

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: January 17, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)
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Phone: (669) 900-6833
Meeting ID: 306 081 9729
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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”)
Andrew I. Kim, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
Johnny Li (Technical Support)

Zoom Guests: Ivy Kim, RICO
Erika Pinera, Applicant

In-person Guest(s): No in-person guests.

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”).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedures and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.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 confirmed that they were present and alone.

Approval of Board
Meeting Minutes of
November 12, 2024:

Chair Tamayo asked if there were any public testimony regarding the Board Meeting Minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting.

Mr. Li responded no attendees raised their hands to provide testimony.

Upon a motion by Chair Tamayo, seconded by Ms. Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting, as circulated.

Chapter 91, HRS,
Adjudicatory Matter:

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

Chair Tamayo deferred this agenda item per Ms. Romig's request.

Continuing
Competence ("CC")
Course Approval
Requests:

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

Mr. Li responded no attendees raised their hands to provide testimony.

CC Courses Requests for Review

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

PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
Bayley-4 Online Independent Study on Demand	12.0
A Clinician's Guide to Lower Extremity Differential Diagnosis of the Neck and Shoulder	3.0
A Clinician's Guide to Lower Extremity Differential Diagnosis, Pathologies, and Special Tests	4.0
Hawaii Physical Therapy Ethics and Jurisprudence	2.0

Bridging the Gap: The Shoulder – From Rehabilitation to Aftercare	2.0
Fractures – From the Nose to the Toes	2.0
Fractures – A Therapeutic Overview	1.0
Hip, Knee and Ankle Arthroplasty: Surgical and Treatment Approaches	2.0
Joint Mobilizations for the Lower Quarter	2.0
Joint Mobilizations for the Upper Quarter	2.0
Orthopedic Rehab Red Flags	1.0
Rehabilitation of the Shoulder	2.0
Rotator Cuff Disorders	2.0
The Knee Joint: Anatomy, Testing, and Diagnosis and Treatment	2.0
The Hip – Anatomy, Examination and Treatment	2.0
The Sacroiliac Joint: Anatomy, Testing and Treatment	2.0
Scapular Dyskinesis	2.0
Stress Fractures	1.0
Upper Extremity Total Joint Arthroplasty & More...	1.0
Concussions: Education, Testing and Management	2.0
Rehabilitation of the Golfer	2.0
Rehabilitation of the Overhead Athlete	2.0
Return to Sport: Guidelines to Testing for the Lower Extremity	2.0
The Throwing Shoulder	2.0
Treatment of the Runner	2.0
Weight Loss for Athletes: A Therapist's Guide	1.0
Evidence Based Primary Care Screening: Foundations	2.0
Evidence Based Primary Care Screening: Symptoms – Part 1	2.0
Evidence Based Primary Care Screening: Symptoms – Part 2	2.0
Functional Performance Measures for Older Adults	2.0
Dance Rehab: Pre-Season Screen/Nutritional Concerns/Common Injuries/Treatment Strategies	3.0
Hip, Foot and Ankle Pathology in Dancer's: A Surgeon's Perspective	1.0
Introduction to Orthopedic Dance Medicine	1.0
Assessment of Functional Skills in the Educational Environment	1.0

Building a Strong Core: Enhancing School Function Through Therapy Using Piga	2.0
From Delivery to Discharge: Understanding the Role of the Therapy in the NICU	2.0
Pediatric Telehealth Therapy: Case Studies/Parent Training/Behavioral Challenges	2.0
Auto Immune Diseases: An Introduction to Rehabilitation and QOL Issues	2.0
Dementia: Understanding the Science, Symptoms & Stages for Optimal Patient Care	1.0
Facial Rehabilitation	4.0
Lumbar Stenosis	2.0
Using Dance with Parkinson's Disease	1.0
Pelvic Stability	1.50
Pilates: An Adjunct for Rehabilitation	2.0
Push, Pull, Squat, Hinge – Analyzing and Improving 4 Common Movement Patterns	2.0
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	2.0
Balance & Vestibular Training: Dizziness, Falls, and BPPV Symptoms	2.0
Intro to Multiple Sclerosis: A Therapist's Guide	2.0
Neuro-Oncology: Outcome Measures for Therapy	2.0
Neuroplasticity	2.0
A Clinician's Guide to Lower Extremity Differential Diagnosis	2.0
The Pediatric Hand Explained	2.0
Management of Selected Shoulder and Elbow Injuries in the Skeletally Immature Patient	2.0
Cultural Competency and Implicit Bias in Healthcare	2.0
Patient Education: Clinical Tools for Improvement	1.0
Management of Lower Extremity Injuries in the Skeletally Immature Patient	2.0
Preventing Sarcopenia	2.0
Effective Strategies to Address Cognitive and memory Decline	3.0
Diabetes in Older Adults	2.0
Myofascial Mobilization	12.0
Pediatric Myofascial Release	12.0
Myofascial Release	20.0
Fascial Pelvis Myofascial Release	20.0

Cognitive and Memory Decline in the Aging Brain: Assessment and Intervention	2.0
Myofascial Unwinding	20.0
Myofascial Release II	20.0
Women's Health Myofascial Release	25.0
Advanced Full Body Level 1	7.5
Advanced Full Body Online	3.5
Advanced Full Body Level 2	7.5
Lower Extremity Level 1	15.0
Nerve	22.5
Falls Prevention: Evaluation and Treatment	4.0
Pediatric Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (Peds 2)	11.0
The Pelvic Floor, the Diaphragm, the Core and Their Role in Postural Development in Children	6.0
An Eclectic Approach to Spinal Mobilization and Manipulation	16.0

Executive Session: At 1:20 p.m., it was moved by Chair Tamayo, 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 Andrew I. Kim, 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 1:50 p.m., it was moved by Chair Tamayo, 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. John Fox
Upon a motion by Ms. Chee, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the application for John Fox upon receipt of corrected application.
 2. Janice Pitts
Upon request of the applicant, item deferred to next meeting.
 3. Tyler Cronquist
Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the application for Tyler Cronquist.

b. Physical Therapist Assistant Application

1. Erika Pinera

Upon a motion by Ms. Chee, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the application for Erika Pinera upon receipt of corrected application.

2. Dyllon Enriquez

Upon a motion by Mr. Lum, seconded by Ms. Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the application for Dyllon Enriquez.

c. Ratification List

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

2025 Legislative
Session:

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

Mr. Li responded no attendees raised their hands to provide testimony.

Proposed Legislation Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize 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.

EO Araki informed the Board that this bill would amend HRS chapter 461J, the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

Chair Tamayo stated that this topic of expedience for sex offenders was brought up at the last FSBPT meeting she attended.

Vice Chair Keliinoi asked if this would be a process through RICO.

DAG Kim replied that the procedural process will need to be worked out. Currently, if someone is convicted, they would be investigated by RICO.

The proposed measure would enable a quicker process for taking action against a licensee while still ensuring that their due process rights are upheld.

Chair Tamayo wanted to clarify if this would apply to all sex offenders of all classes.

DAG Kim responded that HRS chapter 846E1 defines the various types of violations and list of sexual convictions that would be considered automatic revocation; but does not include indecent exposure.

Ms. Chee asked if any other states have similar legislation.

EO Araki clarified that this bill was introduced due to a recent Civil Beat Article that highlighted the inability of state licensing boards and agencies to promptly revoke the professional licenses of registered sex offenders. California has a similar law to this bill.

The Board was in agreement to support this measure.

Upon a motion by Chair Tamayo, seconded by Ms. Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to support the legislation relating to administrative licensure actions against sex offenders.

Proposed Legislation Relating to Therapy Services

Chair Tamayo informed the Board that the proposed legislation 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.

Vice Chair Keliinoi stated that the DOE wants to bill Medicaid for the services.

Chair Tamayo replied that DOE needs to work with Medicaid to accept the therapy without a physician referral. DOE wants to treat, bill, and get reimbursed.

Vice Chair Keliinoi added that doctors are usually quick to send referral and provide precautions, contraindications on their referrals. She is concerned that if a PT is going to get paid by insurance to be seen in the DOE, then you can't get duplicative services in an outpatient setting. The concern is if the PT has two different goals, then in most cases outpatient therapy would be denied.

Chair Tamayo expressed she does not have a problem with easing the access to the services in the DOE if that's the intent. As far as making more money for the state, that has nothing to do with the board.

Ms. Chee asked if current students see their PCP for a referral or is there a

blanket DOE physician providing orders.

Vice Chair Keliinoi answered in her experience, it is not a DOE physician. It could be the discharging physician; it could be their PCP.

Chair Tamayo stated that their rules already allow direct access.

Vice Chair Keliinoi asked if the bill was being introduced because physical therapists do not make medical diagnosis.

Chair Tamayo replied that she didn't think the DOE has that type of structure for billing. She added that the language on diagnosis should clearly state diagnose within their scope of practice.

Vice Chair Keliinoi agreed.

Chair Tamayo asked what is the language in HAR section 16-110-3?

EO Araki read HAR section 16-110-3, which states "A licensed physical therapist may perform an evaluation of any person without a referral. A physical therapist may treat a patient with or without a referral unless the physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that the patient has a symptom or condition that is either beyond the physical therapist's scope of practice, or for which physical therapy is contraindicated, in which case the physical therapist shall refer that patient to an appropriate healthcare provider."

Chair Tamayo stated that she does not have a problem with the direct access, but it should be in alignment with their rules.

Ms. Chee expressed that she has concerns regarding rural areas if there is not a therapist but only an assistant practicing. She wouldn't want initiation of therapy without some sort of oversight, out of caution for the patient.

Vice Chair Keliinoi responded that based on her experience, the physician might do the initial referral and may provide a vague diagnosis and signature, but rarely provide oversight.

Ms. Chee asked if this bill would be opening the therapist up to more litigation on the part of the parents if there was no oversight?

Vice Chair Keliinoi replied that it can be tough for physicians to write their referrals for the child to get assessed. It still comes down to the PT, to say yes or no, to qualify a kid for services and the frequency of treatment.

Chair Tamayo stated that it's what a PT does, they create the plan.

Chair Tamayo restated that the board supports direct access pursuant to HAR section 16-110-3, provides no comment on billing and has serious concerns on the term "medical diagnosis". A physical therapist may already treat a patient with or without a referral from a physician, and may already diagnose conditions that are within their scope of practice. Consequently, the Board believes that the proposed amendments to HRS section 461J are unnecessary and should be removed from the measure.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, it was voted on and unanimously carried to support only the direct access and provide comments on the proposed legislation relating to therapy services.

Next Meeting: March 11, 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 2:27 p.m.

Reviewed by:

/s/ Rochelle Araki
Rochelle Araki
Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/ Cortnie Tanaka
Cortnie Tanaka
Secretary

3/5/2025

[x] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY 1/17/2025 – RATIFICATION LIST

PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE

PT-6036-0	Dale Gibbs
PT-6037-0	SHANNON M GORRIE
PT-6038-0	CHRISTIANA M SPENCER
PT-6039-0	Jake Barancho
PT-6040-0	Solomon Kia
PT-6041-0	Kristin Blank
PT-6042-0	KODY J SEMINARA
PT-6043-0	Kiara Marie N Vicens
PT-6044-0	HAYLEY M URABE
PT-6045-0	Jade Kendig Steele
PT-6046-0	JONATHAN DAC-HOANG LIEM
PT-6047-0	RAY VICENTE G SAN NICOLAS
PT-6048-0	STEPHANIE M ARMSTRONG
PT-6049-0	XIAOYUAN ZHOU
PT-6050-0	KRISTI C KOYANAGI
PT-6051-0	EMILY C BRADLEY
PT-6052-0	JERRY C IVY
PT-6053-0	THEA A CAYABAN DE VERO
PT-6054-0	KAITLYN P STANFORD
PT-6055-0	Kenneth Mercado
PT-6056-0	CARLO L ATIENZA
PT-6057-0	JESSICA MARIE A RUIZ
PT-6058-0	CODY AARON C MALTEZO
PT-6059-0	Minori Osako
PT-6060-0	RUSSELL B PAYTON
PT-6061-0	Rebecca Sharp
PT-6062-0	Myung Soo Choi
PT-6064-0	Monica M Chan
PT-6063-0	Phillip Michael Justice
PT-6065-0	MELISSA N CHOY
PT-6066-0	BRIDGET GILBERTSON
PT-6067-0	Tia Ann Molander
PT-6068-0	YOEL E NAPOLES
PT-6069-0	KAYLA R WITHERS
PT-6070-0	Ryan Koichi Taniguchi

PT-6071-0	JUDY L SETO
PT-6072-0	Alina DeSousa
PT-6073-0	NATALIE R PERMAUL
PT-6074-0	CHRISTOPHER I POMERLEAU
PT-6075-0	BRENDEN J LOVE
PT-6076-0	Nicholas VanderMyde
PT-6077-0	Annie K Detweiler
PT-6078-0	Sarah Melear
PT-6079-0	Aurore Jouvert
PT-6080-0	Michelle Shigeko Gardner Mestanza
PT-6081-0	ISAAC J BAIME
PT-6082-0	ALEXANDRA M SCOZZAFAVA
PT-6083-0	KEELYMAE J REGAN
PT-6084-0	JACQUELINE C GILLIAM
PT-6085-0	CHARLES N SHEPPARD
PT-6086-0	DANIEL T FALANGA
PT-6087-0	MARISSA A K DANNAWAY
PT-6088-0	Halina B Dorman
PT-6089-0	Jerzy Dorman
PT-6090-0	Kayleigh Diane Pate
PT-6091-0	Jessica VanderMyde
PT-6092-0	Kelly Ann Maloney
PT-6093-0	Aidan Joseph Ferrin
PT-6094-0	SARA PEFFLEY
PT-6095-0	TYLER J COOPER

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE

PTA-754-0	DOUGLAS S NOAEILL
PTA-755-0	Sierra N Garbrick
PTA-756-0	Caroline M Dobinski