 12:17 PM, Vice-Chair Okumura adjourned Executive Session.

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION RESUMED

Vice-Chair Okumura reconvened the Board into Second Public Session at 12:29 PM.

Board Members absent: Chair Shanahan, excused and Member Terry, excused for 2nd session .

Staff Absent: Gayla Goodwin, excused.

Members of the Public Present: Yes

Board Motions:

Case PT 884-12/24

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case.

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Case PT 839-02/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case.

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Case PT 903-04/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case.

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Okumura, Reynolds.

No: Hahn

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-1.

Case PT 907-05/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to offer licensee a settlement agreement with reprimand, assess \$5,000 civil penalty with \$5,000 stayed pending successful completion of Board approved extended boundaries course, and restrict licensee from practicing physical therapy with patients alone until successful completion of Board approved boundaries course for violations of ORS 688.140(2)(a)(s) and OAR 848-045-0020(2)(i)(l)(n)(p)(A).

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Case PT 910-06/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to offer licensee a settlement agreement with reprimand, assessment of a \$4,000 civil penalty with \$4,000 stayed pending successful completion of Board approved boundaries course, for violations of ORS 688.140(2)(a)(k)(A) and OAR 848-045-0020(2)(n)(p)(A).

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Case PT 895-03/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case.

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Case PT 891-02/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to offer a settlement agreement with 1-year of probation with practice only within earshot or eyeshot of a Board licensee, completion of a Board approved boundaries course, and a civil penalty of \$5,000, with \$2,500 stayed pending proof of successful completion of Board approved boundaries course for violations of ORS 688.140(2)(a)(e), ORS 688.020(1)(a), OAR 848-015-0020(1)(2)(3)(5), OAR 848-040-0145(5), OAR 848-045-0020(2)(i)(r)(C).

Member Brinker seconded the motion.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Frank, Hahn, Okumura, Reynolds.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Other Business: None

Second Public Session Adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Oregon Board of Physical Therapy

Ratification Report: New Licenses and Temporary Permits Issued 7/1/2025 – 8/31/2025

License Number	Legal First Name	Legal Last Name	License Effective Date	License Method	License Status	License Type	Initial Registration Date
10369	Stephen	Ballesteros	07/02/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/02/2025
65783	Melissa	Schuberg	07/02/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/02/2025
65782	Keaton	Fournier	07/02/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PT	07/02/2025
10370	Toccaro	Napier	07/02/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/02/2025
63307	Craig	Hessing	07/03/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	06/04/2019
65784	Natalia	Martinez	07/07/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/07/2025
65785	Callum	Davis	07/07/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/07/2025
62932	Christine	Huxley	07/07/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/02/2018
65786	Kaden	Culp	07/08/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/08/2025
65787	Camy	Aguinaldo	07/09/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PT	07/09/2025
65787	Camy	Aguinaldo	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	07/09/2025
65790	John	Reinwald	07/15/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/15/2025
10371	Tara	Carson	07/15/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/15/2025
65789	Mary	Lewis	07/15/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	01/30/2024
10377	Liliya	Demidenko	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
65793	Nathan	Cornell	07/16/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/16/2025
10378	Shannon	Ullmer	07/16/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
10374	Jennifer	Shirkhani	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
65794	Tyler	Kailiuli	07/16/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/16/2025
10376	Carley	Burgess	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
65792	Michelle	Slaughter	07/16/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/16/2025
10375	Karen	Roy	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
65791	David	Scott	07/16/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/16/2025
10372	Sarah	Seeborg	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
10373	Jessica	Abad	07/16/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/16/2025
65795	Awanthi	Warnasooriya	07/17/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/17/2025
10379	Ella	Matweyou	07/17/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/17/2025
10381	Logan	Dickey	07/18/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/18/2025
10382	Melissa	Stocking	07/18/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/18/2025
10383	Kimberly	Thomas	07/18/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/18/2025
10380	Scott	Kutcher	07/18/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/18/2025
65796	Nicholas	Bronson	07/18/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PT	07/18/2025
65797	Traci	Stevens	07/18/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/18/2025
10384	Alexander	Kindrick	07/21/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/21/2025
10387	Cherie	Troutman	07/21/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/21/2025
10386	Jodi	Byers	07/21/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/21/2025
10385	Lee	Ormsby	07/21/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/21/2025
4701	Anu	Honkanen	07/21/2025	Exam	Active	PT	10/20/2003
10388	Evan	Beyer	07/22/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/22/2025
10389	Jordan	Thull	07/22/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/22/2025
65798	Joseph	Persons	07/22/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/22/2025

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6498	Mark	Hartford	07/22/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	04/28/2011
10390	Alexander	Devish	07/23/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/23/2025
6607	Jean-paul	Perrodin	07/23/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/01/2011
65799	Carly	Axman	07/23/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	06/04/2025
64357	Elaine	Wilder	07/23/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	01/13/2022
10391	Jordan	Baker	07/24/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PTA	07/24/2025
10392	Jesus	Nunez	07/24/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/24/2025
10395	Samantha	Pettigrew	07/24/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/24/2025
10393	Alli	Nyquist	07/24/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/24/2025
10396	Zoe	Kahl-Perreault	07/24/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/24/2025
65800	Miriam	Basye	07/24/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/24/2025
10394	Rachael	Tomlinson	07/24/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/24/2025
65802	Justin	Launer	07/25/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/25/2025
65801	Natalie	Johns	07/25/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/25/2025
65803	Kurt	Langmeyer	07/28/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/28/2025
10397	Corinn	Canfield	07/28/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/28/2025
65804	Brandon	Smith	07/28/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/28/2025
65788	Alan	Mendes	07/29/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/29/2025
65805	Tonya	Wills	07/29/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	07/29/2025
10398	Katherine	Marin	07/30/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/30/2025
10399	Melinda	Maul	07/30/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	07/30/2025
10400	Dustin	Flocken	07/30/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	07/30/2025
65806	Colleen	Halloran-VanderWier	08/01/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/01/2025
8889	Teena	Matuska	08/04/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	11/06/2012
65807	Kaelyn	Hawkins	08/05/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/05/2025
65808	Lindsey	Ketterling	08/05/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/05/2025
10401	Rory	Danna	08/05/2025	Exam	Active	PTA	08/05/2025
65811	David	Lyubchenko	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65819	Clair	Johnson	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65812	Ruby	Perez	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65813	Jodi	Thomasian	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65817	Maija	Girardi	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65816	Kaeli	Frank	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65821	Austin	Finley	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65810	Benjamin	Smith	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65809	Leeza	Noble	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65818	Hannah	Kailiuli	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65820	Bijay	Upadhyaya	08/06/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65815	Elizabeth	Yarnal	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65814	Alexander	Keyes	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65822	Zubaidah	Alrubaye	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65823	Yiwen	Tseng	08/06/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/06/2025
65781	Derek	Lee	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/30/2025
65739	Micah Julianne	Simborio	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/02/2025

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65768	Siegfried	Ocker	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/23/2025
65775	Alexander	Swartz	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/27/2025
65738	Jacob	DuVall	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/02/2025
65778	Olivia	Bartlett	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/30/2025
65773	Nicco	Cardone	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/26/2025
65767	Ashley	Phillips	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/23/2025
65709	Ava	Scoccia	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	05/20/2025
65779	Tana	Eri	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/30/2025
65728	Kloe	Lum	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	05/27/2025
65717	Jaclyn	Sorbets	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	05/23/2025
65780	Sarah	Libby	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/30/2025
65774	Ethan	Bruno	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	06/27/2025
65737	Maleah	Eddings	08/06/2025	Exam	Active	PT	05/30/2025
65825	Katherine	Mazza Cadena	08/08/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65826	Aubrey	Chamness	08/08/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65824	Avery	Peraza	08/08/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65827	Samantha	Harrison	08/08/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65828	Hannah	Erickson	08/08/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65829	Troy	Vanerstrom	08/08/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/08/2025
65830	Cicada	Marcott	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65831	Olivia	Kesterson	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65832	Brandon	Le	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65833	Mackenzie	Raihala	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65834	Blake	Owen	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65835	Brian	Parker	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/11/2025
65836	Jacob	Slavik	08/11/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PT	08/11/2025
65837	Joanna	deLacy	08/11/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/11/2025
4192	Amanda	Hughes	08/11/2025	Exam	Active	PT	07/30/2001
65838	Misa	Jones	08/12/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/12/2025
65839	Megan	Robertson	08/12/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/12/2025
65842	Candace	Fernandez	08/12/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/12/2025
65840	Janeil	Stehr	08/12/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/12/2025
65841	Jason	Pyfer	08/12/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/12/2025
65843	Andrew	Zima	08/13/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65844	Adrian	Clifford	08/13/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65845	Tully	Thornton	08/13/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65849	Meghan	Chang	08/13/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65850	Julie	Reiner	08/13/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65846	Zach	Reinhardt	08/13/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65847	Aboli	Gandhi	08/13/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65848	Cole	Strober	08/13/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65851	Chloe	Batchelor-Muller	08/13/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65852	Jacob	Wall	08/13/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/13/2025
65853	Ngan	Nguyen	08/14/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/14/2025

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65854	Amy	Boutry	08/14/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/14/2025
65855	Kevin	Saltzman	08/14/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/14/2025
65856	Kaylan	Stayton	08/14/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	02/14/2024
65857	Tanner	Farley	08/14/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/14/2025
65858	Nathaniel	Jaramillo	08/14/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/14/2025
65859	Alex	Recker	08/14/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/14/2025
65860	Kailee	Horton	08/15/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/15/2025
65861	Darilyn	Distant	08/15/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/15/2025
65862	Parker	Wade	08/15/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/15/2025
65863	Christa	Shipman	08/19/2025	Exam	Temporary Permit	PT	08/19/2025
65864	Garrett	Young	08/19/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/19/2025
65865	Allyson	Cook-Lindsay	08/19/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/19/2025
65866	Kaitlyn	Wilson	08/20/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/20/2025
10402	Eli	Campbell	08/20/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	08/20/2025
65867	Stephen	Alexander	08/20/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/20/2025
65869	Wynnie	Young	08/22/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/22/2025
65868	Kathleen	Hazen	08/22/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/22/2025
65870	Jonathan	Gogolakis	08/22/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/22/2025
65872	Dawson	Kero	08/26/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/26/2025
65873	Megan	Pham	08/26/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/26/2025
65871	Deanna	Soward	08/26/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/26/2025
9547	Justin	Bailey	08/26/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	09/28/2017
61714	K'rene	Sher	08/26/2025	Exam	Active	PT	05/23/2016
65874	Sydney	Oothoudt	08/27/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/27/2025
65875	Megan	Anderson	08/28/2025	Exam	Active	PT	08/28/2025
65876	Charles	Manocchio	08/28/2025	Endorsement	Active	PT	08/28/2025
9016	Christina	Musch	08/28/2025	Endorsement	Active	PTA	02/06/2014

License type	Endorsement	Exam	Total
PT	49	70	119
Active	19	65	114
Temp-Exam	0	5	5
PTA	9	28	37
Active	9	27	36
	0	1	1
Grand Total	58	98	156

Note: Where Initial Registration Date is prior to License Effective date, licensing transaction is either a change from prior status, such as Temp to Active, or renewal of a lapsed license, or re-application of an expired license. Temp-Exp status means a temporary permit was issued but expired during the reporting period without an Active license being issued.

NAME OF BOARD - Oregon Board of Physical Therapy

As Completed by Board in Public Session

Best Practices Criteria	Yes	No
1. Executive Director's performance expectations are current. <i>(Last discussed with Chair Aug)</i>		
2. Executive Director receives annual performance feedback. <i>(Last review Dec 2024)</i>		
3. The agency's mission and high-level goals are current and applicable. <i>(Reviewed each regular board meeting)</i>		
4. The board reviews annual performance progress report <i>(Agency Measures reports; fiscal year-end reports; BI reports)</i>		
5. The board is appropriately involved in review of agency's key communications.		
6. The board is appropriately involved in policy-making activities.		
7. The agency's budget aligns with mission and goals.		
8. The board reviews all proposed budgets.		
9. The board periodically reviews key financial information and audit findings. <i>(Reports each regular meeting; biannual audit)</i>		
10. The board is appropriately accounting for resources.		
11. The agency adheres to accounting rules and other relevant financial controls.		
12. Board members act in accordance with their roles and public representatives.		
13. The board coordinates with others where responsibilities and interests overlap.		
14. The board members identify and attend appropriate training sessions.		
15. The board reviews its management practices to ensure best practices are utilized.		
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TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

August 7, 2025

The Honorable Tobias Read
Secretary of the State
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 3824

Dear Secretary Read,

Today, I am signing House Bill 3824. The bill updates the standards for physical therapist practice in the state of Oregon. The bill includes new provisions that provide the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy (Board) with greater ability to enforce and encourage competence and adherence to license requirements, including safe and ethical conduct in relation to a patient. These provisions, specifically sections 9(5), 17, and 21, strengthen public and patient protection.

Section 5 of House Bill 3824 permits physical therapists to perform dry needling as described by the Board by administrative rule, including the establishment of training requirements to ensure a physical therapist can competently perform dry needling. I write today to identify concerns with and outline a process for implementation of section 5.

Opponents of Section 5 shared concerns with my office that the proliferation of dry needling will undermine the acupuncture profession, that standards and definitions of dry needling vary across the country, and that acupuncturists complete considerable training hours and education necessary to perform safe needle insertion as a licensee of the Oregon Medical Board. Opponents also raised concerning questions about the cultural framing related to dry needling that are viewed as erroneous and offensive to the origins of acupuncture.

I also heard from many physical therapists who identified a desire to leverage all tools available to support patient recovery and pain management and who pointed to historic use of dry needling in physical therapy practice outside of Oregon.

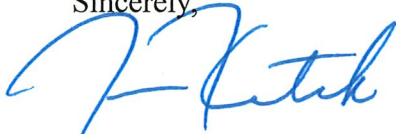
Interest in this section is outsized compared to the legislative direction provided. In response, I am directing the Board to actively consult with the Oregon Medical Board when adopting rules to ensure that the practice of dry needling has limited application to the practice of musculoskeletal pain and movement resolution and that an appropriate training standard is adopted. I am further directing the Board to prioritize rulemakings for all other sections of the

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bill and to coordinate with the Oregon Medical Board to establish appropriate stakeholder listening sessions, workgroups, or rule advisory committees related to Section 5 so that there is designated time and opportunity for all parties to fully participate.

Upon rules adoption by the Board, I am also directing the Department of Consumer and Business Services' Division of Financial Regulation to issue a bulletin to clarify that dry needling performed by a physical therapist does not constitute acupuncture for the purposes of Insurance Code requirements for coverage of acupuncture. Health plans will need to consider how and whether to include expanded services offered by physical therapists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tina Kotek', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Governor Tina Kotek

cc: Speaker of the House Julie Fahey
Senate President Rob Wagner

References in OAR 848 to Statutes Amended or Repealed by HB3824

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No Existing OARS in 848	Section 5- Practice of Dry Needling
	Section 10- Notification of intent to work under emergency order - ORS 688.030
	Section 16 - Veterinary Standard of Care - ORS 688.135
	Section 19- Physical Therapist exemption from Sonography Licensure - ORS 688.435
	Section 20- Physical Therapist signature on Licensed Parking Permits - ORS 811.604
	Section 21 - Claims for Injury caused by Professional Negligence - ORS 742.400

OREGON BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY LETTER

The following tasks and functions are delegated to the Executive Director and, under the Director's supervision, to the staff of the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy:

1. To review, process and determine if applicants for a physical therapist license have submitted an application and all of the supporting documents for licensure to include the following:
 - To determine if application is complete per ORS 688.040;
 - To verify credentials per ORS 688.050(1);
 - To verify credentials for foreign educated applicants per ORS 688.050(2) & (3);
 - To verify credentials for a reciprocity applicant per ORS 688.080;
 - To administer and review background checks and jurisprudence exams; and
 - To issue a license to all physical therapist applicants who satisfy all the requirements.
2. To review, process and determine if applicants for a physical therapist assistant license have submitted an application and all of the supporting documents for licensure, to include the following:
 - To determine if application is complete per ORS 688.040;
 - To verify credentials per ORS 688.055;
 - To verify credentials for a reciprocity applicant per ORS 688.080;
 - To administer and review background checks and jurisprudence exams; and
 - To issue a license to all physical therapist assistant applicants who satisfy all the requirements.
3. To review, approve and issue temporary permits (*and temporary permit extensions*) to physical therapists/physical therapist assistants who qualify per ORS 688.110.
4. To review, approve and issue a renewal license for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants per ORS 688.100.
5. To review and approve, per policy, any physical therapist/physical therapist assistant application for initial or renewal licensure where there are issues raised by the background check. Issues beyond the approved policy will be brought to the Board for consideration.
6. To review Oregon Compact Privilege purchases for compliance with jurisprudence and contact information provision requirements and issuing advisory letters or initiating investigations consistent with approved policy.
7. To perform random continuing competency audits and background verification audits on license renewals.

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8. To maintain a current list of all applicants, licensees and permittees pursuant to ORS 688.160(9)(a).
9. To publish at least annually final disciplinary actions taken against physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and other information including rules to guide them in the practice of physical therapy.
10. To provide information to the public regarding the procedure for filing a complaint.
11. To exercise managerial oversight over Board employees, accounting and payroll, with the exception of salary or merit increases which must be approved by the Board Chair.
12. The responsibility for all administrative matters relative to the operation of the Board office.
13. The responsibility for all financial matters relative to the operation of the Board office with the exception of approving the Board's biennial operating budget.
14. The spending authority for unbudgeted items up to \$500 without Board Chair approval.
15. Approve or deny continuing competency credits, courses and written special requests for courses or activities submitted to the Board, as well as coursework and programs required by the Board for remediation as part of a Board action.
16. To review initial complaints (*including self-disclosure*) to determine whether the complaints fall under the Board's authority or whether the conduct would constitute a violation of a Board statute or administrative rule.
17. Upon a Licensee's successful completion of a board imposed probationary period Staff may issue a Notice of Satisfaction of Probation to Licensee and report the action to the National Data Bank.
18. To immediately issue Order of Suspension in cases where the Board receives a letter of suspension from the Department of Justice for delinquent child support payments per ORS 25.750. In addition, to issue an Order of Release from Suspension when a subsequent Letter of Release is received from the Department of Justice. In either case, subsequent to the issuance of the Order to Suspend or the issuance of the Order to Release from Suspension the Order will be brought to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting for ratification.
19. Subsequent to a Board vote in public session, to draft, issue and execute a Stipulated Agreement assessing a civil penalty pursuant to the matrix in cases where physical therapists/physical therapist assistants have practiced physical therapy when the licensee's license was lapsed, was expired, or the licensee has failed to meet the continuing

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competency requirements. To draft, issue and execute a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action if the licensee fails to sign the Stipulated Agreement.

20. Subsequent to a Board vote in public session to draft, issue and execute Notices of Proposed Disciplinary Action, Interim Stipulated Order, Stipulated Agreements, Emergency Suspension Orders, Orders for Evaluation and Final Orders based on the Board's determined action.
21. Upon determination of sufficient evidence of a violation, the Executive Director will determine the level of discipline and negotiate the terms of the Stipulated Agreement or Order. The Settlement and Final Order will be approved by a member of the Board prior to execution.
22. Subsequent to a Board vote in public session execute the permanent or temporary rule making process.
 - a. The above notwithstanding, to execute the rulemaking process to make corrections in number or reference and relating to the adoption of the most recent version of the PT Compact Commission Rules unless the Commission makes substantive changes to the Rules, which must then be brought to the Board.
 - b. The above notwithstanding, to initiate the rulemaking process to align Board rules with statutory changes, final adoption to be approved by Board vote in public session.
 - c. The above notwithstanding, to initiate temporary rulemaking specifically related to addressing impacts of a public health emergency, or to comply with any Emergency Order or Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor, or other Government entity.
23. Where appropriate or mandated by law, refer or disclose criminal or administrative violations to appropriate agency or law enforcement.
24. To initiate Administrative Hearing process upon receipt of request for hearing.

Delegation of Authority Letter last reviewed and approved by vote of the Board in public session **January 2023**. Delegation of Authority is reviewed by the Board at least once per year.

Oregon Board of Physical Therapy
Policy on Review/Approval
Licensee with misdemeanor arrest or felony conviction

Intent: This policy is intended to be administered in the review and processing of required self-disclosure of arrests and convictions.

Purpose: The purpose of the policy is to set benchmarks, relative to a licensee's criminal history. The benchmarks will be a guide to Board staff, identifying the appropriate level of approval authority necessary.

Part I: Failure to Disclose Criminal Background History

If a licensee fails to disclose a felony arrest or misdemeanor conviction within 10 days as required by Board rule or licensee fails to disclose an active investigation by an Oregon or out-of-state health licensing authority within 10 working days licensee is first notified of the investigation and lack of disclosure is discovered after the 10-day timeframe:

- Follow standard procedures, ask licensee for: a written explanation for failure to disclose; a written statement of the events and circumstances surrounding the offense; and copies of all legal documents, court orders, police records, board documents etc.
- If the licensee provides a complete written explanation and sufficiently provides the requested information in a timely manner and it is determined that the offense:
 - is a one-time offense unrelated to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant;

Then the Board Chair or Board Vice Chair may make the sole decision to issue a confidential advisory letter pertaining to the failure to timely disclose, or, depending on the circumstances of the incident, may choose to have the entire Board review the case, along with an investigative report and documentation at their next scheduled meeting.

- All other licensees with non-disclosure within the 10-day timeframe, along with an investigative report and documentation, will be brought before the Board for their review, at their next scheduled meeting.

Part II: Applicant Discloses Criminal Arrest or Conviction

If licensee does disclose felony arrest or misdemeanor conviction, or licensure action taken in another jurisdiction:

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- Follow standard procedures, ask licensee for: a written statement of the events and circumstances surrounding the offense and copies of all legal documents, court orders, and police records, board documents etc.
- If the licensee provides a complete written explanation and sufficiently provides any additional requested information in a timely manner, and the offense:
 - is a one-time offense unrelated to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant; and
 - would not constitute violations of statutes and rules governing PT practice in Oregon

Then, the Executive Director or Clinical Advisor/Investigator may make the decision not to open an investigation.

- All other licensees disclosing arrests and convictions within the 10-day timeframe, along with an investigative report and documentation, will be brought before the Board for their review, at their next scheduled meeting.