

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Board Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Zoom

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: Becky Crenshaw, Chris Arnold, Kevin O'Dwyer

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Farrer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

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: 18

PTs by reciprocity: 15

PTs temporary: 0

PTAs by exam: 3

PTAs by reciprocity: 5

PTAs temporary: 0

Total PTs: 2723

Total PTAs: 1742

Total Permanent Licensees: 4465

Total Temporaries: 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasury account, total assets balance was reported as \$1,184,122.49

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

FY25-0015 Complaint

The Board reviewed a complaint against a physical therapist from Belinda Ennis. The Board determined there is no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint.

FY26-0036 Disclosure

The Board reviewed a malpractice claim disclosure from a physical therapist. No further action will be taken.

Kayla Lynch Inquiry – Telehealth

The Board reviewed an email from Kayla Lynch regarding telehealth. The Telemedicine Act and the ASBPT Rule will be emailed to Ms. Lynch.

Chris Arnold Inquiry

An email was received from Chris Arnold regarding fee splitting. Chris Arnold and Kevin O’Dwyer were at the meeting and discussed fee sharing with the Board. They were referred to the AR State Board of Physical Therapy Practice Act and the Stark Law. Jessica will research further and contact Nancy if there is further information.

Justin Buccille Inquiry

An email was received from Justin Buccille asking if it is within the scope of the ASBPT Practice Act to complete a urinalysis. The Board determined that testing for urinary tract infection is not in the Practice Act for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

Jarryd Dempsey Inquiry

An email was received from Jarryd Dempsey asking if a DPT is allowed to order laboratory tests. The Board discussed this and determined Nancy will research further and it will be on a future board meeting agenda.

David Taylor Inquiry

An email was received from David Taylor regarding a PT and DPT students, under the supervision of a licensed PT, performing blood glucose assessments using a fingerstick blood sample and glucometer for the purpose of screening and referral to a physician. The board determined performing glucose monitoring, without diagnosis, for the potential of referral to a physician is within the scope of practice for a physical therapist. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

OPTimize

An email was received from Becky Crenshaw regarding sponsorship of the 2025 OPTimize conference. The Board will be listed as a sponsor. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve \$6,000 for sponsorship of OPTimize. Further approval is required by ADH.

EBAS

The Board reviewed information from EBAS and determined they will be invited to speak to the board at the November meeting.

Complaint Committee

The Board discussed the complaint committee and board members will rotate to attend the meeting. Bo is the board member for the next complaint committee.

House Bill 1138 FYI

The Board reviewed House Bill 1138. The act authorizes certain medical professionals to certify to the office of motor vehicle eligibility for a special license plate, certificate, or parking decal for a person with a disability.

Election of Officers

The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Joe Farrer as the Board Chair and Bo Renshaw as the Secretary/Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 08:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director