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

November 19, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen St., Lake Tahoe Room
Sacramento, CA 95815

Board Staff

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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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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
by President Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

- Brandon – Present
- Qiu- Present
- Armstrong- Present
- Khalaf – Absent
- McMillian – Present

All Members except for Ms. Khalaf 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;
Carole Phelps, Enforcement Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and April
Beauchamps.

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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. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

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36 During public comment Ms. DeFoe, Executive Director for California Physical
37 Therapy Association (CPTA), shared Physical therapists with advanced training
38 in animal rehabilitation are well qualified to treat movement related conditions in
39 animals using proven techniques from human physical therapy. In many
40 jurisdictions, veterinary and physical therapy regulations already work together
41 to ensure safe, effective animal care. Establishing a clear legislative framework
42 in which veterinarians determine appropriate supervision would provide
43 oversight, consistency, and clarity for professionals. Allowing physical therapists
44 to participate in animal rehabilitation under this collaborative model would
45 expand access to care, protect animal welfare, and benefit both professions as
46 well as the people and animals of California.
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48 Ms. Atlas, a physical therapist and President of the Animal Physical Therapy
49 Coalition (APTC), requests that the Board include Animal Physical Therapy in
50 the Sunset Report and propose to the Legislature a statutory amendment
51 authorizing qualified physical therapists to provide physical therapy services to
52 animals under the clearance and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
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54 Ms. Atlas added APTC requests that the Board include APTC in its Sunset
55 Review Report by acknowledging the lack of regulatory clarity in California,
56 recommending legislative amendments to authorize qualified physical therapists
57 to treat animals under veterinary supervision, and supporting adoption of The
58 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Model Regulations for
59 Animal Physical Therapy as California’s regulatory framework.

60 **5. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action to Approve or Make Edits to**
61 **the Draft of the Board’s Sunset Review Report - Jason Kaiser**

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63 The Board provided edits throughout the Sunset Review Report which were made
64 during the meeting.
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66 **6. Agenda for Future Meeting** December 11-12, 2025

67 Location: Department of Consumer
68 Affair, Sacramento, CA

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70 No one proposed future agenda items.

71 **7. Adjournment**

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73 The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on November 19, 2025.

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