

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

<u>Date</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>Time</u>	9:00 a.m.
<u>In-Person Meeting Location</u>	DCCA PVL Exam Room 330 HRS King Kalakaua Building 335 Merchant Street, Third Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
<u>Virtual Participation</u>	Virtual Videoconference Meeting-Zoom Meeting <a href="https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/81433736072?pwd=p5PWF5Ngbk4LgjqTOKRvajuxc7sz.1">https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/81433736072?pwd=p5PWF5Ngbk4LgjqTOKRvajuxc7sz.1</a>
<u>Present</u>	Cynthia Tamayo, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chairperson Stacie Keliinoi, PT, Vice Chairperson Ross Lum, PT, Member Jill Wakabayashi, Member Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer ("EO") Adrian Stinardo, Executive Officer James Paige, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG") Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
<u>Excused</u>	Michele Chee, PT, Member
<u>Guest:</u>	None
<u>Agenda</u>	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").
<u>Call to Order</u>	The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m., at which time quorum was established.  Chair Tamayo welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, and seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to approve the July 8, 2025, open session meeting minutes, and the July 8, 2025, executive session meeting minutes as submitted.

Chair Tamayo asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Continued  
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.

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, and 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>
Advanced Skills and Diagnostic Ultrasound for Physical Therapy	20.0
Veteran Affairs MSK Ultrasound Training Course	24.0

Applications

It was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 9:22 a.m., pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS §26-9, and pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. (Note: Board members and staff entered the Zoom Breakout Room).

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 9:48 a.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting room. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.

A. Physical Therapist

i) Pomaikai Anduha

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to approve Pomaikai Anduha’s physical therapist application.

ii) Marcus Ainsworth

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to approve Marcus Ainsworth’s physical therapist application.

B. Physical Therapist Assistant

i) Matthew Almai

It was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to approve Matthew Almai's physical therapist assistant application.

C. Ratification

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

New Business

Approval of Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) Advisory Committee member Appointees.

It was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Vice Chair Keliinoi, and unanimously carried to approve RICO Advisory Committee Member Appointees.

B. Request for Test Taking Extension-Interruption at Honolulu Testing Center (Fire Alarm)

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Chair Tamayo, and unanimously carried to approve the extension.

C. 2026 Meeting Schedule

The board agreed to revise the 2026 meeting schedule to utilize the available first or second Mondays of the month, provided the day is not a holiday, instead of Tuesdays.

Chair's Report

A. FSBPT Annual Education Meeting, October 2025

Chair Tamayo provided an update from FSBPT, noting the recent appointment of Susan Newman as the new CEO, succeeding the former long-serving CEO. This transition reflects an opportunity for fresh direction and perspectives within the organization. FSBPT reported continued progress on the development of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), including efforts to recruit additional item writers and to offer educational resources—such as instructional videos—to help prepare students for the examination process. FSBPT is also working to improve exam accessibility, including exploring staggered start times, and reported that testing centers have administered a total of 104,480 exams. Additionally, FSBPT continues to encourage broader adoption of the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) among states.

## B. Topics for Board Consideration in the Upcoming Year

Chair Tamayo proposed establishing continuing competence unit (CCU) requirements for Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs), potentially including a jurisprudence or rules examination to reinforce understanding of scope of practice and promote patient and practitioner safety. She also recommended consideration of the Healthy Practice Self-Assessment/Inventory (HPSA/HPI), an evidence-based, confidential, self-guided tool that addresses emotional, mental, social, financial, and physical health, as well as work-life balance. This tool may be incorporated either as a mandatory requirement or as an optional CCU opportunity. In addition, the Board discussed the potential adoption of the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM), developed by FSBPT, for Physical Therapists (PTs).

Chair Tamayo further identified several additional initiatives for Board evaluation. These include a review of licensure language for internationally trained applicants with the intent of reducing unnecessary barriers for individuals who hold active, problem-free licenses in other jurisdictions. She also strongly encouraged the Board to explore participation in the Exam Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD), which uses a unique identifier to track examination performance and disciplinary actions nationwide. It was noted that Hawaii currently holds a “red” status due to non-participation, and joining the ELDD would strengthen regulatory oversight and reduce the risk of licensees with adverse actions relocating undetected.

The Board also acknowledged the need to establish criteria for CCU presenters to ensure that continuing competence courses consistently demonstrate educational value. Additionally, Chair Tamayo recommended increasing outreach to PT and PTA education programs to enhance awareness of the Board’s role and responsibilities, reinforcing that the Board’s purpose is to protect both practitioners and the public.

To support progress on these initiatives, DAG Paige advised that the Board consider forming Permitted Interaction Groups (PIGs) at a future meeting. These groups, composed of fewer than a quorum, are authorized under HRS § 92-2.5 to meet outside of publicly noticed Board meetings to research assigned topics and provide recommendations for subsequent Board action. Three prioritized items were identified as potential PIG assignments:

1. Evaluation of whether to implement the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM).
2. Development of CCU requirements for PTAs, such as a rules examination.
3. Consideration of incorporating the Healthy Practice Self-Assessment/Inventory as mandatory or optional.

Next Meeting: TBD  
9:00 a.m.  
TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Young-Im Wilson  
Young-Im Wilson  
Executive Officer

Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes