



# Communiqué

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## Physical Therapy Board

*Harvey Aikman, PT, Chair*  
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*Omar Palomin, PT*  
*Tiffany Barrett, PT*  
*Heather Jackson, PT*  
*Donivan Hodge, Public Member*  
*Glenda Clausell, Public Member*  
*Mourad Hasbaoui, Public Member*

## Next Board Meeting

**July 24, 2026**  
1801 Congress Ave, Ste. 10.900  
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## Governor Appoints New Board Members

On April 15, 2026, Governor Abbott appointed three new members to the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for terms to expire January 31, 2031.

**Tiffany Barrett, PT, DPT, DSc** of McGregor, is a clinical associate professor for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Baylor University. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Nevada - Las Vegas, a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado, and a Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences from Texas Tech University.

Ms. Barrett replaces Kathryn "Kate" Roby, PT, DPT whose term expired.

**Mourad Hasbaoui** of Corpus Christi is the owner of HTF Consulting LLC. He serves as a board member for the World Affairs Council of South Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Houston and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Political Science from Sam Houston State University.

Mr. Hasbauoi replaces Jacob Delgado whose term expired.

**Heather Jackson PT, DPT** of Denton is a physical therapist at Vista Physical Therapy. She received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Union University and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Ms. Jackson replaces Melissa Thomas. PT, DPT whose term expired.

**Welcome Aboard Tiffany, Mourad, and Heather!**

**Thanks for your service Kate, Jacob, and Melissa!**

## Human Trafficking Prevention Renewal Requirement

The renewal requirement of a Human Trafficking Prevention course was mandated by the Texas Legislature in 2019 with the Texas Human Trafficking Resource Center (HTRC) of the Health and Human Services (HHS) charged with the approval and online posting of courses that meet this requirement.

HTRC has upgraded its list of human trafficking prevention courses with a searchable database of approved courses. The database does include courses that are approved specifically for physical therapy, but you can take any of the HHS-approved courses to satisfy your renewal requirement. This includes the HHS HEART Training course.

To meet the renewal requirement, choose any of the HHS-approved courses from the list available [here](#). You can claim 1 CCU for each contact hour when you enter the course on the Continuing Competence Activity Summary during the renewal process.

**Courses not on the list do not meet the renewal requirement even if they are approved by a different entity. Failure to take an HHS-approved Human Trafficking Prevention course during your renewal period could result in disciplinary action taken by the PT Board.**



## Social Security Number Requirement

Effective September 1, 2026, a Social Security Number (SSN) will be required to issue, restore, or renew a PT or PTA license. Applications submitted on or after this date will not be processed without a valid SSN. This change reflects recent guidance from the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

If you have an SSN that is not on file with the Board or when you obtain an SSN, please complete and submit the SSN Statement form found [here](#).

Information about requesting an SSN through the Social Security Administration is available [here](#).



## Agency Holiday Schedule

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

Memorial Day  
Monday, May 25, 2026

Emancipation Day  
Friday, June 19, 2026

## Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary Actions taken at the April 17, 2026 Board Meeting:

1. **Aaditya Vaidya, PT #1296743 (Pearland)** - failed to properly renew license by not completing a required course prior to renewing license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required (30) hours of community service.**
2. **Mark Malone, PT #1164493 (Kerrville)** - failed to properly renew license by not completing a required course prior to renewing license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required (30) hours of community service.**
3. **Jalin Barefield, PTA #2159907 (Nederland)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required (30) hours of community service.**
4. **Amelia Longworth, PT #1374214 (Saginaw)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required (60) hours of community service.**
5. **Joshua Nash, PT #1248610 (McKinney)** - 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.**
6. **Christopher Swanner, PTA #2125570 (Fredericksburg)** - 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 (60) days.**
7. **Nicole Armstrong, PT #CP050053T (Austin)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Sections 453.351 and 453.501 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended Compact Privilege to practice in Texas for (60) days.**
8. **Erica Radway, PTA #2127329 (Lancaster)** - failed to disclose a felony conviction within 60 days. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 343.9 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (15) days and placed restrictions on license for (36) months.**
9. **Jose Marquez, PTA #2082847 (El Paso)** - failed to disclose a felony conviction within 60 days. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 343.9 of the Board Rules. **Board Order placed restrictions on license for (36) months.**
10. **Kelly Kennedy, PTA #2041242 (Tyler)** - failed to disclose a felony conviction within 60 days and failed to cooperate with the agency by not responding to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 and 343.9 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (60) days and placed restrictions on license for (36) months.**
11. **Raymond Bushay, PTA #2015418 (Spring)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to cooperate with the agency by not responding 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 accepted the surrender of license to practice.**

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12. **Sneha Paswan, PT #1365929 (Denton)** - 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 (20) days.**
13. **Jeffrey Crawford, PTA #2041234 (Dripping Springs)** - 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. **Elizabeth Knowlton, PT #1162316 (Elgin)** - 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.**
15. **Kelsea Gerdes, PTA #2084715 (Rose Hill Acres)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by having used drugs or intoxicating liquors to an extent that affects the license holder's professional competence and failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable prevailing practice, regardless of whether or not actual injury to any person was sustained. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order placed restrictions on license for (36) months.**
16. **Tate Thrash, PT #1071363 (Bushland)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by having used drugs or intoxicating liquors to an extent that affects the license holder's professional competence and failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable prevailing practice, regardless of whether or not actual injury to any person was sustained. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended license to practice for (60) days.**
17. **Paige Snokhous, PTA #2131126 (West)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by having used drugs or intoxicating liquors to an extent that affects the license holder's professional competence and failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable prevailing practice, regardless of whether or not actual injury to any person was sustained. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. **Board Order accepted the surrender of license to practice.**
18. **Christina Torosian, PTA #2041036 (Georgetown)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by obtaining or attempting to obtain or deliver medications through means of misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and/or subterfuge and failing to cooperate with the agency by not responding 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 accepted the surrender of license to practice.**

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19. **Desha Smith, PTA #2113112 (Eules)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to cooperate with the agency by not responding 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 329.12 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
  
20. **Shannon Berry, PTA #2070813 (Port Arthur)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to complete the requirements of an agreed order. 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.***



## Upcoming PT Board Meetings

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

- July 24, 2026
- October 16, 2026

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

Meeting dates are subject to change. Updated information will be posted [online](#).



## Proposed/ Adopted Rules

The Board took the following rulemaking actions at its April 17, 2026 meeting.

### **Adopted Rules:**

**§341.2 Continuing Competence Requirements** – amendment Adopted to update the components of the jurisprudence assessment module that must be completed as part of a licensee's total continuing competence requirement and for initial licensure.

**Proposed Rules:** No amendments to the PT Rules were proposed.

The text of the adopted amendment and the current PT Rules and PT Practice Act are available [online](#).