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**Physical Therapy Board of California
Adopted Meeting Minutes**

September 23-24, 2025 9:00 a.m.

**Loma Linda School of Medicine
LLU Centennial Complex Damazo
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24760 Stewart Street
Loma Linda, CA 92354**

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Carole Phelps, Manager

2 For the sake of clarity, agenda items discussed during the meeting follow their original
3 order on the agenda in these minutes though some agenda items may have been taken
4 out of order during the meeting.

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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1. Call to Order

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The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
by President Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and recessed at 4:06 p.m.

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2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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Brandon – Present

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Qiu- Present

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Armstrong- Present

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Khalaf – Present

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McMillian - Absent

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All Members except for Ms. McMillian were present, and a quorum was
established. Also present at the meeting were: Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer,
Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel, Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive
Officer; Brooke Arneson, Legislation and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps,
Enforcement Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and Vincent Azar.

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28 **3. Reading of the Board’s Mission Statement**

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30 Mr. Qiu read the Board’s mission statement: To advance and protect the
31 interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the
32 Physical Therapy Practice Act.
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34 **4. Review and Approval of June 25-26, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

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36 Ms. Rozakis presented the draft meeting minutes for June 25-26, 2025. The
37 Board reviewed the minutes and made editorial changes.
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39 **MOTION:** Adopt the June 25-26,2025, Meeting Minutes.

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41 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu

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43 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
44 Qiu – Aye
45 Armstrong- Aye
46 Khalaf- Aye
47 McMillian - Absent
48 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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50 **5. President’s Report**

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52 (A) 2025 Adopted Meeting Calendar

53 Mr. Kaiser recommended a one-day workshop in the second or third week in
54 October and another one-day workshop in the second or third week in
55 November in Sacramento for Sunset and this will not be Webex or Webcasted
56 with a single agenda item.
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58 Dr. Brandon recommended the week of October 13, 2025, Mr. Kaiser
59 suggested October 15, 2025. Dr. Brandon recommended the week of
60 November 17, 2025, and Mr. Kaiser recommended November 19, 2025. The
61 members who were present confirmed both dates will work. Mr. Kaiser will
62 reach out to the member who is not present at the meeting.
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64 (B) 2026 Proposed Meeting Calendar
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66 Mr. Kaiser suggested moving the December 2026 meeting to December 8-9,
67 2025. The Board will vote on 2026 meeting dates at the December 2025
68 meeting.
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70 (C) Committee Updates

71 Mr. Qiu provided an update on the Exempt Position Review (EPR) Committee.
72 Mr. Qiu reported that the committee, consisting of himself and Ms. McMillian,
73 has met 3 times. During the most recent meeting the committee developed a
74 timeline and identified items related to the EPR submission.
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76 Mr. Qiu added that in November, the EPR Committee plans to prepare a draft
77 justification and submit it to the Office of Human Resources (OHR) for review.
78 OHR is expected to complete its review within one week of submission. At the
79 December Board meeting, the draft justification will be presented for the
80 Board's consideration, including a possible discussion of a salary adjustment
81 or level change. Final approval and a vote are anticipated at the March 2026
82 Board meeting.
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84 Dr. Brandon asked what the process is after the Board submits it to OHR. Mr.
85 Qiu said it will then be submitted to California Department of Human Resources
86 (CalHR) and the Governor's Office.
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88 Mr. Kanotz added CalHR is the representative of the Governor and CalHR has
89 to approve changes in all exempt positions all across state government.
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91 Dr. Armstrong provided an update on the Sunset Committee. She reported that
92 the Committee, consisting of Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Brandon, have been
93 reviewing the Sunset Report and making recommended changes on Microsoft
94 Teams. The Committee met on August 20, 2025, and September 10, 2025, and
95 will meet again in October 2025. Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Brandon have also met
96 virtually to discuss proposed new issues.
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98 Mr. Kaiser added that the Board has identified an inconsistency between the
99 petition fee and statement-of-issue authority for a former licensee and the
100 authority applied to new applicants. For new applicants, BPC section 2600.5
101 (Denial of a License in Specified Circumstances) requires the Board to deny a
102 Physical Therapist (PT) or Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) license to any
103 applicant required to register under Penal Code section 290. However, this
104 section does not apply to an applicant who must register solely because of a
105 misdemeanor conviction under Penal Code section 314.
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107 Mr. Kaiser added that if the Board revoked a license for a Section 290
108 registration offense or if an individual received a sex-registration-related
109 conviction after revocation for another reason that individual could still submit
110 a petition for reinstatement after 3 years. Even if they remain listed on Megan's
111 Law, the Board would still be required to process the petition. This creates what
112 the Board views as an inconsistency and an unnecessary administrative
113 burden, requiring staff to process the petition, conduct a background check,
114 and schedule the matter for a hearing, despite the individual's ongoing
115 registration status. If denied, the petitioner could reapply after one to two years
116 and begin the full process again.

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118 Mr. Kaiser stated that in such circumstances, the Board would like authority to
119 apply the same intent as section 2600.5 to petitioners who remain registered
120 sex offenders an authority that would require a legislative change.

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122 Mr. Kanotz added that some Boards have the authority, upon denying a
123 petition, to prohibit the former licensee from filing another petition for longer
124 than the standard one-year period.

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126 Dr. Armstrong identified potential new issues which were regulation of AI and
127 documentation in Physical Therapy, investigation of workforce data in
128 California, status of dry needling and requirements for foreign trained physical
129 therapists.

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131 Dr. Brandon added that the report should include a section directing staff to
132 explore models for evaluating patient consent specifically related to the use of
133 AI in physical therapy documentation.

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135 During public comment, Dr. Syms, PT license, asked where Megan's Law is.
136 Mr. Kaiser answered this is a proposal in amending the petition authority
137 language that's contained within the PT practice act to better have closer
138 alignment with the application authority that's contained with the same PT
139 practice act.

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141 **6. Overview of the Attorney General's Legal Process for Disciplinary Actions**

142 Mr. Gatschet. Deputy Attorney General from the Office of the Attorney General,
143 presented an overview of the Attorney General's Legal Process for Disciplinary
144 Actions.

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146 Mr. Qiu asked whether Board members could be considered biased given their
147 role in consumer protection. Mr. Gatschet responded that members are not
148 biased, as they do not hold preconceived notions about the facts of any case. If

149 a member does have a preconceived view about the facts, that member must
150 recuse themselves.

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152 Dr. Brandon asked about the difference in outcomes between a license
153 surrender and a revocation, and in what circumstances each might occur. Mr.
154 Gatschet explained that the outcome is effectively the same; whether a licensee
155 surrenders their license or it is revoked, they no longer hold a license. The only
156 path to relicensure is through a petition for reinstatement. Mr. Gatschet added
157 that a revocation follows a formal hearing process. An Administrative Law Judge
158 (ALJ) cannot impose a surrender but can impose a revocation.

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160 Mr. Gatschet also noted that the Board has legislative authority to send an
161 investigator, accompanied by an expert witness and a licensed physical
162 therapist, to conduct an on-site inspection early in the investigative process. This
163 must be done with strict attention to patient confidentiality and respect for the
164 licensee's practice environment, especially since a complaint may ultimately be
165 unfounded.

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167 Dr. Brandon asked how the Office of the Attorney General formulates its final
168 recommendations. Mr. Gatschet explained that each case is evaluated
169 individually. While every situation is unique, the Office relies on the Board's
170 disciplinary guidelines. Mr. Kaiser and Board staff provide the initial offer to the
171 Attorney General's Office, which then responds, negotiates with respondent's
172 counsel, and returns the negotiated proposal to the Board. When a hearing is
173 scheduled, an Attorney Law Judge (ALJ) sets an early settlement conference
174 and a mandatory settlement conference. At these conferences, the respondent
175 and their counsel, the assigned Deputy Attorney General (DAG), and Mr. Kaiser
176 (available by phone) participate. An ALJ not assigned to the case may act as a
177 settlement ALJ, and the parties may choose whether to accept their
178 participation.

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180 Mr. Kaiser asked what the most common reasons are for the Board to reject or
181 decline to adopt a proposed decision. Ms. Castro, Senior Assistant Attorney
182 General, responded that proposed decisions may be considered either too
183 lenient or too severe. The Board's mission of public protection requires
184 balancing those interests.

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186 Dr. Khalaf asked whether there is a statute of limitations for violations. Mr.
187 Gatschet stated that the Board does not have a statute of limitations for
188 disciplinary actions. The only legal doctrine that may apply is laches, which is
189 an equitable doctrine.

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191 During public comment, Dr. Syms, a licensed Physical Therapist, expressed
192 ongoing frustration regarding supervision issues. He noted that PTs have
193 observed these problems for months and that he has advised them to report
194 such concerns to the Board.

195 **7. Executive Officer's Report**

196 (A) Executive Services

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199 Mr. Kaiser shared the Board is looking at the fourth quarter of 2024/2025 end
200 of year report with 3-year statistical comparisons.

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202 Mr. Kaiser shared a 3-year comparison is not doable, but this year seems a lot
203 busier than the previous years, having the Executive Services Unit established
204 and fully operational has been beneficial to both himself and Ms. Conley, as
205 well as to the Board as a whole.

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207 Mr. Kaiser reported that outreach efforts are at a slight disadvantage for this
208 meeting. Ms. Beauchamps, along with other staff, attended the California
209 Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) Annual Conference, which was held on
210 September 20–21, 2025, and was therefore unable to attend the September
211 Board meeting. Due to the timing of both the CPTA conference and the Board
212 meeting, staff had to be split for cost-saving purposes.

213 (B) Administrative Services

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215 Mr. Kaiser reported the Board continues to operate under the Department of
216 Finance Budget letters 23-24 and 23-27, which anticipates a significant General
217 fund deficit in fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 and ongoing. These budget letters
218 requires the Board to take immediate action to reduce expenditure and identify
219 all possible operational savings.

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221 Mr. Kaiser is happy to report that the board was successful in staying within the
222 budget for FY 2024-2025. The Board was able to revert \$155,000 back to the
223 PT fund this fiscal year.

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225 Mr. Kaiser reported that Ms. Barlow from Administrative Services Unit received
226 a promotion from Office Technician to Staff Services Analyst. There is now one
227 Office Technician vacancy and anticipates filling this position in a month. Mr.
228 Kaiser thanked Ms. Thao, Board Liaison, for all her help in the recruitment
229 process.

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231 Mr. Kaiser gave a reminder to the Board of Executive Order N-22-25, which
232 requires all agencies and departments offering telework to implement a hybrid
233 telework policy with a default minimum of two in-person days per week. Mr.
234 Kaiser added that at the June 2025 meeting, staff were scheduled to return to
235 the office four days per week effective July 1, 2025, but collective bargaining
236 requirements have postponed that schedule for one year but will revisit the plan
237 in six months.

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239 Mr. Kaiser shared there are currently 2 board member vacancies, one a
240 professional member and one a public member. The Board is keeping a close
241 eye on those appointments and eager to see both of those vacancies filled as
242 soon as possible.

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244 Dr. Brandon asked whether there have been challenges in filling Board member
245 vacancies and whether those challenges relate to staffing changes in the
246 Governor's Office. Mr. Kaiser responded that a new Appointment Secretary
247 was appointed approximately six months ago. With the change in staffing, the
248 appointment process may be functioning differently. He added that the
249 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has vacancies in its Board and Bureau
250 Relations Unit, which has served as the Board's direct contact with the
251 Governor's Appointment Secretary. Those vacancies may also be contributing
252 to delays. Recently, a few appointments were made within the unit, including
253 both a deputy and assistant deputy. Mr. Kaiser stated he will attempt to contact
254 the Appointment Secretary directly to determine whether the Board can assist
255 in the process.

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257 (C) Licensing Services

258 Mr. Kaiser stated the profession continues to grow, as there has been an 8%
259 increase this year over last year.

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261 Mr. Kaiser thanked staff for maintaining their workload and always finding new
262 ways to do things more efficiently.

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264 (D) Consumer Protection Services

265 Mr. Kaiser reported there has been a slight increase in complaints received.
266 Mr. Kaiser, Ms. Phelps and staff will continue to keep an eye on those numbers
267 to see if they are a trend or just an anomaly.

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269 **8. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action on the Board's Sunset**
270 **Review Report**

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272 Mr. Kaiser shared that a committee was established consisting of Dr. Armstrong
273 and Dr. Brandon. The committee has met twice and collaborated closely with
274 staff. A Microsoft Teams channel was created to house the Sunset Draft Report,
275 allowing all staff members to access and work on the document simultaneously.

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277 Mr. Kaiser thanked Dr. Brandon, Dr. Armstrong, and all Board Members for their
278 willingness to participate and for their flexibility throughout the process.

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280 He added that one week before the October 15, 2025 meeting, a draft Sunset
281 Report will be distributed to all members for review, with the expectation that
282 edits will be discussed on October 15.

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284 Dr. Brandon asked Mr. Kaiser to share what questions differ from the previous
285 Sunset Review. Mr. Kaiser explained that the template questionnaire received
286 from the Business and Professions Committee is generally standard but varies
287 from one legislative session to another. This session's key differences include
288 questions related to workforce data. Mr. Kaiser noted that the Board has been
289 collecting workforce data for almost five years and that the creation of the Health
290 Care Infrastructure (HCI) workforce initiative reflects not just a California trend
291 but a national one.

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293 Mr. Kaiser added that the Board can also highlight its participation in the FSBPT
294 task force on workforce data collection, which allows workforce trends to be
295 compared across jurisdictions and will help inform the Sunset Report.

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297 **9. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding the Sunset Review**
298 **Subcommittee's Recommendation on Issues to be Identified in the Sunset**
299 **Review Report**

300 Dr. Brandon shared that the Board reviewed Sunset Reports from other
301 California boards as well as boards in other states, examining emerging areas
302 such as AI documentation, workforce representation, new treatment modalities
303 and their regulation, and barriers in the licensure process. Dr. Brandon stated
304 that nothing stood out as requiring immediate action, but the Board remains
305 open to information and well-justified ideas for identifying new issues particularly
306 those involving innovations in physical therapy related to safety and practical
307 implementation in California.

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309 Mr. Kaiser added that he and Board staff will continue identifying potential new

310 issues and will work with the committee to determine their placement in the
311 Sunset Draft Report. Currently, there is one staff-recommended new issue
312 included for the October 15, 2025 meeting, though additional items may be
313 added. Mr. Kaiser emphasized that when the Board identifies a new issue during
314 Sunset, it is typically something requiring legislative action or a statutory change.
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316 Dr. Brandon asked whether the new issue pertains to the cost of application fees
317 for petitioners or whether it involves giving the Board authority to decline
318 accepting a petition from someone who is currently on the Megan's Law registry.
319 Mr. Kaiser responded that the Board is seeking draft statutory language to clarify
320 that a petitioner for reinstatement who is also a Megan's Law registrant would
321 be ineligible to petition due to their ongoing registration status. He added that
322 staff are continuing to explore other recommendations.
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324 Mr. Kaiser also stated that the Board is considering whether a petitioner for
325 reinstatement should bear the same costs as a first-time applicant, including
326 application fees. Under this approach, the petitioner's first contribution to Board
327 administration following reinstatement would be the same as for an initial
328 applicant. Both of these concepts would require statutory changes and would
329 be identified as two separate new issues.
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331 Dr. Khalaf asked whether any unresolved issues from the 2022 Sunset Review
332 would need to be addressed in the current Sunset. Mr. Kaiser responded that a
333 few pending issues from 2022 will be included in the current draft. One
334 unresolved issue is that the Board has reached its statutory fee cap and does
335 not have the authority to increase fees.
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337 Mr. Kaiser stated from 2022 sunset issues that were resolved are identified as
338 clarifying revisions to the retired licensed status, addressed a cross reference
339 issue that occurred is previous legislation SP 198 references that were keyed
340 that were not corrected, English proficiency examination (TOFL), treatment plan
341 of care for children covered under the individuals with disabilities education act
342 (IDEA).
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344 Mr. Kaiser shared from 2022 sunset new issues that were identified and not
345 resolved are the Board asked the legislature to consider requiring of this Board
346 to provide a WebEx component to each and every public Board meeting that is
347 held, exempt position request (EPR) request and through direct access AB 1000
348 bill where there is 12 visits or 45 days and anytime after that to continue care
349 the person was required to have an in-person consultation, referral and
350 assessment of the practice and signed off by a physician or surgeon during the
351 pandemic this was difficult. The board through the Department of Consumer
352 Affairs and Governor Office a waiver and during sunset asked to take that waiver

353 and make it permanent which did was approved.
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355 **10. Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental**
356 **Relations Reports**

357 (A) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

358 Mr. Kaiser shared information about the Federation of State Boards of
359 Physical Therapy (FSBPT), a private organization and an association
360 representing 53 physical therapy jurisdictions, including California. FSBPT
361 develops and administers the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)
362 and provides model practice guidelines and recommendations for physical
363 therapy boards across the United States in collaboration with the American
364 Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

365 Mr. Kaiser added that California participates actively in FSBPT activities. One
366 of the committees the Board is currently involved with is the Sexual
367 Misconduct and Professional Boundaries Committee, which has developed
368 resources specifically tailored for students.

369 The Board viewed three educational videos addressing; how to communicate
370 thoroughly to patients and expectations and informed consent, Sexual
371 Misconduct in the workplace and power imbalance between a PT and a patient
372 ensuring communication is clear.

373 Mr. Kaiser shared a representative from FSBPT will at the December 2025
374 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

375 Ms. Atlas, physical therapist, and President of the Animal Physical Therapy
376 Coalition (APTC), made public comment looking forward to discussing more
377 details of the regulation of animal physical therapy at the December 2025 Board
378 meeting.

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380 (B) Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) – Executive Office

381 Ms. Allen, Legislative Analyst with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA),
382 shared that on March 3, 2025, Governor Newsom issued an executive order
383 requiring all state agencies and departments to update their hybrid telework
384 policies, increasing the required in-office days from two to four per week
385 beginning July 1, 2025. At the end of June, however, agreements with several
386 labor unions postponed the four-day requirement by one year for most
387 employees.

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389 Ms. Allen also reminded the Board that on June 9, 2025, the Department of
390 Finance issued guidance for out-of-state travel for the upcoming fiscal year.
391 Travel outside California will be limited to essential, mission-critical activities
392 necessary for state business. On June 16, 2025, DCA distributed a memo
393 outlining the criteria for mission-critical travel, which include but are not limited
394 to; enforcement actions, revenue collection, statutory requirements, auditing,
395 and litigation. All travel requests must be submitted to DCA's Budget Office eight
396 weeks in advance to allow sufficient time for review by DCA leadership and the
397 Governor's Office.

398 Ms. Allen encouraged members and staff to minimize costs to the state through
399 responsible travel planning, including evaluating whether a rental car is
400 necessary, considering rideshare options, and carpooling when possible. She
401 also reminded everyone to retain receipts for reimbursement.

402 Ms. Allen thanked Board staff for their efforts and contributions on behalf of the
403 Director. She noted that the DCA Annual Report is published on the DCA
404 website each summer and contains extensive information documenting the work
405 accomplished across the Department. Members are encouraged to review the
406 report and use it as a resource.

407 Dr. Brandon asked whether staff have flexibility in their schedules and whether
408 adjustments were made related to return-to-office requirements. Mr. Kaiser
409 shared that when the return-to-office order was announced, staff were already
410 working in the office two days per week. Planning was underway to implement
411 the four-day schedule when, one day before implementation, the Board learned
412 that staff would continue with two in-office days. As a result, the change caused
413 minimal disruption. Due to collective bargaining, the four-day requirement is
414 delayed for one year, and will revisit the matter in six months.

415 Dr. Brandon also asked whether the Board has made travel decisions in
416 response to DCA's travel requirements. Mr. Kaiser confirmed that adjustments
417 have been made. For example, this meeting was part of a five-day travel
418 sequence that included the CPTA Annual Conference on September 20–21,
419 2025, expert consultant training on September 22, 2026, and the September
420 Board meeting on September 23–24, 2025. Normally, the full travel team would
421 attend the entire Board meeting; however, due to the length of the travel period,
422 staff were divided, with some attending the CPTA conference and others
423 attending the expert consultant training and Board meeting all in an effort to
424 reduce costs.

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426 (C) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)

427 Dr. Syms, representative for the California Physical Therapy Association
428 (CPTA), shared that the prior authorization bill AB 574 is currently on the
429 Governor's desk awaiting signature. He thanked the Board for its letter of
430 support and asked whether the Board could send an additional letter directly to
431 the Governor urging him to sign the bill. Dr. Syms also thanked the Board for its
432 support of AB 1009, the teacher credentialing bill, and similarly asked whether
433 a letter could be sent to the Governor.

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435 Dr. Syms added that Title 22 has continued to be an issue CPTA is working on,
436 noting it is a statutory matter. Title 22 governs the behavior of healthcare
437 providers in inpatient hospital settings but has not been updated to align with
438 more recent statutory changes.

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440 Dr. Syms reported that CPTA's recent annual conference had 688 attendees,
441 surpassing its goal of 500 attendees. He also shared that CPTA supports the
442 animal physical therapy bill.

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444 Dr. Brandon asked what the process is for AB 574 and AB 1009 once the bills
445 reach the Governor's desk, especially when the Board has already submitted
446 letters of support. Mr. Kaiser explained that the Governor's Office has access to
447 all letters submitted to the Legislature during the committee process. However,
448 the Board may still send a direct letter of support to the Governor for any
449 legislation it deems appropriate. Mr. Kaiser added that the letters would need to
450 be updated and tailored to the Governor's Office before submission.

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452 **11. Executive Services Update**

453 **(A) Legislation Report**

454 2024/25 Legislative Session Summary

455 Ms. Arneson reported that as the first year of the 2025/2026 legislative
456 session concludes, several key milestones are approaching. The deadline
457 for bills to pass out of their house of origin was September 13, 2025, and
458 the Governor has until October 14, 2025 to take action on the bills currently
459 on his desk. Unless designated as urgency measures, all bills signed into
460 law will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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462 Ms. Arneson noted that the meeting materials include a comparison chart
463 highlighting the July 6, 2025 house-of-origin deadline a significant
464 legislative benchmark that typically results in modest attrition. This year, 11
465 bills missed the cutoff, compared to 18 in 2023 and 73 in 2021, reflecting a
466 consistent trend across sessions.

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Ms. Arneson shared Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) has taken support positions on three bills this session: AB 574: Prior authorization reform for physical therapy, AB 1009: Credentialing pathway for OT/PTs in school administration and SB 470: Teleconferencing flexibility under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Ms. Arneson added this legislative report outlines key 2025/2026 legislation affecting PTBC, organized into two categories: PTBC Legislation: bills that have a Direct impact on physical therapy practice or board operations and Department-Wide Legislation: Broader measures with potential administrative effects on PTBC.

During public comment, Dr. Syms, PT license, asked the Board to write a letter of support to the governor in support of AB 574 and AB 1009.

Ms. Atlas, physical therapist and President of the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (APTC), commented on the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development informational hearing held in August 2025 and encouraged the Board to review it. Ms. Atlas added that Mr. Kaiser provided an excellent overview of PTBC’s regulatory structure and expressed his view that animal physical therapists should be regulated by the Veterinary Medical Board, not PTBC.

AB 224 (Bonta) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits

Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled on September 10, 2025 and it updates California’s Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan starting January 1, 2027, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. AB 224 updates the Insurance Code applying to plans regulated by the California Department of Insurance. It expands required coverage to include hearing aids, infertility treatment, and durable medical equipment (DME).

For physical therapy, this means DME such as walkers, braces, splints, resistance bands, and neuromuscular stimulators would be covered when medically necessary and prescribed by a licensed physical therapist or physician. This coverage applies to both short-term rehabilitation and long-term functional support, depending on clinical need. While health plans may still apply reasonable utilization controls like quantity limits or prior authorization, they can no longer impose blanket exclusions.

This bill is a companion bill to SB 62, which updates the Health and Safety Code to ensure consistency across regulatory frameworks.

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511 **AB 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters:**
512 **Artificial Intelligence**

513 Ms. Arneson shared this bill that was enrolled and presented to the
514 Governor on September 10th, 2025, and expands existing laws against
515 deceptive health care titles to include AI and GenAI technologies. It prohibits
516 AI systems from using protected titles (e.g., DPT, MD, Dr.) without licensed
517 oversight, requires disclaimers and provider contact info for patient-facing
518 GenAI content, and treats each misuse as a separate violation. Recent
519 amendments clarified enforcement authority which made unauthorized use
520 of a protected term or credential a separate violation enforceable by the
521 appropriate healing arts board, and strengthened disclaimer requirements,
522 and aligned provisions with California’s advertising and competition laws.

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524 Dr. Brandon asked if there is an instance where this bill would be supportive
525 of protection or a physical therapist utilizing AI for component of their care.
526 Mr. Kaiser answered that the terms and letters for AI is geared more toward
527 institutions or corporations that are creating models to replace licenses.

528 **AB 574 (González) Prior Authorization: Physical Therapy**

529 Ms. Arneson added PTBC does have a support position on this bill, and it
530 was enrolled and presented to the Governor on Sept 9, 2025. This bill
531 prohibits health care service plans and health insurers from requiring prior
532 authorization for the initial 12 physical therapy treatment visits associated
533 with a new episode of care. The bill is designed to reduce delays in access
534 to medically necessary Physical Therapy (PT) services and streamline
535 administrative processes for providers. This bill was amended on June 16,
536 2025 in the Senate and some of those amendments included clarifying that
537 the bill only applies to new episodes of care and adding language around
538 recurring conditions; it also strengthened patient protection provisions by
539 requiring written cost disclosures and consent and it also specified that the
540 bill does not apply to Medi-Cal managed care contracts.

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542 **AB 667 (Solache) Professions and Vocations: License Examinations:**
543 **Interpreters**

544 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was Enrolled and presented to the Governor
545 on September 10, 2025. This bill does not apply to healing art boards. It
546 requires, beginning July 1, 2026, that each non-healing arts board under

547 DCA allow applicants who cannot read, speak, or write in English to use an
548 interpreter when taking a license examination.

549 Mr. Kanotz clarified this bill did not pass the senate. Ms. Arneson added this
550 bill was ordered to enact to file at the request of Senator Durazo on
551 September 11, 2025.

552 **AB 742 (Elhawary) DCA: Licensing: Applicants Who Are**
553 **Descendants of Slaves**

554 Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
555 September 22, 2025. This bill will require each licensing board under DCA,
556 to expedite licensure applications for individuals who are certified as
557 descendants of American slaves. This bill defines expedited as prioritizing
558 application review and reducing administrative delays. The bill is contingent
559 on the enactment of SB 518 which would establish the Bureau for
560 Descendants of American Slavery to oversee the certification process.

561 **AB 1009 (Blanca Rubio) Teacher Credentialing: Administrative**
562 **Services Credential: Occupational and Physical Therapists**

563 Ms. Arneson shared PTBC took a support position on this bill at its June
564 2025 meeting. This bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
565 September 9, 2025. This bill allows licensed school-based occupational
566 and physical therapists to qualify for a preliminary administrative services
567 credential by meeting basic skills requirements and having relevant
568 experience. The recent amendments increased the required experience
569 from three to five years, while permitting districts, County Office of
570 Education, or charter schools to request a waiver of up to two years for
571 qualified candidates. In addition, the amendments clarified that the
572 credential applies to school-based experience only and specified that the
573 credential does not alter scope of practice under PTBC or Occupational
574 Therapy (OT) licensure. The bill also clarifies that credential holders may
575 not supervise or evaluate teachers unless they meet additional criteria.

576 **AB 1186 (Patel) Data Collection: Race and Ethnicity: Minimum**
577 **Categories**

578 Ms. Arneson shared this bill which was enrolled and presented to the
579 Governor on September 10, 2025. This bill establishes standardized
580 minimum race and ethnicity categories for demographic data collection by
581 state boards, including those under DCA. By January 1, 2029, California
582 agencies must use seven minimum race and ethnicity categories- Asian,

583 Black, or African, American, Latino or Hispanic, White, American Indian or
584 Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern
585 or North African. Agencies must also collect data on the six to nine largest
586 subgroups within each category and include write-in options to ensure
587 inclusive representation. This bill applies to new and existing data collection
588 efforts used for licensure, enforcement, workforce analysis, or public
589 transparency. This bill was amended in August 2025 and Clarified that
590 boards may collect additional subcategories beyond the required nine;
591 language was added to ensure compatibility with federal and state data
592 standards and provided implementation flexibility for boards with limited
593 data infrastructure.

594 **AB 1458 (Wallis) Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine: Animal**
595 **Physical Therapy**

596 Ms. Arneson reported this bill would allow licensed pts with advanced
597 certification to provide animal rehabilitation services under a veterinarian's
598 supervision or referral. As of April 24, 2025, the Assembly B&P committee
599 postponed the hearing, and it may be reconsidered when the Legislature
600 reconvenes in 2026 for the second year of session.
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602 **SB 62 (Menjivar) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits**

603 Ms. Areson shared this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
604 September 10, 2025. This bill updates California's Essential Health
605 Benefits benchmark plan to include additional coverage categories
606 beginning January 1, 2027, contingent upon approval by the U.S.
607 Department of Health and Human Services. SB 62 is a companion bill to
608 AB 224 Essential Health Benefit. Both of these bills are focused on updating
609 the state's essential health benefits benchmark plan. AB 224 updates the
610 Insurance Code applying to plans regulated by the California Dept of
611 Insurance. This bill, SB 62 updates the Health and Safety Code applying
612 to plans regulated by the Dept of Managed Health Care.
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614 Additionally, SB 62 expands required health plan coverage to include
615 hearing aids, infertility treatment, and durable medical equipment (DME)
616 such as walkers, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. It mandates coverage
617 of medically necessary mobility devices used in rehabilitation, with the most
618 recent August 2025 amendments clarifying federal approval requirements,
619 defining DME, and specifying implementation timelines.
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621 **SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing**

622 Ms. Arneson reported the Board has a support position on this bill and it
623 was enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 10, 2025. SB
624 470 extends the sunset date for teleconferencing provisions under the
625 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2030.
626 These provisions allow state bodies, including PTBC, to hold public
627 meetings via teleconference under specified conditions, improving
628 accessibility and operational flexibility.

629 **SB 518 (Pierson) Descendants of Enslaved Persons: Reparations**

630 Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
631 Sept 22, 2025. This bill establishes the Bureau for Descendants of
632 American Slavery within the California’s Civil Rights Department. This bill
633 creates divisions for Genealogy, education and outreach and Legal Affairs
634 to verify descendant status, support access to state authorized benefits and
635 safeguard personal and genetic data.

636 **SB 641 (Ashby) DCA and Department of Real Estate: States of**
637 **Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions**

638 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was enrolled and sent to the Governor on
639 September 10, 2025. This bill grants the Department of Real Estate (DRE)
640 and DCA boards the authority to offer regulatory relief to licensees affected
641 by declared emergencies. It allows waivers for exam deadlines, fees, and
642 continuing education, mandates clear waiver procedures, bans unsolicited
643 property offers in disaster zones, and supports debris removal coordination.
644 August 2025 amendments clarified waiver authority, added transparency
645 reporting, strengthened consumer protection, and enhanced coordination
646 with emergency agencies.

647 **(B) Rulemaking Report – Brooke Arneson**

648 **2025 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations**

- 649 1) Update Regarding the Development of Possible Amendments to
650 the Board’s Continuing Competency Regulations

651 Ms. Arneson provided an update on the continuing competency regulations.
652 She reported that staff are currently in the first stage of the regulatory
653 process, known as the concept phase, during which proposed regulatory
654 language is being explored and roughly drafted. In this phase, the Board is
655 actively researching and collecting workforce and program data to support
656 the development of two regulatory packages; amendments to existing
657 continuing competency regulations and a new package addressing
658 approval agency fees.

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660 Ms. Arneson added that the Board is collaborating with the Office of
661 Professional Exam Services to complete the occupational analysis for the
662 California Law Exam. To date, the Board has completed four of the six
663 scheduled sessions. She thanked Mr. Calvert from the Office of
664 Professional Exam Services for his support in facilitating the workshops and
665 surveys that are part of the occupational analysis.
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667 (C) Communication & Education Update

668 Mr. Kaiser presented the outreach report, included in the meeting materials on
669 pages 60–64. He reported that in Quarter 4 (Q4) of FY 2024/2025, the Board
670 delivered 5 virtual outreach presentations to PT and PTA programs and
671 conducted a total of 30 school program outreach workshops.

672 Mr. Kaiser shared that the Board has also begun outreach to consumers,
673 attending two health fair events in September 2025, with additional events
674 planned for FY 2025/2026.

675 Dr. Khalaf asked whether the Board is targeting specific age groups. Mr. Kaiser
676 responded that no budget has been allocated for targeting demographic data;
677 currently, the Board relies on social media as a free advertising tool.

678 Dr. Brandon asked how the Board ensures that all areas of California have
679 equal access to outreach opportunities. Mr. Kaiser explained that while the
680 Board can reach out to programs, its reach is limited by the programs
681 willingness to participate. Due to travel restrictions, the Board has
682 increasingly relied on tele-outreach methods. He added that local consumer
683 outreach has been expanded to include skilled nursing facilities, high schools,
684 and health care fairs.

685 12. Student Q&A – Loma Linda

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687 Mr. Kaiser shared Loma Linda School of Medicine has broken the record for
688 attendance for student Q&A and thanked them for attending.
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690 Students from Loma Linda School of Medicine asked questions, which ranged
691 from specific roles of PT aids in clinics and what they are allowed to do and what
692 happens to a PT Aid if they are the one who performs a sexual misconduct, what
693 can providers do to protect themselves if a clinic without the PT's knowledge is
694 billing extra units and what the process is after passing the Board exam and

695 being able to start working.

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697 During public comment, Dr. Syms, a licensed PT, highlighted that the students
698 are fortunate to have Dr. Brandon, a graduate of Loma Linda School of
699 Medicine, serving as President of the Physical Therapy Board, and thanked her
700 for her service to the profession.

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702 Mr. Kaiser encouraged the students to consider ways to contribute to the
703 profession, such as volunteerism. He noted that the role of Board Members in
704 governing the profession provides an opportunity for future applicants to give
705 back to the State and the field of physical therapy.

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707 **13. Closed Session**

708 The Board had no closed session

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710 **14. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

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712 The Board requested public comment on items no on the agenda, and there
713 was no public comment.

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715 **15. Recess**

716 The Board recessed at 4:06 p.m.

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718 **Wednesday; September 24, 2025**

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720 **16. Call to Order**

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722 The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
723 by President Dr. Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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725 **17. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

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727 Brandon – Present

728 Qiu- Present

729 Armstrong- Present

730 Khalaf – Present

731 McMillian - Absent

732 All Members were present except Ms. McMillian, and a quorum was established.
733 Also present at the meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason
734 Kaiser, Executive Officer; Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke
735 Arneson, Legislation and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps, Enforcement
736 Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and Vincent Azar.

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738 **18. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement**

739 Dr. Armstrong read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the
740 interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the
741 Physical Therapy Practice Act.

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743 **19. Administrative Services Update – Liz Constancio**

744 (A) Program Updates

745 (B) Statistical Updates

746 Mr. Kaiser shared the Board was able to revert \$155,000 back to the fund. The
747 total expenditure was over \$7,000,000 with budget allocation of \$7,179,000
748 with revenue of \$7,674,000.

749 Mr. Kaiser gave a reminder to the members of completing training and being
750 aware of training deadlines, timeliness of submission of per diem and travel
751 claims.

752 **20. Licensing Services Update**

753 (A) Program Updates

754 (B) Statistical Updates

755 (C) Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Continuing
756 Competency Approval Agency Recognition

757 Ms. Conley, Assistant Executive Officer, shared with the Board Physical
758 Therapy Assistant (PTA) applications have increased as expected with the
759 addition of new programs.

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761 Ms. Conley added in collaboration with Continuing Competency staff,
762 Executive Services Unit IT, Mr. Azar, and DCA, the Board is working toward
763 Strategic Plan Goal 5, which includes objectives to clarify continuing
764 competency guidelines, evaluate program effectiveness, and implement a fee
765 structure for approval agencies.

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767 Dr. Brandon asked why California is so specific regarding continuing education
768 requirements. Mr. Kaiser explained that in order to enforce continuing

769 education compliance, the Board must have clear oversight of available course
770 content. Continuing competency courses must relate to physical therapy
771 services or patient-client relationships, and recognized approval agencies can
772 accredit these courses and determine the number of contact hours. He added
773 that some states are much more restrictive, deferring solely to national or local
774 association accrediting bodies for continuing education approval.
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776 Dr. Khalaf asked about earning credits through alternate pathways. Mr. Kaiser
777 responded that the Board offers alternate pathway options, which are outlined
778 on the Board's website and in the California Code of Regulations. There are 17
779 different alternate pathways with specified hour caps. Licensees must retain
780 proof of attendance and completion of continuing competency hours for five
781 years in case of audit.
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783 1. ARC Seminars
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785 **MOTION:** Remove ARC Seminars from continuing competency
786 recognition.
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788 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu
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790 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
791 Qiu – Aye
792 Armstrong- Aye
793 Khalaf- Aye
794 McMillian - Absent
795 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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797 2. BackProject Corporation
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799 **MOTION:** Remove BackProject Corporation from continuing
800 competency recognition.
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802 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong
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804 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
805 Qiu – Aye
806 Armstrong- Aye
807 Khalaf- Aye
808 McMillian - Absent
809 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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811 3. Canyon Ridge Physical Therapy

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813 **MOTION:** Remove Canyon Ridge Physical Therapy from continuing
814 competency recognition.

815 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon

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817 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
818 Qiu – Aye
819 Armstrong- Aye
820 Khalaf- Aye
821 McMillian - Absent
822 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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824 4. Contemporary Forums

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826 **MOTION:** Remove Contemporary Forums from continuing competency
827 recognition.

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829 **M/S:** Armstrong/Khalaf

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831 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
832 Qiu – Aye
833 Armstrong- Aye
834 Khalaf- Aye
835 McMillian - Absent
836 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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838 5. Intercollegiate Academic Clinical Coordinators Council (IACCC)

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840 **MOTION:** Remove Intercollegiate Academic Clinical Coordinator
841 Council (IACCC) from continuing competency recognition.

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843 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon

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845 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
846 Qiu – Aye
847 Armstrong- Aye
848 Khalaf- Aye
849 McMillian - Absent
850 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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852 6. Innovative Healthcare Partners, LLC

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854 **MOTION:** Remove Innovative Healthcare Partners, LLC from continuing
855 competency recognition.

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857 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong

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859 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
860 Qiu – Aye
861 Armstrong- Aye
862 Khalaf- Aye
863 McMillian - Absent
864 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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866 7. Institute for Brain Potential

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868 **MOTION:** Remove Institute for Brain Potential from continuing
869 competency recognition.

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871 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu

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873 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
874 Qiu – Aye
875 Armstrong- Aye
876 Khalaf- Aye
877 McMillian - Absent
878 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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880 8. Marian Regional Medical Center

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882 **MOTION:** Remove Marian Regional Medical Center from continuing
883 competency recognition.

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885 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon

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887 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
888 Qiu – Aye
889 Armstrong- Aye
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891 McMillian - Absent
892 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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894 9. Memorial Medical Center

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MOTION: Remove Memorial Medical Center from continuing competency recognition.

M/S: Armstrong/Brandon

VOTE: Brandon – Aye
Qiu – Aye
Armstrong- Aye
Khalaf- Aye
McMillian - Absent
4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

10. Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association (NDTA)

MOTION: Remove Neuro-Developmental treatment Association (NDTA) from continuing competency recognition.

M/S: Qiu/Armstrong

VOTE: Brandon – Aye
Qiu – Aye
Armstrong- Aye
Khalaf- Aye
McMillian – Absent
4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

11. Promedica

MOTION: Remove Promedica from continuing competency recognition.

M/S: Armstrong/Brandon

VOTE: Brandon – Aye
Qiu – Aye
Armstrong- Aye
Khalaf- Aye
McMillian - Absent
4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

12. Providence Home Health Orange County

937 **MOTION:** Remove Providence Home Health Orange County from
938 continuing competency recognition.

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940 **M/S:** Khalaf/Armstrong

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942 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
943 Qiu – Aye
944 Armstrong- Aye
945 Khalaf- Aye
946 McMillian - Absent
947 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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949 13. Rancho Physical Therapy

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951 **MOTION:** Remove Rancho Physical Therapy from continuing
952 competency recognition.

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954 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong

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956 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
957 Qiu – Aye
958 Armstrong- Aye
959 Khalaf- Aye
960 McMillian - Absent
961 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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963 14. Sharp Home Health

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965 **MOTION:** Remove Sharp Home Health from continuing competency
966 recognition.

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968 **M/S:** Armstrong/Khalaf

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970 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
971 Qiu – Aye
972 Armstrong- Aye
973 Khalaf- Aye
974 McMillian - Absent
975 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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977 15. The Brain Cell
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979 **MOTION:** Remove The Brain Cell from continuing competency
980 recognition.

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982 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong

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984 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
985 Qiu – Aye
986 Armstrong- Aye
987 Khalaf- Aye
988 McMillian - Absent
989 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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991 16. Trebon Physical Therapy
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993 **MOTION:** Remove Trebon Physical Therapy from continuing
994 competency recognition.

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996 **M/S:** Khalaf/Brandon

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998 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
999 Qiu – Aye
1000 Armstrong- Aye
1001 Khalaf- Aye
1002 McMillian - Absent
1003 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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1005 17. Urban Poling
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1007 **MOTION:** Remove Urban Poling from continuing competency
1008 recognition.

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1010 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu

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1012 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
1013 Qiu – Aye
1014 Armstrong- Aye
1015 Khalaf- Aye
1016 McMillian - Absent
1017 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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1019 18. Wound Care Gurus, LLC
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1061 Liaison John Gatschet, the Board conducted an in-person expert consultant
1062 training on September 22, 2025, attended by 8 new experts, 14 current experts,
1063 and several Board members. The Board's goal is to expand the pool of expert
1064 consultants by recruiting and training new experts while providing continuing
1065 education for existing consultants.

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1067 The CPS report can be found in the meeting materials on pages 101–106.

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1069 Dr. Brandon asked about the total number of actively utilized experts. Ms.
1070 Phelps answered that with the 8 new experts, the Board currently has
1071 approximately 50 active experts. Dr. Brandon asked about the need for
1072 additional experts. Ms. Phelps replied that needs vary by location. When asked
1073 about subspecialty coverage, including pediatrics, pelvic health, and neurology,
1074 Ms. Phelps noted that the Board is collecting detailed information from experts
1075 and currently has specialists in various areas.

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1077 Dr. Brandon inquired how frequently experts are utilized each year. Ms. Phelps
1078 responded that utilization varies by subspecialty and location, with each expert
1079 handling an average of 2–5 cases per year.

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1081 Dr. Khalaf asked how experts are compensated. Ms. Phelps explained that
1082 experts are paid \$100 per hour, with each case estimated to require 6–15
1083 hours.

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1085 Mr. Kaiser asked whether the reimbursement rate increases if experts are
1086 called to testify at a hearing. Ms. Phelps confirmed that experts are paid \$150
1087 per hour for time spent preparing for or attending a hearing, in addition to
1088 compensation for travel time and mileage.

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1091 **22. Probation Monitoring Services Update**

1092 (A) Program Updates

1093 (B) Statistical Updates

1094 Ms. Phelps reported during Q4 FY 2024/2025 the number of licensees on
1095 probation decreased from 66 to 61 licensees on probation, which includes
1096 probationers actively serving their probation term and those tolling for various
1097 reasons.

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1099 Ms. Phelps shared as of June 30, 2025 there were 44 probationers actively
1100 working in the state of California. 6 probationers tolling meaning they were not
1101 receiving credit towards completion of probation and located out of state and

1102 11 probationers tolling located in state. The instate tollers were tolling due to
1103 unemployment or underemployment due to physical therapy.

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1105 Ms. Phelps stated 2 licenses were placed on probation in the quarter and initial
1106 probationary license was issued 3 probationers completed probation and 0
1107 probationers had their probation revoked or exercised their option to voluntarily
1108 surrender their license to the board.

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1110 Ms. Phelps added of the 44 licenses actively serving their probation term, as of
1111 June 30, 2025 10 were enrolled and participating in the Board's Substance
1112 Abuse Rehabilitation Program (Premier) which represents 23% of all licenses
1113 on probation that weren't tolling. 1 licensee enrolled in the Board's Substance
1114 Abuse Rehabilitation Program in the quarter, and 1 licensee completed the
1115 program.

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1117 Ms. Phelps shared there were 3 instances of Non-Compliance with probation
1118 in the quarter, all were minor violations for not being available for quarterly
1119 interviews with the probation monitor.

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1121 Ms. Phelps shared over the last 3 years the number of licensees on probation
1122 have steadily decreased from 80 to 61 due to the decrease tolling probationers
1123 whose license is canceled due to non-renewal and concerted efforts by the
1124 Board to identify, contact, and offer voluntary surrender of license to
1125 probationers who do not have any plan or desire to return to California. Ms.
1126 Phelps added Board disciplinary guidelines were updated in 2022. Previously,
1127 probationers were not required to maintain a valid license while on probation,
1128 so tolling with a delinquent license was not considered a violation. Additionally,
1129 the number of probationers successfully completing probation has increased
1130 from 9 in FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 to 15 in FY 2024/2025.

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1132 Lastly, Ms. Phelps explained that the increase in non-compliance with probation
1133 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2023/2024 reflects the Board's concentrated effort to
1134 enforce quarterly reporting requirements for long-term tolling probationers.
1135 Effective 2023, tolling probationers are required to submit quarterly reports and
1136 participate in quarterly monitoring interviews. Consequently, most instances of
1137 non-compliance were minor, such as failing to attend an interview or submit
1138 paperwork on time.

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1140 **23. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

1141 During public comment Mr. McCarthy of the California Acupuncture Coalition
1142 (CAC) expressed concerns about the potential addition of dry needling in the
1143 scope of physical therapy and worries about patient care could be compromised

1144 by allowing other professions to practice acupuncture treatment without the
1145 same level of education that is required to become a licensed acupuncture in
1146 California.

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1148 Mr. McCarthy shared as fellow health care professionals, they are happy to
1149 collaborate on care methods for chronically injured patients, but allowing people
1150 to practice needle medicine without proper training is dangerous for all involved.

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1152 **24. Agenda for Future Meeting** December 11-12, 2025
1153 Location: Department of Consumer
1154 Affair, Sacramento, CA

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1156 Mr. Kaiser shared at the December 2025 meeting there will be a discussion on
1157 animal rehabilitation.

1158 **25. Closed Session**
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1160 (A) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will convene
1161 to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be Reached in
1162 Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings

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1165 **26. Adjournment**
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1167 The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. on September 24, 2025

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