

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: July 8, 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  
Jill Wakabayashi, Member  
Candace Ito, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Guests: None

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.

Chairperson's Announcement: Chairperson Tamayo welcomed Ms. Jill Wakabayashi, Physical Therapist Assistant ("PTA"), to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025: Chairperson Tamayo asked if anyone from the public wished to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting, as circulated.

Chapter 91, HRS,  
Adjudicatory Matter:

Chairperson Tamayo called for a recess from the Board's meeting at 9:04 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to HRS Chapter 91.

- A. In the Matter of the Application for a Physical Therapist's License of Mark Fisher, PTS-LIC-2024-001: Hearing's Officers Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order.

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee and unanimously carried to adopt the Hearings Officer's recommended decision as the Board's Final Order and affirm its denial of the Petitioner's application.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision in the above matter, pursuant to HRS chapter 91, Chairperson Tamayo announced that the Board was reconvening to its open meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Continuing  
Competence ("CC")  
Course Approval  
Requests:

Chairperson Tamayo asked if anyone from the public wished to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

CC Courses Requests for Review

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Chee, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously carried to approve the following courses for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CC Units:

<b>PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
Ethics and Jurisprudence for the Physical Therapy professional Licensed in Hawaii	2.0
Foot Orthoses: Essentials of Evaluation and Fitting	5.4
Introduction to Instrument - Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization (IASTM)	3.0
Full Body Level 1	44.3
Paradigm Shifts in Embryology (PSE)	18.0
RUNFIT Video Gait Analysis and Re-Training	15.0
PWR! Moves Therapist Recertification Workshop: Designing Personalized Freezing of Gait Interventions to Benefit Both FOG and Functional Mobility	5.0
PWR! Moves Therapist Certification Workshop	16.0
PWR! Moves Therapist Recertification Workshop: Refresher	5.0
Physical Therapy Interventions for Foot and Ankle Rehabilitation	8.0

Executive Session: At 9:12 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum 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 Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General, on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

At 9:22 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, 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. Eric R. Leon

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously carried to approve Eric R. Leon's physical therapist application.

2. James T. Mills III

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously carried to approve James T. Mills III's physical therapist application.

b. Ratification

It was moved by Chairperson Tamayo, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously carried to ratify the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant licenses on the attached ratification list.

2025 Legislative Session:

SB 1373 Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

EO Ito stated that SB 1373 was signed into law on July 2, 2025 (Act 273, SLH 2025). Section 23 of the bill amends chapter 461J, HRS, to authorize the Board to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the license of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant based upon a conviction requiring registration as a sex offender.

Chairperson Tamayo inquired if the Board would be required to meet within 30 days of the revocation or denial should the licensee timely file a request for a hearing within ten days of the notice of the license revocation or denial. EO Ito stated that a contested case hearing must be held within 30 days of the revocation or denial notification. DAG Ching clarified that the Office of Administrative Hearings would hold the contested case hearing within 30 days. After the

conclusion of the contested case hearing, the Board will review and vote on the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Recommended Order.

Ms. Wakabayashi asked if the application form would need to be updated. DAG Ching stated that this bill allows the Board to automatically take action when the conviction occurs after a license has been issued.

### Scope of Practice

#### Question:

We have been asked to do pre-work screening for several unions. These screenings are as like functional capacity evaluations. Which entails to but not limited to:

1. Lifting weighted crates- per job requirements- to waist level, to shoulder level, overhead
2. Treadmill assessments- with vital assessment
3. Checking ROM, MMT
4. Grip strength assessment
5. Squatting, kneeling,

Our assumption is this is in our practice act as a Physical Therapists. These assessments are direct from the companies/unions themselves vs from MD.

The inquirer provided clarification that the treadmill test is for functional endurance with monitoring of vitals such as heart rate and assessing symptoms. With regard to squatting and kneeling, the assessment is pass or fail; they either can squat or kneel without pain and functional limitation or not.

Chairperson Tamayo stated that the additional information provided by the inquirer clarifies that the treadmill assessment is an endurance test and not a stress test. A stress test does not appear to be in the scope of physical therapy. Based on the information provided by the inquirer, the treadmill assessment is a test for endurance with monitoring of vital signs such as heart rate, and assessment of symptoms. She stated that the screenings listed above are permitted in accordance with the definition of "Practice of physical therapy", "physical therapy" or "physical therapy services" in HRS section 461J-1. With regard to the inquirer's statement that the request for the above assessments are not coming from a medical doctor, Chairperson Tamayo stated that physical therapists are permitted to perform assessments without a referral.

DAG Ching added that tests and measurements of: muscle strength, endurance; cardiac, pulmonary, and vascular functions are included in the definition of "Practice of physical therapy".

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi and carried by majority vote (with Ms. Chee recusing herself) to affirm that the inquiry as stated above is within the practice of physical therapy or physical therapy services as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes section 461J-1.

#### 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, Chairperson Tamayo adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Reviewed by:

Taken by:

/s/Candace Ito  
Candace Ito  
Executive Officer

/s/Cortnie Tanaka  
Cortnie Tanaka  
Secretary

9/29/2025

[ 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-6124-0	JOAO P REIS
PT-6125-0	Kelli Nakano Ha
PT-6126-0	Tiffany A Sunell
PT-6127-0	Elizabeth Marie Heltz
PT-6128-0	Cezena Clitus
PT-6129-0	TRAVIS B CRAIG
PT-6130-0	TANIA J HELBERT
PT-6131-0	LENA E FLAIR
PT-6132-0	Cole R Manoukian
PT-6133-0	Lauren Ashley Hanshew
PT-6134-0	ALEXANDRA L HANSEN
PT-6135-0	Beverly J Miras
PT-6136-0	Jennielyn Malinit Cabello
PT-6137-0	Courtney A Betsock
PT-6138-0	PAIGE KUEKER
PT-6139-0	LYSSA BAROCHIN
PT-6140-0	Matthew B K Ishii
PT-6141-0	OLUCHI IKE
PT-6142-0	Jennifer T Arnold
PT-6143-0	Lisa Alletto
PT-6144-0	Caitlin Warner
PT-6145-0	Hyunhye Lee
PT-6146-0	Regina Cortez
PT-6147-0	NATALIE P TRAN
PT-6148-0	AARMANNI K GARNETT
PT-6149-0	Timothy W Smith
PT-6150-0	Elmer Faculo III
PT-6151-0	Taylor L Carlson
PT-6152-0	DELANEY S SULLIVAN
PT-6153-0	Holly N Tipp
PT-6154-0	Sharoy Denise Donaldson
PT-6155-0	LINDSAY C MCKISHNIE
PT-6156-0	RAMJI K PASRICHA
PT-6157-0	CAMERON J AVCU
PT-6158-0	DAVID A FEIN
PT-6159-0	HEATHER D WALKER

PT-6160-0	VENDULA STRNADOVA
PT-6161-0	DOMINIC TRUJILLO
PT-6162-0	ELLEN LERNER
PT-6163-0	ARTHUR J DE LEON
PT-6164-0	Meghan R Taff
PT-6165-0	Samuel Richard Crisp
PT-6166-0	Roslyn Ruth Rathbone
PT-6167-0	Shuaib Abdul-Mateen
PT-6168-0	JENNIFER B ROBERTS
PT-6169-0	Mark Razon
PT-6170-0	Jessica L Nelson
PT-6171-0	Camille Hunt
PT-6172-0	CALANDRA E WHITE
PT-6173-0	CHIZOMA CHIMA
PT-6174-0	Blessy Anne Jeril
PT-6175-0	SARAH G GROVES
PT-6176-0	JESSICA S JONES
PT-6177-0	MATTHEW K ELAM
PT-6178-0	MARYA R ELASHA
PT-6179-0	Caroline Rose Bunten
PT-6180-0	Kai K Mason
PT-6181-0	JAMIE STALDER
PT-6182-0	Douglas Charles Andrews
PT-6183-0	GRETCHEN M HAFNER
PT-6184-0	CHRISTINA MARIE R STRIMPFEL
PT-6185-0	CARISSA ANNE STODDARD
PT-6186-0	NATALIE SUNAKAWA
PT-6187-0	Jessica Leung
PT-6188-0	Abigail Ryan Aplaca
PT-6189-0	CHLOE E STEYER
PT-6190-0	Caitlin Guthrie
PT-6191-0	ORLANDO C AGNI JR
PT-4385-0	JENNIFER M HARDESTY

**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
PTA-763-0	BRIAN C HOFFMAN
PTA-764-0	DESTINY S PLANT
PTA-765-0	JUDITH M MAYO
PTA-766-0	JACLYN L ALEXANDER
PTA-767-0	JENNIFER JOY SIBBLE
PTA-768-0	LAUREN H BRENNAN
PTA-769-0	ANTHONY T JONES
PTA-770-0	KAYLEE MARIE MCKENNA
PTA-771-0	DEVIN R HAYWOOD
PTA-772-0	KATELYN P TIPTON
PTA-773-0	IAN MICHAEL WILKINSON