

**THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
HRS King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Cynthia Tamayo, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chairperson  
Stacie Keliinoi, PT, Vice Chairperson  
Ross Lum, PT, Member  
Michele Chee, PT, Member  
Rochelle Araki, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Andrew I. Kim, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Guests: Ivy Kim, RICO  
Laura Romig, Respondent  
Janice Pitts, Applicant

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2025: Chair Tamayo asked if there were any public testimony regarding the Board Meeting Minutes of the January 17, 2025 meeting.

There was none.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2025, meeting, as circulated.

Chapter 91, HRS,  
Adjudicatory Matter:

Chair Tamayo called for a recess from the Board's meeting at 9:03 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to HRS Chapter 91.

A. In the Matter of License to Practice Physical Therapy License of Laura J. Romig;  
Board's Final Order; PTS-2023-3-L. Board review list of continuing competence.

The Board reviewed and after discussion, it was moved by Chair Tamayo, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously carried to approve the continuing courses listed immediately below and determined that these courses satisfy paragraph (g) of the Board's Final Order:

- Scapular Dyskinesis, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/14/2024
- The Sacroiliac Joint: Anatomy, Testing and Treatment, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/15/2024
- The Hip – Anatomy, Examination and Treatment, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/16/2024
- The Knee Joint: Anatomy, Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/17/2024
- Rotator Cuff Disorders, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/19/2024
- Rehabilitation of the Shoulder, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/19/2024
- Joint Mobilization for the Upper Quarter, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/20/2024
- Joint Mobilization for the Lower Quarter, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/20/2024
- Lumbar Stenosis: Evaluation and Treatment, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/20/2024
- Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis: A Therapist's Guide, 3 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 11/18/2024
- Manual Therapy of the Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist and Hand, 2.25 hours from MEDBRIDGE completed 11/17/23
- Hamstring Strain in Athletes CPG and Proximal Hamstring Tendinopathy, 1.25 hours from MEDBRIDGE completed 11/17/23

- Getting Down to Business: Building Business Literacy, 3 hours from MEDBRIDGE completed 11/19/23
- Hawaii Physical Therapy Ethics and Jurisprudence, 2 hours from advantageCEUs.com completed 12/16/2024
- Basic Life Support certificate from American Red Cross completed 11/16/24 (4 hours in life support for health care professionals)

Continuing  
Competence ("CC")  
Course Approval  
Requests:

Chair Tamayo asked if there were any public testimony regarding the continuing competence course approval requests.

CC Courses Requests for Review

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted and unanimously carried to approve the following courses for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CCUs:

<b>PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
Spine level 1	15.0
Spine Level 2	22.5
Lower Extremity Level 2	22.5
Upper Extremity Level 1	15.0
Upper Extremity Level 2	22.5
Upper Extremity Myofascial Chains: Identifying the Source of Dysfunction and Treatment Strategies	3.0
Teaching Leisure Skills: Using Activity Analysis and Data Collection	2.0
Pilates: An Adjunct for Rehabilitation	2.0
Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization - Upper Quarter	2.0
Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization - Lower Quarter	2.0
PEDS 1: Pediatric Bowel & Bladder Disorders	18.5
Diaphragm Rehabilitation after Mechanical Ventilation	3.0
A Rehab Professionals Guide to Foam Rolling	3.0
The Athlete's Lumbar Spine: Evaluation and Treatment	3.0

Executive Session:

At 9:26 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(1) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals

applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS section 26-9, and to consult with Andrew I. Kim and Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General's, on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

At 9:56 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session and to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business.

Applications:

a. Physical Therapist Application

1. Janice Pitts

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer the application for Janice Pitts upon passing the FSBPT NPTE exam.

2. Travis B. Craig

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the application for Travis B. Craig.

b. Ratification List

Upon a motion by Chair Tamayo, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the attached ratification list of individuals for licensure.

Chair Tamayo called for a recess from the Board's meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Tamayo announced that the Board reconvenes to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 10:11 a.m.

2025 Legislative  
Session:

Chair Tamayo asked if there were any public testimony regarding this agenda item

There was none.

EO Araki provided a report to the Board on the following bills:

A. HB 629 Relating to Therapy Services

Expands the scopes of practice for occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech pathologists employed by or contracted with the Department of Education to diagnose students with a medical condition in an educational setting and treat the students. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

- EO Araki reported HB 629 has been deferred at its last hearing.

B. HB 1070 Relating to Therapy Services

Expands the scopes of practice for occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech pathologists to allow those professionals working for or contracted by the Department of Education to diagnose medical conditions that can be treated with their respective services.

- EO Araki reported HB 1070 has been referred to House Committee on Health, House Committee on Education and House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce but no hearing has been scheduled.

C. SB 1389 Relating to Therapy Services

Expands the scopes of practice for occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech pathologists to allow those professionals working for or contracted by the Department of Education to diagnose medical conditions that can be treated with their respective services.

- EO Araki reported SB 1389 was last heard by Senate Committee on Education and recommended to be passed with amendments, but the recommendation was not adopted.

D. HB 1054 Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses, registrations, or certifications of registered sex offenders. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

- EO Araki reported HB 1054 was last heard by House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and recommended to be passed with amendments. The measure has been referred to House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs. No hearing has been scheduled by the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

E. SB 1373 Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

- EO Araki reported SB 1373 has crossed over from the Senate and has been referred to House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs. The bill is scheduled to be

heard by the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce on  
March 12, 2025.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
King Kalakaua Conference Room  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Tamayo adjourned the meeting  
at 10:25 a.m.

Reviewed by:

Taken by:

/s/Rochelle Araki  
Rochelle Araki  
Executive Officer

/s/Cortnie Tanaka  
Cortnie Tanaka  
Secretary

3/11/2025

[ X ] Minutes approved as is.

[   ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY 3/11/2025 – RATIFICATION LIST**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE**

PT-6096-0	Skylar Smith
PT-6097-0	Tyler Cronquist
PT-6098-0	MARISSA COTRONEO
PT-6099-0	HARMONY GROVES
PT-6100-0	MICHAEL ANGELO S GAOIRAN
PT-6101-0	Isabella Romano
PT-6102-0	Michaela Neal
PT-6103-0	EMELIE A PLETCHER
PT-6104-0	Annelise M Enlow
PT-6105-0	Cecelia Ann Kane
PT-6106-0	Maya Laura Grodzka
PT-6107-0	KACEY A WONG
PT-6108-0	Ashlyn J E Kanai
PT-6109-0	JOHN L FOX
PT-6110-0	Royce Seiji Komesu
PT-6111-0	Margaret Kelly Schulte
PT-6112-0	KAROLINA GARCIA
PT-6113-0	Jennifer C DeMarco
PT-6114-0	Callie Elizabeth Rucker
PT-6115-0	Jerilyn Betts
PT-6116-0	Alissa R Whelan
PT-6117-0	REBECCA M LANGDON
PT-6118-0	JASMINE M GONGORA
PT-6119-0	Julianne Payton
PT-6120-0	MEGAN L GARDNER
PT-6121-0	LINDSEY L GOEBEL
PT-6122-0	Meaghan E Nyingi
PT-6123-0	DEYDRE S TEYHEN

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE**

PTA-757-0	Erika Pinera
PTA-758-0	Kayla Nicole Sagon-Gomes
PTA-759-0	Arden Sanford
PTA-760-0	Patrick Leatherman
PTA-761-0	ALYSSA F KLAPKOWSKI
PTA-762-0	Min Kyung Jun

