

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Board Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025
5800 W. 10th, Room 902
Little Rock, AR 72204

Board Members Present: Joe Farrer, Don Pierce, Velvet Medlock, Bo Renshaw and Rachel Schaefer
Representative from Attorney General's Office: Jessica Kloss
Staff Present: Nancy Worthen
Others Present: Amy Waid, Court Reporter, Charlie Mouton, Hearing Officer, Cathleen Dixon, PT Board Witness

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Joe Farrer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30

MINUTES

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the May 8, 2025 regular minutes and hearing minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the last meeting:

PTs by exam: 89
PTs by reciprocity: 13
PTs temporary: 1
PTAs by exam: 50
PTAs by reciprocity: 6
PTAs temporary: 0

Total PTs: 2825
Total PTAs: 1801
Total Permanent Licensees: 4626
Total Temporaries: 1

FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasury account, total assets balance was reported as \$1,144,996.55.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the financial report as presented.

Revenue Reconciliation

The Board reviewed the revenue reconciliations for May. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the revenue reconciliation as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Barcelona Inquiry

An email was received from Joseph Barcelona regarding a previous email from Justin Buccille that was reviewed at the July, 2025 board meeting. The Board previously determined that testing for urinary tract infection is not in the Practice Act for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. Mr. Barcelona asked for further clarification. The Board again determined that testing for urinary tract

infection is not in the Practice Act for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

Jarryd Dempsey Inquiry

An email from Jarryd Dempsey was discussed by the Board at the July, 2025 board meeting. It was determined that further information was needed. Mr. Dempsey emailed more information regarding DPTs ordering laboratory tests. Nancy also researched regarding laboratory tests.

James Lemons Lawsuit Dismissal

A lawsuit was previously disclosed against James Lemons, PT. An email was received from Mr. Lemons and his attorney stating the lawsuit was dismissed.

Complaint FY26-0037

A complaint was received against a PT for falsely documenting on two patients. The Complaint Committee recommended offering a Consent Order.

OIG Letter – FY26-0038

A letter was received from the DHHS – Office of Inspector General excluding a PTA from participation in all federal healthcare programs due to the PTA's conviction. Should the PTA request a reinstatement, it will be reviewed by the Complaint Committee again.

Application Disclosure FY26-0039

A reciprocity application was received from a PTA that has practiced in four other states. He had disciplinary action in one state for renewing 18 days late and he met all requirements. His license was suspended in Missouri for failing to pay state taxes. He said he moved out of the state and did not know it was suspended. The complaint committee determined a letter would be mailed to him asking him to contact Missouri to see how to get his license in good status.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen, Director