

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Board Meeting

July 11, 2025

9:00 am

Members Present: Harvey Aikman, PT, Chair
Liesl Olson, PT, Vice Chair
Manuel "Tony" Domenech, PT, DPT
Melissa Thomas, PT, DPT
Glenda Clausell, Public Member
Donivan Hodge, Public Member
Jacob Delgado, Public Member

Member Absent: Kate Roby, PT
Omar Palomin, PT

Legal Counsel: Rosalind Hunt, Assistant Attorney General

Staff: Ralph Harper, Executive Director
Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
Randall Glines, Staff Services Officer
Adriana Delgado, Licensing Manager
Amy Carter, Director of Enforcement

Guests: Lindsey Green, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) CCAP Program Manager
Kristi Trammell, TPTA Liaison
Steven Scherger, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Liaison

The meeting of the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held by videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.127.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call for members
3. Excusing board member absences.
4. Public comment
5. Minutes from the April 11, 2025 meeting and the April 4, 2025 and May 28, 2025 special meetings.
6. Final adoption of amendment to 22 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §341.2. (g) relating to Continuing Competence Audits
7. Executive Director's Report concerning fiscal and budgetary matters, performance measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters, legislative session, and other agency business
8. Investigation Committee Report concerning:
 - A. Agreed Orders for case #s: 24330, 25075, 25187, 25246, 25264, 25267, 25277, 25279, 25280, 25289, 25308, 25310, 25313, 25314, 25368, 25373, 25381, 25383, 25387, 25399, 25400, 25405, 25409, 25412, 25421, 25425, 25432, 25443, 25452, 2025-00465, 2025-00466, and 2025-00506
 - B. Number of cases reviewed, Agreed Orders issued, and other investigative matters discussed during the Investigation Committee Meeting of May 14, 2025
 - C. Performance measures, on-site investigation visits, school presentations, and other investigative activities that have occurred during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2025

9. Education Committee Report concerning:
 - E. The Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report
 - F. Request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)
 - G. Request(s) for review of educational equivalency from foreign-educated applicants
 - H. Request(s) for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) waiver
 - I. Request(s) for CCU medical waiver
 - J. Request to consider composite TOEFL scoring for licensing requirements
 - K. TPTA Accredited Provider Status (APS) audit
 - L. Issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing competence
 10. Rules & Practice Committee Report concerning:
 - E. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.1. (a)(2)(D) - (G) pursuant to HB 4099 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to exceptions to referral requirement
 - F. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.1. (f) pursuant to HB 149 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to disclosure of use of artificial intelligence in relation to physical therapy service or treatment
 - G. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.1. (g) pursuant to SB 1188 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to electronic health records
 - H. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.5. Telehealth pursuant to passage of HB 1700 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to informed consent
 - I. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §329.1. General Licensure Procedures and §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure pursuant to passage of HB 5629 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating occupational licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses
 - J. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure pursuant to passage of SB 1818 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to issuing a provisional license to certain military service members, military veterans, and military spouses
 - K. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements pursuant to passage of SB 912 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to the establishment of continuing education tracking systems
 - L. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.4. (b) relating to practicing in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare
 - M. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.6. relating to Code of Conduct
 11. Request for Proposal - Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Assessment Module
 12. Board Coordinator's report concerning meetings attended since last Board meeting, Continuing Competence Audit results, number of current licensees, NPTE pass/fail statistics, TX Jurisprudence Assessment Module statistics, PT Compact statistics, and other events concerning the practice of physical therapy.
 13. Board Chair's report concerning meetings attended since last Board meeting, correspondence received on behalf of the Board, and other events concerning the practice of physical therapy.
 14. Long-term planning for future meetings, including future meeting dates and agenda items
 15. Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Executive Director of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners
 16. Adjournment
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1. Call to order

Harvey Aikman, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. as the presiding Board Member.

2. Roll call for members

Mr. Aikman called roll and determined that a quorum existed.

1 **3. Excusing Board member absences**

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3 Motion: To approve the absence of Kate Roby and Omar Palomin
4 Made by: Liesl Olson
5 Second: Tony Domenech
6 Motion passed unanimously.
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8 **4. Public Comment**

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10 Steven Scherger, FSBPT Liaison reported on the upcoming Federation meetings, the Candidate
11 Forum and slate of candidates, and availability of grant funding.
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13 **5. Minutes from the April 11, 2025 meeting and the April 4, 2025 and May 28, 2028 special**
14 **meetings.**

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16 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
17 Made by: Melissa Thomas
18 Second: Donivan Hodge
19 Motion passed unanimously.
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21 **6. Final adoption of amendment to 22 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §341.2. (g) relating to**
22 **Continuing Competence Audits**

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24 Motion: To approve the final adoption of the amendment cited above.
25 Made by: Tony Domenech
26 Second: Liesl Olson
27 Motion passed unanimously.
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29 **7. Executive Director's Report concerning fiscal and budgetary matters, performance**
30 **measures, ongoing projects, agency personnel matters, legislative session, and other**
31 **agency business.**

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33 Mr. Harper presented the Executive Director's Report that included the following:

- 34 • Financial expenses and revenues as of June 2025;
 - 35 • Approval of exceptional items for IT upgrades and maintenance during Legislative Session;
 - 36 • Approval of funds to support equity pay adjustments and potential retirement costs;
 - 37 • Quote to transition to Office 365 Government;
 - 38 • Successful completion of Department of Public Safety (DPS) audit
 - 39 • Support from the Chiropractic Board and their staffer who is a Certified Contract Developer
 - 40 (CTCD) to timely complete the Request for Proposal submission;
 - 41 • Migration from NIC USA to First Data Merchant Services (FDMS) as the new payment
 - 42 provider;
 - 43 • Use of agency office for a photoshoot and film session;
 - 44 • Performance Measures for 3rd Quarter FY 2025; and
 - 45 • Ongoing hiring efforts for vacant positions.
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47 **8. Investigation Committee Report , concerning:**

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49 **A. Agreed Orders for case #s: 24330, 25075, 25187, 25246, 25264, 25267, 25277, 25279,**
50 **25280, 25289, 25308, 25310, 25313, 25314, 25368, 25373, 25381, 25383, 25387, 25399,**
51 **25400, 25405, 25409, 25412, 25421, 25425, 25432, 25443, 25452, 2025-00465, 2025-**
52 **00466, and 2025-00506**
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54 The Board voted to approve the following Agreed Orders:
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25187, 25246, 25264, 25267, 25277, 25279, 25289, 25308, 25373, 25381, 25383, 25387, 25400, 25405, 25409, 25412, 25421, 25425, 25432, 25443, 25452, 2025-00465, and 2025-00506

B. Number of cases reviewed, Agreed Orders issued, and other investigative matters discussed during the Investigation Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024

Ms. Carter reported that the Committee reviewed 200 cases, schedule nine (9) and held seven (7) informal conferences, and issued twenty-nine (29) Agreed Orders with twenty-three (23) being accepted, and six (6) requesting an informal conference.

C. Performance measures, on-site investigation visits, school presentations, and other investigative activities that have occurred during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025

Ms. Carter reported on performance measures, on-site investigation visits and school presentations during the 3rd quarter of FY25.

9. Education Committee Report concerning:

E. The Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report

Dr. Domenech reported that the Committee reviewed the CCAP report as submitted by TPTA. He noted that there had been a WordPress outage that had temporarily disrupted application submissions and payments but the issue had been resolved. There were no areas of concern noted by the Committee. No action was taken

F. Request(s) for appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)

Dr. Domenech reported that the Committee reviewed and discussed two (2) requests for an appeal to retake the NPTE.

Motion:	To recommend approving the both requests for an NPTE appeal.
Made by:	Education Committee
Second:	None needed

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Request(s) for review of educational equivalency from foreign-educated applicants

Dr. Domenech reported that there were no requests for review of educational equivalency.

H. Request(s) for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) waiver

Dr. Domenech reported that there were no requests for TOEFL waivers.

I. Request(s) for CCU medical waiver

Dr. Domenech reported that the Committee reviewed and discussed one (1) request for a CCU Medical Waiver.

Motion:	To recommend granting a CCU Medical Waiver to the requestor.
Made by:	Education Committee
Second:	None needed

Motion passed unanimously.

1 **J. Request to consider composite TOEFL scoring for licensing requirements**

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3 Dr. Domenech reported that the Committee viewed a video presentation from an applicant by
4 examination and discussed the possibility of allowing composite TOEFL scoring instead of the
5 current scoring requirements in PT Rules §329.5. (2). No action was taken.
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8 **K. TPTA Accredited Provider Status (APS) audit**

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10 Dr. Domenech reported that the Committee reviewed the randomly selected course materials as
11 submitted by TPTA for compliance according to the TPTA Audit Checklist.
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13 Motion: To deem TPTA APS status compliant with audit requirements.
14 Made by: Education Committee
15 Second: None needed

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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18 **L. Issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing competence**

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20 Dr. Domenech reported that there were no additional issues to discuss.
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22 **10. Rules & Practice Committee Report concerning:**

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24 **E. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.1. (a)(2)(D) - (G) pursuant to HB 4099 during**
25 **the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to exceptions to referral**
26 **requirement**
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28 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed HB 4009 and discussed possible amendments to
29 §322.1. (a)(2)(D) - (G) pertaining to exceptions to referral requirement.
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31 Motion: To recommend amendments to §322.1. (a)(2)(D) - (G) to implement
32 provisions in HB 4099.

33 Made by: Rules and Practice Committee

34 Second: None needed

35 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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37 **F. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.1. (f) pursuant to HB 149 during the 89th Regular**
38 **Legislative Session 2025 relating to disclosure of use of artificial intelligence in**
39 **relation to physical therapy service or treatment**
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41 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed HB 149 and discussed possible addition of
42 §322.1. (f) pertaining to disclosure of use of artificial intelligence in relation to physical therapy
43 service or treatment. She further reported that the Committee decided that further information was
44 needed and deferred action.
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46 **G. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.1. (g) pursuant to SB 1188 during the 89th**
47 **Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to electronic health records**
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49 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed SB 1188 and discussed possible addition of
50 §322.1. (g) pertaining to electronic health records. She further reported that the Committee decided
51 that further information was needed and deferred action.
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53 **H. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.5. Telehealth pursuant to passage of HB**
54 **1700 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to informed consent**
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56 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed HB 1700 and discussed possible amendments to
57 §322.5. pertaining to informed consent for telehealth services.

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2 Motion: To recommend amendments to §322.5. to implement provisions in HB 1700.
3 Made by: Rules & Practice Committee
4 Second: None needed
5 Motion passed unanimously.
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7 **I. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §329.1. General Licensure Procedures and**
8 **§329.7. Exemptions from Licensure pursuant to passage of HB 5629 during the 89th**
9 **Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating occupational licensing of military service**
10 **members, military veterans, and military spouses**
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12 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed HB 5629 and discussed possible amendments to
13 §329.1 and §329.7 pertaining to occupational licensing of military service members, military
14 veterans, and military spouses.
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16 Motion: To recommend amendments to §329.1 and §329.7 to implement provisions in
17 HB 5629.
18 Made by: Rules & Practice Committee
19 Second: None needed
20 Motion passed unanimously.
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22 **J. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure pursuant to**
23 **passage of SB 1818 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025 relating to**
24 **issuing a provisional license to certain military service members, military veterans,**
25 **and military spouses**
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27 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed SB 1818 and discussed possible amendments to
28 §329.7. pertaining to issuing a provisional license to certain military service members, military
29 veterans, and military spouses. She further reported that the Committee decided that further
30 information was needed and deferred action.
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32 **K. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements**
33 **pursuant to passage of SB 912 during the 89th Regular Legislative Session 2025**
34 **relating to the establishment of continuing education tracking systems**
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36 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee reviewed SB 912 and discussed possible amendments to
37 §341.2 pertaining to the establishment of continuing education tracking systems.
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39 Motion: To recommend amendments to §341.2 to implement provisions in SB 912.
40 Made by: Rules & Practice Committee
41 Second: None needed
42 Motion passed unanimously.
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44 **L. Proposing amendments to 22 TAC §322.4. (b) relating to practicing in a manner**
45 **detrimental to the public health and welfare**
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47 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee discussed possible amendments to §322.4. (b) pertaining
48 to practicing in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare. She further reported that the
49 Committee decided to defer action as pending amendments to §322.1. (f) per HB 149 and (g) per
50 SB 1188 would have disciplinary action implications.
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52 **M. Proposing addition of 22 TAC §322.6. relating to Code of Conduct**
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54 Dr. Skillern reported that the Committee discussed possible addition of §322.6 Code of Conduct
55 and decided that further discussion was needed.
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Dr. Aikman recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Aikman called the meeting back to order at 10:37 a.m. and called roll to establish a quorum

11. Request for Proposal – Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Assessment Module

The Board reviewed and scored the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Jurisprudence Assessment Module submission from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

Motion: To award the contract for the development and maintenance of a Jurisprudence Assessment Module to FSBPT.

Made by: Liesl Olson

Second: Tony Domenech

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Coordinator's report concerning meetings attended since last Board meeting, Continuing Competence Audit results, number of current licensees, NPTE pass/fail statistics, TX Jurisprudence Assessment Module statistics, PT Compact statistics, and other events concerning the practice of physical therapy.

Ms. Gordon reported on the following:

- Meetings/webinars/school presentation since the last Board meeting;
- Online Licensing System and application issues;
- Total number of PTs, PTAs as of 6/30/2025;
- NPTE Pass/Fail statistics for PT and PTAs for April 2025;
- PT Compact Status and Compact Privileges statistics for 2nd Quarter 2025; and
- TX JAM statistics for 2nd Quarter 2025.

13. Board Chair's report concerning meetings attended since last Board meeting, correspondence received on behalf of the Board, and other events concerning the practice of physical therapy.

Dr. Aikman expressed his thanks to staff for their perseverance through the issues of the new online licensing system and increased volume of applications.

14. Long-term planning for future meetings, including future meeting dates and agenda items

The Board's next meetings were scheduled for October 10, 2025, January 16, 2026, and April 17, 2026. Committee meetings will be held as needed prior to the scheduled Board meetings.

15. Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Executive Director of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners

Dr. Aikman called the Board into Closed Session at 11:03 a.m.

Dr. Aikman called the Board back into Open Session at 11:27 a.m. and reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

17. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Liesl Olson

Second: Tony Domenech

Motion passed unanimously.

- 1 Mr. Aikman adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.
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 - 3 **Date reviewed by the Board:** 10/10/2025
 - 4 **Action taken by the Board:** approved as submitted
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