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Next Board Meeting

July 16, 2021
Time and location TBD

Fingerprinting Requirement Update

In order to comply with a statutory amendment to the PT Practice Act made during the 85th Legislative Session, a Criminal Background Check (CBC) through fingerprinting requirement for new applicants for licensure and current licensees as part of their renewal process was implemented on January 1, 2019. This is a one-time only requirement.

As part of last year's COVID-19 response to shelter-in-place orders and a number of IdentoGo enrollment center closures, an extended time-period was granted in order to comply with the fingerprinting requirement so that an initial license could be issued or a current license could be renewed if all other requirements had been met.

This extended time-period has come to an end!

What does this mean for an applicant for an initial license? Beginning January 1, 2021, no new licenses are being issued if the applicant has not met the fingerprinting requirement. This includes licenses by exam or by endorsement and temporary licenses.

What does this mean for licensees renewing their license? Beginning June 1, 2021, a licensee will not be able to renew their license unless the fingerprinting requirement has been met. This includes current licensees, licensees renewing a retired status who are performing voluntary charity care, as well as individuals who are restoring their license or reinstating to active status from inactive. Since this is a one-time requirement, fingerprinting for an initial license or for a prior license renewal or restoration/reinstatement satisfies the condition.

What if an applicant or licensee has been fingerprinted for some other reason? Previously undergoing a CBC through fingerprinting (TSA, employer, etc.) does not exempt an applicant or a current licensee from this requirement as other entities are not allowed to share criminal history background check results with the PT Board.

For more information about the specific fingerprinting procedures, follow the link on the Board's website at www.ptot.texas.gov.

Governor Reappoints Board Members

On March 24, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott reappointed Glenda Clausell, Liesl Olson, and Harvey Aikman to the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for terms set to expire on January 31, 2027.

Glenda Clausell of Houston is a private practice attorney at Clausell Law Firm, PLLC. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Aggie Bar Association, State Bar of Texas Pro Bono College, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, and Texas Bar Association Section Memberships in Business Law and Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law. She also serves as the Southwest regional legal advisor for the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and volunteers with the Houston Food Bank, St. Jude, and Keegan's Kitchen. She is a board member of the Gamma Sigma Charitable and Educational Foundation. Clausell received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Texas A&M University in College Station, Master of Liberal Arts with a focus in International Studies from the University of St. Thomas and a Juris Doctor degree with honors from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University.

Liesl Olson of Lubbock is a physical therapist and founder of Physical Therapy Associates, LP and has been in private practice for over 20 years of her 30 years of practice. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Texas Physical Therapy Association. Currently, she serves on the executive committee for Kappa Alpha Theta Alumna Association and is the Vice President for the Lubbock Area Panhellenic. Olson received a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She also received an Advanced Master of Science in Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Harvey Aikman of McAllen is owner and president of Ortho Sports Inc. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists and a Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy Diplomate of McKenzie Institute International. He also serves as a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Texas Physical Therapy Association and Orthopaedic Section for the American Physical Therapy Association. Aikman received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Chemistry and Physics from the University of Northern Iowa, a Master of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Iowa and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from The College of St. Schastica.



Upcoming PT Board Meetings

The following dates have been set for the Board's upcoming quarterly meetings (subject to change):

- July 16, 2021
- October 8, 2021

Whether or not to hold an in-person meeting or a telephonic conference will be determined closer to the meeting date with time and location available online at <https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/meeting-dates>.

Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions were ratified at the April 9, 2021 Board Meeting:

- (1) **Ellen Hall, PT #1239157 (Prosper)** - failed to properly renew license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 341 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.***
- (2) **Timothy Carpenter, PT #1125466 (Wichita Falls)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.***
- (3) **Katherine Brooks, PTA #2049249 (Sugar Land)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.***
- (4) **David Oaxaca, PTA #2119799 (San Antonio)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for forty-five (45) days.***
- (5) **Celina Lloyd, PTA #2091248 (Plano)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for sixty (60) days.***
- (6) **Gregory Nkwocha, PT #1304480 (Dallas)** - failed to properly renew license by not meeting the fingerprint requirement in a timely manner. Violation of Section 453.255 of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for fifteen (15) days.***
- (7) **Alfredo Rios, PTA #2042364 (Edinburg)** - failed to properly renew license by not meeting the fingerprint requirement in a timely manner. Violation of Section 453.255 of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for fifteen (15) days.***
- (8) **Kathryn Rippley, PTA #2017430 (Sugar Land)** - failed to properly renew license by not meeting the fingerprint requirement. Violation of Section 453.255 of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.***
- (9) **LariAnne Bowlin, PTA #2095891 (Hot Springs, AR)** – failed to properly renew license by not meeting the fingerprint requirement in a timely manner. Violation of Section 453.255 of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.***
- (10) **Raul Cantu, PTA #2130271 (El Paso)** - practiced outside the scope of license and violated the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.***
- (11) **Margarita Hernandez, PTA #2148865 (El Paso)** - practiced outside the scope of license and violated the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.***

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- (12) **Sergio Martell, PTA #2080860 (El Paso)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records and violated the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for forty-five (45) days.**
- (13) **Kendall Bartlett, PTA #2091857 (Simms)** - practiced outside the scope of license and violated the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.**
- (14) **Kellie Winn, PTA #2135278 (Texarkana)** - practiced outside the scope of license and violated the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.**
- (15) **Anna Golden, PT #1224286 (Hughes Springs)** - provided improper or inadequate supervision or delegation thereby violating the provision of services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.**
- (16) **Timothy Dugdale, PTA #2088430 (Grand Junction, CO)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.**
- (17) **Mallory Martin, PTA #2144395 (Waxahachie)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for thirty (30) days.**
- (18) **Jesus Oaxaca, PT #1156492 (San Antonio)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for forty-five (45) days.**
- (19) **Romker Mangulabnan, PT #1248507 (Haltom City)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required ninety (90) hours of community service.**
- (20) **Lily Yu, PT #1316425 (Austin)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for fifteen (15) days.**
- (21) **Linda Strauss, PTA #2020871 (Azle)** – failed to report a malpractice settlement. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 341.21 of the Board Rules. **Board Order accepted the surrender of license to practice.**
- (22) **Travis Couey, PT #1157863 (Weatherford)** - felony conviction and imprisonment for conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act, chapter 343.9 of the Board Rules, and Section 53.021(b) of the Texas Occupational Code. **Board Order revoked his license to practice.**

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Administrative Actions

- (01) **Jeanne Lauderdale, PT #1151993 (Midland)** - failed to complete the fingerprint requirement pursuant to Section 453.255(b) of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the board rules. ***Board administratively suspended license to practice.***
- (02) **Andrea Dougherty, PTA #2085288 (Lufkin)** - failed to complete the fingerprint requirement pursuant to Section 453.255(b) of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the board rules. ***Board administratively suspended license to practice.***
- (03) **Ashfaq Tirmizi, PTA #2142276 (Beaumont)** - failed to complete the fingerprint requirement pursuant to Section 453.255(b) of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the board rules. ***Board administratively suspended license to practice.***
- (04) **Yvette Acosta, PTA #2111299 (San Antonio)** - failed to complete the fingerprint requirement pursuant to Section 453.255(b) of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the board rules. ***Board administratively suspended license to practice.***
- (05) **Jean Carter, PT #1061927 (Cedar Park)** - failed to complete the fingerprint requirement pursuant to Section 453.255(b) of the Act and chapter 341.1 of the board rules. ***Board administratively suspended license to practice.***



Human Trafficking Prevention Training

The PT Board continues to receive questions about the mandatory Human Trafficking Prevention Training renewal requirement. The following are some of the frequently asked questions with answers.

What courses meet the mandatory Human Trafficking Prevention Training renewal requirement?

Only courses approved by the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) qualify to meet the renewal requirement. A list of HHS-approved courses is available at: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/texas-human-trafficking-resource-center/health-care-practitioner-human-trafficking-training>

Some of the courses on the HHS-approved list don't say that they are for physical therapists/physical therapist assistants specifically. Are these still appropriate to take to count for PT/PTA renewal?

Yes, any of the courses on the HHS- approved list will count toward the PT/PTA renewal even if there is no statement that the course is approved for physical therapy CCU credit. Credit can be calculated as 1 hour equals 1 CCU.

How do I enter the Human Trafficking Prevention Training when I renew my license? What approval number do I use?

Step-by-step instructions for entering an HHS-approved course on the Continuing Competence Activity Summary, including the standard approval number, are available during the online renewal process.