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Next Board Meeting

January 17, 2025
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New Licensing System Migration

The testing phase of the agency's new licensing system is underway and the projected rollout is mid to late January 2025.

The new licensing platform will enhance the capabilities for both applicants and licensees to complete services including payment of fees online. Automated and streamlined processes will include:

- Online completion of initial application for licensure and temporary license with payment of fees,
- Online renewal of all license status (Active, Inactive, Retired, Restoration) with payment of fees, including late renewal with late fees,
- Upload of certain associated documents directly into the system, and
- Auto-population of saved data including answers to minimum data set questions during renewal.

Additional services such as license verification and name changes could be incorporated into the services available online eliminating the need to print, complete, and submit a paper form via mail.

As the official rollout approaches, more detailed information will be available on the agency's website and notification will be distributed through an email campaign to all subscribed licensees and applicants.

Adopted/Proposed Rules

The Board took the following rulemaking actions at its October 25, 2024 meeting.

Adopted Rules: The Board adopted amendments to **Chapter 343. Contested Case Procedures**. Specifically, §343.1. Definitions, §343.23. Hearings, §343.24. Payment of Costs for a Contested Case Hearing Resulting in the Discipline of a Licensee or the Denial of an Application for License, §343.25. Continuance (repeal), §343.26. Commutation of Time, §343.27. Probation, §343.28. Records Retention Schedule, §343.29. Failure To Appear at Informal Settlement Conference or Hearing, §343.35. Complaint Investigation and Disposition, §343.48. Dismissal of Complaint, §343.50. Application for Reinstatement of License, §343.51. Evaluation for Reinstatement, §343.52. Procedure upon Request for Reinstatement, §343.53. Board Action Possible upon Reinstatement of Revoked License, §343.55. Failure To Appear, and §343.56. Monitoring of Licensees.

The amendments and repeal are adopted in order to provide clarity to the procedures for contested cases, to correct inaccurate and outdated references, and to conform the rules in Chapter 343 with the physical therapy provisions in Chapter 453, Occupations Code; with the administrative procedures in Chapter 2001, Government Code; and with Title 1 Texas Administrative Code.

Proposed Rules: There were no new Rules proposed at the Board's October meeting.

The text of the adopted amendments and repeal to Chapter 343. Contested Case Procedures is available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/act-and-rules/>.



Agency Holiday Schedule

The Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) will be closed for the upcoming holidays according to the schedule below:

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Friday, November 29, 2024

Christmas

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Thursday, December 26, 2024

Friday, December 27, 2024

New Year

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Wishing you and your family a Safe & Happy Holidays

Disciplinary Actions

PT Board Formal Disciplinary Actions taken at the October 25, 2024 Board Meeting:

- 1) **Everlyne Manono, PTA #2159496 (Aubrey)** - (audit) failed to properly renew license by not completing a required course during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required 10 hours of community service.**
- 2) **Kristi Hinton, PT #1172723 (Brownsville)** - (audit) failed to properly renew license by not completing a required course during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required 10 hours of community service.**
- 3) **Raelynn Stolorski, PT #1073344 (Saint Hedwig)** - (audit) failed to properly renew license by not completing a required course during the audited renewal period. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order accepted the surrender of license to practice.**
- 4) **Stephanie Allen, PT #1299952 (Corpus Christi)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.**
- 5) **Emily Pierce, PT #1330636 (Heath)** - failed to respond to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days and failed to notify the board in writing of changes in address of record, and residential, mailing or business addresses within 30 days of the change. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 and 329.1 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required 10 hours of community service.**
- 6) **Francisco Cadengo Jr, PTA #2161316 (Hutto)** - failed to respond to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days and failed to notify the board in writing of changes in address of record, and residential, mailing or business addresses within 30 days of the change. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 and 329.1 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for 15 days.**
- 7) **Amber Ferrand, PT #1262600 (Corpus Christi)** - failed to respond to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required 45 hours of community service.**
- 8) **Jesus Daniel Jr, PTA #2155827 (Eagle Pass)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services in a timely manner affecting the continuance of patient care. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.1 and 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for 15 days.**
- 9) **Ismael Garcia, PT #1103851 (El Paso)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required 90 hours of community service.**
- 10) **Timothy Carpenter, PT #1125466 (Wichita Falls)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.**

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- 11) **Sima Shah, PT #1190457 (Irving)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.***
- 12) **Curtis Evans, PTA #2141322 (Bullard)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.***
- 13) **Nida Ashfaq, PT #1369882 (Tomball)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.***
- 14) **Sijoy Varghese, PTA #2150588 (Spring)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 30 days.***
- 15) **Mark Bunda, PT #1259389 (Fort Worth)** - 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 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 45 days.***
- 16) **Clay McCoy, PTA #2139359 (San Marcos)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by abandoning or neglecting patient(s) under current care without making reasonable arrangements for the continuation of such care and failing to document therapy services. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for 90 days.***



Upcoming PT Board Meetings

The following dates have been set for the Board's upcoming quarterly meetings:

- January 17, 2025
- April 11, 2025
- July 11, 2025

Committee meetings will be scheduled prior to the Board meetings as needed.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Check for updated information online at:

<https://www.ptot.texas.gov/meeting-dates>