



Physical Therapy Board of California

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LAWS

AB 1000 (Wieckowski)

Chapter 620, Statutes of 2013, effective 1/1/2014.

This bill added section 2620.1 to the Business and Professions (B&P) Code, allowing patients to access physical therapy services, without first obtaining a diagnosis, for 45 calendar days or 12 visits, whichever occurs first. If treatment continues beyond 45 calendar days or 12 visits, the patient must receive an in-person examination from a physician and surgeon or podiatrist, who must also sign off on the physical therapist's plan of care.

This bill also expanded the types of licensed professionals permitted to work for a professional corporation; added physical therapy corporations to the list of corporations in section 13401.5 of the Corporations Code, identifying who, other than physical therapists, may be a shareholder, officer, or director of a physical therapy corporation; and, added a licensed physical therapist to those who may be a shareholder, officer, or director of a medical corporation and a podiatric corporation.

SB 198 (Lieu)

Chapter 338, Statutes of 2013, effective 1/1/2014.

This bill revised the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Among other things, it included provisions that provide specific licensure exemptions; specific license renewal exemptions and waivers; authority for the Physical Therapy Board (Board) to collect a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day after the 15th day that a licensee fails to comply with a request from the Board for patient records; clarification of specific violations that constitute unprofessional conduct; and a requirement for applicants who were educated outside the United States at a non-accredited school to demonstrate English proficiency by achieving a passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

This bill also extended the Board's sunset date to January 1, 2018. The sunset review process provides a formal opportunity and mechanism for the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), the Legislature, boards, and interested parties to discuss the performance of the boards and make recommendations for improvements. This review is performed on a four-year cycle.

To access the revised Physical Therapy Practice Act, click on www.ptbc.ca.gov/laws/laws.shtml.

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REGULATIONS

Delegation of Functions (§1398.4), Required Actions Against Sex Offenders (§1399.23), and Unprofessional Conduct (§1399.24)

Effective 8/16/2012

The revisions to Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 1398.4 addressed the administration of the Board. They modified which of the Board's functions are delegated to whom.

The addition of CCR section 1399.23 provides that the license of any person who is required to register as a sex offender shall be revoked and not reinstated or reissued, as specified.

The addition of CCR section 1399.24 specifies new violations that constitute unprofessional conduct.

Guidelines for Issuing Citations and Imposing Discipline/Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Healing Arts Licensees 1399.15

Effective 10/1/2014

The revisions to CCR section 1399.15 incorporate the fifth edition of the *Guidelines for Issuing Citations and Imposing Discipline, Revised December 2013* (Guidelines), by reference. The fifth edition of the *Guidelines* includes new violations and modifications of the penalties to be consistent and appropriate to the current practice of physical therapy, as well as includes

provisions from the Uniform Standards Regarding Substance Abusing Healing Arts Licensees (4/2011) (Uniform Standards), which is also incorporated by reference in the language of CCR section 1399.15.

Sponsored Free Health Care Events — Requirements for Exemption 1399.99.1–1399.99.4

Effective 4/1/2013

The addition of these regulations carried out the provisions of B&P Code section 901, which was enacted by Assembly Bill (AB) 2699 (Bass, Chapter 270, Statutes of 2010). B&P Code section 901 provides a regulatory framework for certain health care events at which free care is offered to uninsured or under-insured individuals by volunteer health care practitioners where those practitioners may be licensed in other states, but not in California. The provisions of CCR sections 1399.99.1–1399.99.4 specify procedures and forms to be used by sponsoring entities and out-of-state licensed physical therapists who wish to participate in sponsored events.

Notice to Consumers 1398.15

Effective 10/1/2013

The addition of CCR section 1398.15 facilitates consumer awareness regarding the licensing and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants by the Board, and provides the Board's contact information should patients need assistance.

CCR section 1398.15 requires physical therapists to notify their patients that they, as well as physical therapist assistants, are licensed and regulated by the Board. Physical therapists shall notify their patients in one of two ways: 1) by prominently posting Form NTC 12-01, August 2, 2012, in an area visible to patients; or 2) by providing a copy of Form NTC 12-01, August 2, 2012, to the patient and having the patient sign an acknowledgement of receipt of the notice and maintaining the acknowledgement of receipt in the patient's record.

Required E-mail Filing 1398.6

Effective 1/1/2014

The most significant amendment to CCR section 1398.6 is the addition of a new requirement for an applicant or licensee to provide an e-mail address to the Board, if he or she has an e-mail address. The Board requires submission of an e-mail address, if one is available, for greater efficiency. The Board will utilize e-mail addresses as a means of communication with applicants and licensees, and to inform applicants and licensees of law and regulation changes as well as other important Board information. Additional amendments were made to CCR section 1398.6 to clearly define residence address and address of record, and specify that a residence address will be kept confidential should a licensee also provide an alternate address of record.

Message from the Board President



On occasion, I run into a friend after a long period of time. The conversation goes something like this:

“What’s new?”

“Nothing really.”

“Yeah, same here.”

If we are lucky enough to visit for awhile, we discover *a lot* is actually new with each of us. It’s as though nothing seems new until you start really sharing.

And so it was with this newsletter. The Physical Therapy Board (Board) and staff at first glance wondered if there was enough news to actually produce a newsletter. Once we got into sharing-mode, however, we began to wonder if we would have enough room to include all the key news.

A lot is new

Two changes impacting everyday practice come to mind. In the last Legislative session, Direct Access to physical therapy was put into statute through the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1000. There are key provisions in this law for licensees providing care through Direct Access. These include the timeframe/treatment number parameters and the prescribed disclosure requirement. Compliance with these is required to provide care through Direct Access. The text of the bill is the best source of information on the specifics of Direct Access: www.ptbc.ca.gov/laws/laws_2014.shtml.

Also, a “Notice to Consumers” posting requirement went into effect October 1, 2013. It requires a specific Notice to Consumers form be displayed where physical therapy services are provided. The Board website has details of the requirement and a download of the Notice: www.ptbc.ca.gov/laws/laws_notice.shtml. There are also translated versions available.

Other changes are grand, but regarding day-to-day operations for the licensee, they may not be so evident. The Board has been hard at work on many projects over the last few years. Within this newsletter you will also find more detailed information on our involvement in the sunset hearing process, a department-wide software system conversion, and changes to application and license examination timing.

The Board was sad to see the retirement of our prior Executive Officer, Ms. Rebecca Marco, in December 2012. Mr. Jason Kaiser served as Interim Executive Officer and was appointed to the position in May 2013. Mr. Kaiser brings his own talents and strengths to the administration of the Board. He transitioned into this key position with dedication and competence. Please read his “Executive Officer’s Message” in this newsletter.

We have also said goodbye to Board members who have completed their service, and we have welcomed new members. Read more about them on page 11.

Some things are not new

We remain committed to the mission of public protection of the consumers of California as they seek and receive physical therapy services. We measure our actions according to this mission and uphold it with our values of effectiveness, integrity, accountability, and service.

Although it has been awhile since our last newsletter, there are many ways to keep in touch with the Board. Our newsletter is simply one mode to provide information and updates to the licensees, consumers, and other stakeholders. Please stay in touch with us through:

- ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Facebook
- ▶ Interested Parties Email list for meeting and regulation notices
- ▶ Our website: www.PTBC.ca.gov
- ▶ Board meetings: Attend in person or via webcast

I hope you find our newsletter helpful. Just like the actual visit with my friend, it’s nice to catch up.



Message from PTBC's Executive Officer Jason Kaiser

So much has happened since the release of the last newsletter in **Summer of 2012**. Here are a few highlights: The revised California Law Examination was released in March 2013, and with Senate Bill (SB) 198 and SB 1000 becoming effective in January 2014, the exam is due to be revisited. So all you subject matter experts who have volunteered to serve as item writers in the past may be receiving a call. These two bills have necessitated some significant regulatory changes, so be sure to like us on **Facebook**, follow us on **Twitter**, or sign up for our **interested parties e-mail list** to receive notice and participate in the process. And, not only does the Physical Therapy Board (Board) have a full regulatory plate ahead of them, there have been two significant regulation changes that went into effect last year—posting a **Notice to Consumers** and requiring licensees to submit an **e-mail address to the Board**. Travel restrictions hinder the Board's outreach program, which

is prompting some creative ways for the Board to reach out. Articles in this newsletter also discuss how fixed-date testing of the National Physical Therapy Examination continues to be a challenge for exam candidates even though the Board does its best to minimize applicants from being negatively impacted.

Last year, the Board underwent Sunset Review by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development and an audit by the Bureau of State Audits—both with favorable outcomes.

In September, California hosted the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's Annual Meeting, in which all licensing jurisdictions were represented. For some it was their first visit to our great state so we showed them the strength of our Board and welcomed them to California!

Stay connected!

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or visit our Website at www.ptbc.ca.gov.



The Physical Therapy Board of California (L-R) James Turner, Carol Wallisch, Dr. Sara Takii, Dr. Debra Alviso, Alicia Rabena-Amen, and Katarina Eleby.

Sunset review process

In 2011, the Physical Therapy Board (Board) entered into the sunset review process by responding to a series of questions posed by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Committee). However, while the report was originally submitted to the Committee in 2011, the Committee deferred review of the Board until 2012 because of an audit being performed at the time by the Bureau of State Audits at the request of Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi.

Sunset review is a performance audit that typically occurs every four years unless the Legislature determines otherwise. It serves as an accountability measure and is applied to all regulatory boards. Sunset review is a welcomed opportunity for the Board to demonstrate its accomplishments and identify current and potential challenges.

Once the report has been submitted, the Committee reviews the report and prepares a background paper in response titled, "Identified Issues, Background and Recommendations Regarding the Physical Therapy Board."

The Committee, in conjunction with the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee, held an Oversight Hearing of the Board on March 19, 2013.

Two of the key issues presented by the Board and the Committee's responses are as follows:

► **Issue No. 1. Operational Deficiencies:** The workload of the Board is inconsistent with its workforce and its budget.

Committee Response: A budget augmentation should be considered to address staffing levels and Attorney General costs and the General Fund loan should be repaid.

► **Issue No. 2. Revisions to the Physical Therapy Practice Act (Act) in its Entirety:** Make the Act consistent with the role of physical therapy professionals in the 21st century and make it user-friendly.

Committee Response: Senate Bill (SB) 198 was introduced and codified. The revisions went into effect January 1, 2014.

To access a copy of the Board's 2011/12 Sunset Review Report, go to www.ptbc.ca.gov/publications/index.shtml. To access a copy of the background paper, go to sbp.senate.ca.gov/informationalhearingagendaandbackground and click on "3/19/2013 Physical Therapy Board."

The Mission of the Physical Therapy Board of California

The mission of the Physical Therapy Board of California is to advance and protect the interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.



Players' roles: PTBC, FSBPT and APTA

Put me in the game coach, I'm ready to play...

The Physical Therapy Board of California is only one of the players in the game! Each player has its own position and while they don't control each other's actions, they definitely interact. Learn who the players are and their positions...

Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC)

The PTBC, also known as "the Board," is a regulatory body created by the Legislature to protect the interests of the public and is independent of professional organizations. To meet its primary purpose of public protection, the Board does the following:

- ▶ Enforces the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy
- ▶ Promotes a national examination reflective of current practice and a jurisprudence examination of laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in the State of California
- ▶ Ensures competency of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants through the application process and regulates the use of physical therapy aides
- ▶ Investigates complaints on licensees and the unlicensed practice of physical therapy resulting in disciplinary action or issuing citations when necessary for public protection
- ▶ Requires continuing professional development (Continuing Competency)
- ▶ Operates by a governing body (the Board) which includes public and licensed members who meet openly. For more information on meetings of the Board, visit www.ptbc.ca.gov.

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

The FSBPT represents the interests of fifty-three (53) member licensing jurisdictions, which includes the PTBC. The focus of the FSBPT is as follows:

- ▶ Ensuring the National Physical Therapy Examination is reliable, defensible, secure and valid
- ▶ Maintaining programs and services responsive to the members needs
- ▶ Promotes effective regulation in physical therapy while respecting states' rights and responsibilities
- ▶ Provides educational programs and products for board members, administrators and the public
- ▶ Takes a limited leadership role within the regulatory, professional, and related communities
- ▶ Has a responsibility to its member licensing jurisdictions to ensure long-term organizational and financial stability

To obtain more information on the FSBPT, visit www.FSBPT.org.



American Physical Therapy Association/California Physical Therapy Association (APTA/CPTA)

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and its California Chapter, the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) are professional organization(s) representing the interests of physical therapists (PTs), physical therapist assistants (PTAs), and students of physical therapy. The concentration of the APTA and CPTA is to:

- ▶ Promote and support the practitioners and the profession
- ▶ Promote a code of ethics for members
- ▶ Offer courses for continued competence
- ▶ Accredits schools through the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) – The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredit entry-level physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs. Although appointed by the APTA Board of Directors, CAPTE functions independently in all its actions, including program accreditation status decisions. Physical therapy education accreditation is a peer review mechanism designed to assure educational quality.

To obtain more information on the APTA visit www.APTA.org.

On the horizon

Board website

Please visit us at www.ptbc.ca.gov to access information on test dates, application processing, new laws and regulations, publications such as the Sunset Reports, *Progress Notes* newsletters, Precedential Decisions, and so much more!

BreEZe

A new online program, BreEZe, is coming! The program will revolutionize the way the Board does business, the way licensees and license applicants do business with the Board, and the way consumers interact with the Board. It's called BreEZe because many of the paper-based tasks that take time and effort to complete will now be, well, a BreEZe. Once completed, BreEZe will be the largest online enterprise licensing and enforcement solution in the world, bringing improved access to services. Please check the Board's website and newsletters periodically, as new information on the development schedule and how and when it becomes available will be posted.

Highlights of the BreEZe system include:

- ▶ Applicant/Licensee Online Benefits (available 24 hours):
 - Apply for or renew a license
 - Pay with a major credit card in a secure environment
 - Track the status of an application or licensing request
 - Submit address changes
 - Obtain proof of renewal status
- ▶ Consumer's Online Benefits (available 24 hours):
 - Real-time licensee information
 - File a complaint
 - Track the status of a complaint

Regulations

Passage of Senate Bill (SB) 198 (Chapter 338, Statutes of 2013) and SB 1000 (Chapter 620, Statutes of 2013) will necessitate regulatory changes; therefore, you are strongly encouraged to stay connected via the website (www.ptbc.ca.gov), Facebook (www.facebook.com/ptbcnews), Twitter (www.twitter.com/ptbcnews), and/or e-mail from the Board (sign up on the home page of the Board website; under "Quick Hits," click on "Join Our E-mail List") to stay informed of regulatory modifications affecting your practice.

Expert consultant training

This training is anticipated to be scheduled this fiscal year. Further information regarding becoming an Expert Consultant can be found in this publication of *Progress Notes*.

California law examination

The exam will be revised to reflect recent changes to the Physical Therapy Practice Act (Act). Further information regarding the changes to the Act can be found in this publication of *Progress Notes*.

Records Retention

Did you know that Continuing Competency Records are required to be maintained for a period of five years?

You must retain documentation of continuing competency activity completion for a period of five years after the course or activity concludes. If you are audited by the Board, failure to provide records documenting completion of continuing competency requirements is grounds for action taken by the Board.



Do we have your e-mail address?

As of January 1, 2014, licensees are required to provide the Physical Therapy Board with an e-mail address if he or she has one.

E-mail is an efficient conduit for sharing information between the Board and its applicants and licensees. The Board will be able to communicate regarding the status of applications, renewals, and requests for various Board services; provide law and regulation updates; and, disseminate important Board news directly to each applicant and licensee — from the Board to your door (or e-mail box). It doesn't get much easier! The Board hopes this accelerated delivery and exchange of information will decrease processing times in all aspects of the Board's programs; and facilitate licensees keeping apprised of laws and regulations, and Board activities. Moreover, as the Board moves toward its transition to the BreEze system, e-mail will be the standard method of communication.

You can submit your e-mail address using the Request for Address Change form, which can be downloaded at www.ptbc.ca.gov/forms/index.shtml. You may also submit your e-mail address in writing to the Board— please include your name and license number.

Dates to watch for...

PT Applicant Schedule

If you want to test on	You must submit a complete application to the PTBC and register with FSBPT by:
January 28, 2015	December 3, 2014
April 29, 2015	March 2, 2015
July 21–22, 2015	May 26, 2015
October 28, 2015	August 31, 2015

PTA Applicant Schedule

If you want to test on	You must submit a complete application to the PTBC and register with FSBPT by:
January 14, 2015	November 17, 2014
April 8, 2015	February 10, 2015
July 8, 2015	May 11, 2015
October 7, 2015	August 10, 2015

PTBC Meeting Dates*

Meeting Dates	Location
November 5–6, 2014	University of the Pacific, Stockton
February 11–12, 2015	Sacramento
May 13–14, 2015	Bay Area
August 19–20, 2015	Sacramento
November 5–6, 2015	Southern California

*Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

Expert Consultant Training

Training Dates	Location
TBD	Sacramento

Release of BreEze

Date	Location
TBD	Sacramento



Go green!

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Attend a Physical Therapy Board meeting and receive continuing competency hours



Members of the Physical Therapy Board of California at a recent meeting held in the Hearing Room of the Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento..

Continuing competency hours may be awarded for attending Board meetings in person to encourage physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to learn more about the issues and operations of the Physical Therapy Board (Board).

Regular Board meetings are held four times per year, typically in February, May, August, and November, in the Bay Area, Southern California, and Sacramento. The Board will meet in your school, hospital, facility, etc., if it is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible and meets the needs of the Board. Just ask us!

Board meetings are held throughout California to give the public and licensees the opportunity to attend. Information regarding dates, locations, and agendas for Board meetings are posted on the Board website (www.ptbc.ca.gov) at least ten days prior to the meeting dates. Materials containing background information can also be downloaded on the website.

Attendance at these meetings provides an opportunity to participate in the development of policies guiding the Board in its decision-making. Frequently, both statutory and regulatory language is proposed and formulated at these meetings, as well as modifications to current statutes and regulations governing your practice. We encourage every licensee to be informed during the process and to provide input while the decision-making process is taking place. If you wait until after a statute or regulation has been added or modified, it is too late to be part of that process.

This is clearly a win-win situation—you can stay abreast of current practice issues affecting your profession and your consumers AND earn continuing competency hours at the same time.

WATCH FOR US ... we may be holding a meeting near you!

Interested in becoming an expert consultant?

The Expert Consultant Program for the Physical Therapy Board of California is an impartial and professional means in which to support the investigative and enforcement function of the Board. Experts are physical therapists with a valid and unrestricted license who assist the Physical Therapy Board by providing reviews and opinions on Board cases. It's an opportunity to help the physical therapy community and obtain valuable experience.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.ptbc.ca.gov/licenses/exprac_faq.shtml.



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Debra Alviso, PT, DPT, OCS

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Jesus Dominguez, PhD, PT

Daniel Drummer, PT, DPT

Katarina Eleby

Alicia Rabena-Amen, PT

James Turner, MPA

Carol Wallisch, MA, MPH

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History of the Physical Therapy Board of California

The Physical Therapy Practice Act was established in 1953 by Chapter 1823 (Assembly Bill [AB] 17) and Chapter 1826 (AB 1001) statutes of 1953 which created the Physical Therapy Examining Committee (PTEC), now the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC), under the auspices of the Medical Board of California (MBC).

The evolution of the membership of the PTBC's (formerly PTEC) structure is as follows:

1953: Comprised of three physical therapists, one physician, and one public member.

1968: Increased its physical therapist member positions from three to four with one physician and one public member remaining.

1976: Changed to three professional and three public members, eliminating the physician member position. Chapter 991, Statutes of 1998 (Senate Bill [SB] 1980), again increased the number of physical therapist members by one—an educator in physical therapy—for a total of seven members.

Initially, the PTEC regulated two forms of licensure: One required physical therapists to work under the direction of a physician who were designated as a licensed physical therapist (LPT). The other form permitted physical therapists to work independently, which were designated as a registered physical therapist (RPT). Chapter 1284, Statutes of 1968 (SB 1006), unified the two forms of licensure resulting in the physical therapist license permitting all physical therapists to work independently and became designated as a physical therapist (PT).

In 1971, physical therapists were authorized to utilize physical therapist assistants. In 1973, physical therapists were granted authority to utilize the services of a physical therapy aide.

Several legislative amendments occurred between 1971 and 1996, transferring administrative oversight previously designated to the MBC to the PTEC. One of those amendments, Chapter 829, Statutes of 1996 (AB 3473), renamed the PTEC (since its mandate consisted of so much more than administering the exam) to the Physical Therapy Board of California.



PTBC staff and counsel ►

Meet the members of the Physical Therapy Board of California

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) is a seven-member board. The Governor appoints five members—four physical therapists and one public member; and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint a public member. Board members are essential to ensuring consumers are protected from any incompetent, unprofessional, and fraudulent practice of physical therapy.

The Board convenes in public meetings to conduct the business of the Board, make regulatory and enforcement decisions, and to address other issues within their jurisdiction. The primary responsibility of the Board is public protection. In fact, section 2602.1 of the Physical Therapy Practice Act states “Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Physical Therapy Board of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.”

What does it mean to be a Board member? It means you have a committed interest to serve the people of California receiving physical therapy services and are freely willing to give of your time, as Board members receive no salary or benefits.¹

A WARM WELCOME TO THE RECENTLY APPOINTED ...



Jesus Dominguez, Ph.D., PT, of Santa Clarita, was appointed as a licensed member to the Physical Therapy

Board of California on September 3, 2014. Dr. Dominguez has been an assistant professor of clinical physical therapy and director of admissions at the University of Southern California Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy since 2001. He was a research associate at the University of Southern California’s Keck School of Medicine from 2007 to 2010, an assistant professor at California State University, Los Angeles, from 2002 to 2004 and an adjunct assistant professor of clinical physical therapy at the University of Southern California from 1998 to 2004, where he was an adjunct lecturer of clinical physical therapy

from 1993 to 1996. Dr. Dominguez was a physical therapist at Keck Hospital of the University of Southern California from 1996 to 1998 and senior physical therapist at JDC Cardiovascular Services from 1993 to 1996 and at Blessey Physical Therapy Services from 1988 to 1993. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the California Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Dominguez earned Doctor of Philosophy in biokinesiology and Master of Science in physical therapy degrees from the University of Southern California.



Daniel Drummer, PT, DPT, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Physical Therapy Board of California.

Drummer has been a physical therapist at the San Francisco General Hospital Department

of Rehabilitation since 1995. He was a physical therapist at the Pennsylvania Hospital Department of Rehabilitation from 1994 to 1995. Drummer earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Temple University.



Katarina Eleby, of Carson, was appointed as a public member to the Physical Therapy Board of California on

May 29, 2013, by Governor Brown. She has been manager of operations at the African American Board Leadership Institute since 2012. She was a volunteer for Karen Bass for Congress in 2012 and Executive Co-Chair for the International Studies Student Association at California State University, Long Beach, in 2011. Ms. Eleby also served as an intern in the Office of California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass in 2010.

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Alicia Rabena-Amen, PT, of Stockton, was appointed as a licensed professional member to the

Board in February 2014. She has been adjunct faculty for the University of the Pacific since 2014, a physical therapist at Infinity Care Services since 2011, and a senior physical therapist at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento since 1988. She was a physical therapist at Global Health Care from 2013 to 2014 and a physical therapist at Lodi Memorial Hospital from 2007 to 2013. Ms. Rabena-Amen earned a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from Mount St. Mary's College.

PRESENTLY SERVING ...



Debra Alviso, PT, DPT, OCS, of Fresno, was reappointed to the Board as a licensed member on February 27,

2014, by Governor Brown. Dr. Alviso has served on the Board since October 2006, has presided as President of the Board since she was elected in 2010. Dr. Alviso has represented the State of California on multiple committees of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, as well as the Board's Continuing Competency Task Force. Dr. Alviso earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from California State University, Fresno,

and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah, and is the owner of New Horizon Physical Therapy.



James Turner, MPA, of Rancho Murieta, was appointed to the Board in June 2007 by the Speaker of

the Assembly as a public member and was previously appointed to the Board by Governor Gray Davis in 2003 and reappointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005. He has made many contributions to the Board and serves as a voice for the public. He served as Vice-President of the Board in 2004, represented the Board at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, served on the Board's Licensing Committee and the Assistive Personnel Task Force. He also served as Chair of the Disciplinary Guidelines Task Force in 2004 and again on the Model Guidelines for Imposing Discipline Ad Hoc Committee in 2010. Mr. Turner received a Bachelor of Political Science Degree from the College of Wooster, Ohio, and a Masters of Government/Public Administration Degree from California State University, Sacramento.



Carol Wallisch, MA, MPH, of Sacramento, was appointed to the Board as a public member by the Senate

Committee on Rules in September 2011. Ms. Wallisch's legislative background is invaluable, especially throughout the development of the Sunset Review Report presented by the Board to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. Ms. Wallisch served as Chief of Staff to Assemblymember/Senator Sheila Kuehl for 14 years until she retired in 2008. Previously, she served as principal consultant to the Assembly Human Services Committee and as office manager in Assemblymember Tom Bates's district office. Ms. Wallisch received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley; her Master of Arts degree in Psychology from Humboldt State University; and her Master in Public Health in Health Policy and Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO RECENTLY SERVED ...



Donald A. Chu, PH.D., PT, ATC, CSCS, of Alameda, was initially appointed to the Board by Governor Wilson in 1998 and

reappointed by Governor Davis in 2002, where he served until 2006. Dr. Chu was again reappointed to the Board in October 2010 and served until his term ended in June 2012. Dr. Chu has made many contributions to the Board and consumers of California. He served the Board as President for most of his first two appointments. He later served as a member of the Board's Continuing Competency Task Force and as an Expert Consultant to the Board, in addition to actively participating in the meetings of the Assistive Personnel Task Force. Dr. Chu demonstrated his desire to serve consumers of physical therapy by seeking and accepting his third appointment to the Board by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2010. He was a voice of knowledge and experience during a contentious time and never lost sight of the Board's mandate to protect consumers.



Martha Jewell, PH.D., PT, was appointed in 2006 and reappointed to the Board in October

2010. Ms. Jewell served the Board and consumers until her term ended in June 2014. Ms. Jewell served as the Chairperson of the Continuing Competency Task Force and as Vice President of the Board for most of her two terms. She also served as delegate and alternate delegate of the Board at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's Annual Conference. Dr. Jewell brought a wealth of knowledge with her experience and education, which included being the founding chair of the physical therapy program at Samuel Merritt University. She held faculty positions at Mount St. Mary's, Stanford University, USC, and Chicago Medical School. Dr. Jewell consistently applied her talent and experience, providing a keen eye for detail to document review, calling attention to inconsistencies, and bringing potential consequences of the Board's actions to the table for discussion.



Sara Takii, PT, DPT, of Bakersfield, was initially appointed to the Board as a licensed member in October 2006 by Governor

Schwarzenegger and reappointed in December 2010. Dr. Takii most recently served as Vice-President in 2014, served as President in 2009 and 2010, and formally served as a member of the Assistive Personnel Task Force. She's also represented the State of California at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy annual conference in the years 2007–09, and will again this year as the delegate of the Board. Dr. Takii received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Temple University, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from The Ohio State University, and a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Long Beach, and is the owner of Southcoast Physical Therapy and Western Physical Therapy. Dr. Takii brought an incomparable energy and vigor that was unequivocally matched by her concern for physical therapy consumers. She most clearly demonstrated both her energy and her vigor as she successfully led the Board during an extremely tumultuous time.

Thank you, Dr. Chu, Dr. Jewell, and Dr. Takii for your service. Your contributions and commitment to the Board and the consumers it serves were exemplary, and you all will be missed.

1 Pursuant to section 103 of the Business and Professions Code, each member shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day actually spent in the discharge of official duties, and shall be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

Administrative Actions

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) regulates the profession of physical therapy through the enforcement of the Physical Therapy Practice Act (Act). The following summary indicates administrative actions taken by the Board from May 2012 through July 2014 against licensees for violations of the Act.

Although every effort is made to ensure the following information is correct, before making any decision based upon this information, obtain a copy of the action in its entirety, including terms and conditions, on the Board's website at http://www.ptbc.ca.gov/consumers/enforcement/actions_cd.shtml.

Administrative Citations issued by the Board can be found on the Board's website at www.ptbc.ca.gov/consumers/enforcement.

May 2012 through December 2012

Barton, Craig, PT 24386. DED: 11/02/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Bose, Ronn Jeffrey, PT 12076. DED: 06/04/12, Public Reprimand.

Carr, John Richard, PT 23605. DED: 12/06/12, License Revoked.

Cook, Eric, PT 24888. DED: 10/12/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Dahm, Marcia, PT 26583. DED: 05/15/12, Public Letter of Reprimand.

Delzompo, Anthony, PT 21739. DED: 10/15/12, 7 Years' Probation.

Fletcher, Celice, PT 9810. DED: 07/21/12, License Surrendered.

Fraley, Paula, AT 4702. DED: 05/11/12, License Revoked.

Gannon, Bernadette, PT 19151. DED: 11/19/12, License Revoked.

Kamal, Khalid, PT 32962. DED: 06/15/12, Public Reprimand.

Kumar, Abhinav, PT 22501. DED: 09/21/12, 3 Years' Probation.

La Conte, Leenda, PT 29164. DED: 07/04/12, License Surrendered.

Lewis, Steven, AT 4706. DED: 06/02/12, License Revoked.

Marrs, Keri, AT 6052. DED: 09/14/12, License Revoked.

Melendez, Clara, AT 3408. DED: 10/24/12, 4 Years' Probation.

Potter, Stephanie, PT 13352. DED: 07/12/12, Public Letter of Reprimand

Rusenescu, Victor, PT 34018. DED: 12/13/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Sifling, William, PT 33545. DED: 11/03/12, License Revoked.

Straub, Dawn, PT 30057. DED: 08/29/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Thompson, Byron M., PT 22397. DED: 06/08/12, License Surrendered.

Tsuda, Aaron, AT 8827. DED: 08/24/12, License Surrendered.

Tucker, Clea Priscila, PT 39033. DED: 06/12/12, 6 Years' Probation.

Zajicek, Val, PT 16462. DED: 09/06/12, Public Reprimand.

January 2013 through December 2013

Arieta, Nolan, PT 33235. DED: 10/14/13, 4 Years' Probation.

Borgesen, Ole Christian, PT 27048. DED: 01/18/13, Public Reprimand.

Breckenridge, Karen, PT 20206. DED: 03/25/13, Public Reprimand.

Chamlee, David, PT 7153. DED: 03/25/13, 3 Years' Probation.

Cook, Africa, PT 35847. DED: 02/08/13, Public Reprimand.

Davis, Brian, AT 8670. DED: 01/03/13, License Surrendered.

Geurts, James, PT 24044. DED: 09/12/13, 5 Years' Probation.

Hazen, Sara, PT 32291. DED: 07/08/13, License Revoked.

Hewitt, Blythe, PT 11393. DED: 03/18/13, License Surrendered.

Innis, Bruce, PT 9777. DED: 02/08/13, 3 Years' Probation.

Jensen, Judy, PT 5897. DED: 01/15/13, Public Letter of Reprimand.

Karahalios, John, AT 1065. DED: 04/18/13, License Revoked.

Kline, Rayna, PT 10192. DED: 05/22/13, 35 Months' Probation.

Korcek, Douglas, PT 9569. DED: 09/27/13, 4 Years' Probation.

Ma, Manfong, PT 22564. DED: 09/09/13, License Revoked.

MacDonald, Christie, PT 23781. DED: 03/15/13, 1 Year Suspension; 4 Years' Probation.

Marty, Charles, PT 8081. DED: 07/06/13, 1 Year Probation.

McClagherty, Carol, AT 1923. DED: 03/18/13, 5 Years' Probation.

McFarland, Jeffrey, PT 27925. DED: 09/09/13, 5 Years' Probation.

Muller-James, Lisa, AT 1711. DED: 04/22/13, License Surrendered.

Murray, Jerret, PT 35328. DED: 07/19/13, Public Letter of Reprimand.

Nabizadeh, Ali Reza, PT 37348. DED: 12/26/13, License Revoked.

Nelson, Amy, AT 6293. DED: 12/13/13, Public Reprimand.

Padilla, Daniel, AT 4462. DED: 10/25/13, 3 Years' Probation.

Parsons, Brian, PT 25351. DED: 06/20/13, 3 Years' Probation.

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Pennington, Michael, PT 24558. DED: 05/16/13, Public Reapproval.

Peters, Michael, PT 38871. DED: 10/16/13, License Surrendered.

Piatkowski-Nazarro, Marek, PT 15084. DED: 02/15/13, License Surrendered.

Rabiei, Sepideh, AT 4988. DED: 12/13/13, 90 Day Suspension, Public Reapproval.

Sluder, Ernest, PT 20795. DED: 07/05/13, License Revoked.

Sphar, Wesley, AT 4249. DED: 05/22/13, License Surrendered.

Tomlinson, Sharon, PT 7783. DED: 05/07/13, Public Letter of Reprimand.

Vucci, Annika, PT 9949. DED: 11/04/13, Public Reapproval.

Walker, James, AT 5247. DED: 02/21/13, License Surrendered.

Wazdatskey, Daniel, AT 3176. DED: 03/08/13, License Revoked.

Woolcock, Joy, PT 32982. DED: 11/12/13, License Revoked.

January 2014 through July 2014

Bell, Kelly, AT 3422. DED: 03/26/14, 4 Years' Probation.

Burrescia, Renee, AT 2764. DED: 04/10/14, Public Reapproval.

Cannon, Kristiane, PT 21439. DED: 05/19/14, Public Reprimand with 90 Days' Suspension.

Cena-Vodanovic, Gabriela, PT 20034. DED: 01/18/14, Public Reapproval.

DaLuz, Priscilla, AT 6187. DED: 04/24/14, 5 Years' Probation.

Garcia, Julie, AT 3384. DED: 03/27/14, 2 Years' Probation.

Gilliard, Barbara, AT 4341. DED: 07/28/14, 5 Years' Probation.

Godlis, Penny, AT 2104. DED: 05/08/14, License Surrendered.

Grzechowiak, Jeffrey, AT 5518. DED: 06/02/14, 5 Years' Probation.

Hall, Charles, PT 5598. DED: 02/28/14, License Surrendered.

Hale Jr., Donnie, AT 2648. DED: 07/16/14, Public Reapproval.

Hiatt, Shawn, PT 34630. DED: 05/23/14, License Surrendered.

Jordan, Douglas, AT 6728. DED: 07/18/14, License Revoked.

Larsen, Karen, AT 2253. DED: 02/14/14, 4 Years' Probation.

McGurl, Ashley, PT 37343. DED: 06/02/14, Public Reprimand.

Mc Keever, Brian, PT 19647. DED: 07/07/14, Public Letter of Reprimand.

McKinney, John, AT 8923. DED: 03/03/14, License Revoked.

Moradi, Libia, PT 21938. DED: 07/21/14, 2 Years' Probation.

Nisperos, John, AT 9416. DED: 03/23/14, 3 Years' Probation.

Oliver, Reyna, PT 35204. DED: 03/28/14, 2 Years' Probation.

Redmon, Kevin, PT 27864. DED: 07/31/14, License Revoked.

Richards, Tamie, PT 18158. DED: 06/20/14, Public Reapproval.

Saunders, Anna Rosemary, PT 33032. DED: 07/07/14, Public Letter of Reprimand.

Siegel, Jaclyn, PT 35432. DED: 07/21/14, Public Letter of Reprimand

Stark, Randy, PT 18867. DED: 05/05/14, License Revoked.

Steinfeld, Ruthie, PT 23987. DED: 01/13/14, 3 Years' Probation.

Thorpe, Vernon, PT 32238. DED: 02/24/14, License Revoked.

Ward Jr., James, PT 12789. DED: 06/20/14, Public Reapproval.

Woll, Susan, PT 9840. DED: 02/14/14, License Surrendered.

Zelch, Timothy, PT 39007. DED: 02/14/14, License Surrendered.

INITIAL PROBATIONARY LICENSES (IPL) ISSUED

May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Claros, Ryan Robert, PT 39454. IPL issued 09/20/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Kopulsky, Adam, AT 10012. IPL issued 12/12/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Maggiora, Kelsey, PT 39467. IPL issued 09/27/12, 3 Years' Probation.

Ortiz, Franklin, PT 39785. IPL issued 12/19/12, 3 Years' Probation.

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Ayala-Garcia, Brenda, AT 10292. IPL issued 12/09/13, 3 Years' Probation.

Gonzales, Tracy, AT 10193. IPL issued 08/29/13, 4 Years' Probation.

Piemontese, Anthony, AT 10217. IPL issued 10/17/13, 2 Years' Probation.

Quincy, Richard, PT 40892. IPL issued 12/16/13, 3 Years' Probation.

Yen, Bonnie, PT 40867. Application Denied 04/20/11. IPL Issued 12/10/13, 3 Years' Probation.

January 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014

Wilkinson, Nicholas, AT 10466. IPL issued 06/09/14, 3 Years' Probation.

LICENSE DENIED

May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Dofiles, Oliver (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 11/30/12

Kibby II, Robert (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 05/22/12

Lohse, Jason (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 10/26/12

Oliveros, Edmund (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 06/05/12

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Evans, Jordan (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 11/27/13

Gabbard, Michael (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 09/18/13

Harris, Gregory (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 02/16/11

Kim, Sung (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 01/31/13

Yoon, Chang (APPLICANT)
Application Denied 02/02/12



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