

**Oregon Board of Physical Therapy
Board Meeting Minutes
January 15 & January 17, 2025**

Wednesday, January 15

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

Chair Shanahan convened the Board into Public Session at 4:04 PM for the purpose of roll call.

Board Members Present: Erica Shanahan, PTA, Chair; Hoku Okumura, PT, Vice Chair; Timothy Brinker, PT; Erin Crawford, PT; Sandra Hahn; Michael Rennick, PT; Susan Reynolds, PT; Dwight Terry.

Board Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None.

Legal Counsel: Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG.

Members of the Public Present: No

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

After roll call, the meeting entered into Executive Session at 4:05 PM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(L).

Chair Shanahan adjourned Executive Session at 5:44 PM.

Friday, January 17

Meeting Materials provided for additional information on agenda topics listed below.

PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

Chair Shanahan convened the Board into Public Session for the purpose of roll call at 8:33 AM.

Board Members Present: Erica Shanahan, PTA, Chair; Hoku Okumura, PT, Vice Chair; Timothy Brinker, PT; Erin Crawford, PT; Sandra Hahn; Michael Rennick, PT; Susan Reynolds, PT; Dwight Terry.

Board Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG.

Members of the Public Present: Yes

Board Motions:

Case PT 780-10/22

Motion by Member Reynolds to offer settlement agreement.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Case PT 781-10/22

Motion by Member Reynolds to close and refer case.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Case PT 861-01/24

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Case PT 889-12/24

Motion by Member Reynolds to close case and issue license.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed Unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Case PT 881-11/24, PT 882-11/24 and PT 890-01/25

Motion by Member Reynolds to ratify the administrative closure of these cases.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

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—Nov 20 & 22 2024.

2 Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses & Temp Permits issued and renewals approved,
Nov 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024.

3 Executive Director's Report for Jan 2025.

Director Sigmund-Gaines highlighted the Statewide Agency Expectations Dashboard. All tasks due have been successfully completed. Three pending items are expected to be completed by their due date.

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

Motion seconded by Member Terry.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Public Comments

None.

Board Member/Committee/Delegate Reports

PT Compact Commission

Member Crawford, PTCC Delegate attended the Dec 16, 2024 PT Compact Commission meeting and reported that Corie Tillman Wolf was elected as the new Chair.

FSBPT

Delegate Michael Rennick is a member of the newly forming Animal PT Task Force. Director Sigmund-Gaines noted the upcoming webinar scheduled for Jan 30, 2025 and the FSBPT regulatory workshop open to Board members and staff scheduled for April 24-26, 2025. This is offered both in-person and virtual.

Board Officers

Discussion to extend the term of the current chair and vice chair by a 6-month period to align with the calendar year versus the fiscal year. This will also follow the FSBPT's timeline.

Motion by Member Reynolds to extend the terms of the current chair and vice chair by 6 months to December 31, 2025.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

FSBPT Delegate Election

The delegate and alternate delegate act as Board liaisons with the FSBPT. The delegate represents the OBPT at the FSBPT LIF and Annual Meeting. The alternate delegate also attends the Annual Meeting. Both participate in the election of FSBPT officers. Board members interested in the delegate and alternate delegate roles came forward.

Motion by Member Reynolds to elect Member Crawford as the 2025 FSBPT Delegate and Member Reynolds as the 2025 FSBPT Alternate Delegate.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Strategic Plan Progress

Director Sigmund-Gaines provided a progress review for the strategic priorities and action items established for 2018-2024. Strategic planning for 2025-2030 started at our September 2024 meeting will continue with a planned due date of 6/30/2025.

Open Roundtable/Requests for Future Agenda Items

New topics of interest as of 1/17/2025.

- Impact of payer authorization and how that may direct or influence the care provided by the physical therapist.

Previous topics:

- Implicit Bias.
- Staff review of other Board's rules on abandonment.
- Sarah-Data Equity Summit review.
- FSBPT materials on informed consent-what is our role in disseminating information to the licensees?

- Student debt trends.
- AI in regulation.
- Training by the Ethics Commission

Board General Discussion & Action Items

Division 40 Rule Advisory Committee Report & Recommendation

Director Sigmund-Gaines reviewed the public comments received. Request that the Board add clarity to the proposed changes in 848-040-0110 (2) and (3). Board discussed and made slight adjustments to proposed language to address public comments and provide more clarity.

Motion by Member Reynolds to adopt the proposed rule amendments to OAR 848 Division 40 as Amended.

Motion seconded by Member Hahn.

Yes: Brinker, Crawford, Hahn, Okumura, Rennick, Reynolds, Shanahan, Terry.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

2025 Rulemaking Forecast

Director Sigmund-Gaines reviewed anticipated administrative rulemaking for 2025. Additional rulemaking may be required as a result of the upcoming legislative session.

2025 Oregon Legislative Session Preview

Director Sigmund-Gaines explained the Legislative Session process and timeline. Known Legislative concepts were reviewed. It was noted the APTA-OR is working to have a legislative concept introduced to implement the FSBPT MPA.

Amendments to the SCRA

Director Sigmund-Gaines presented an overview of the recent changes to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act pertaining to the portability of professional licenses of service members and their spouses and impact on licensure pathways. This law is in effect, and staff will be able to accommodate qualifying applicants if needed. Staff will be drafting rules for Board consideration.

Other Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07 AM.