



VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112
February 7, 2024

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

8:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2023 (4-5)**
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration (6-26)**
 - 1) Department, Staff and Board Updates
 - 2) 2024 Meeting Dates **(6)**
 - 3) Annual Policy Review **(7-9)**
 - 4) Election of Officers, Appointments of Liaisons and Alternates, Delegation of Authorities **(10-26)**
 - 5) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Brewer, Kate – 7/1/2024
 - b. Bulkow, Brad – 7/1/2027
 - c. Carter, Barbara – 7/1/2025
 - d. Johnson, Steven W. – 7/1/2025
 - e. McEldowney, Todd – 7/1/2025
- F. Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board 2023 Annual Report – Board Review (27-30)**
- G. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- H. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (31-32)**
 - 1) Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects **(32)**
- I. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Matters – Discussion and Consideration

J. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports Liaison Reports – Discussion and Consideration

- 1) Consideration of Attendance
 - a. FSBPT 2024 Regulatory Workshop, May 16-18, 2024 - Alexandria, VA or Virtual
 - b. FSBPT 2024 Leadership Issues Forum, July 13-14, 2024 - Arlington, VA
 - c. FSBPT 2024 Annual Education Meeting, October 31-November 2, 2024 - Cedar Rapids, IA

K. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda

- 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- 2) Administrative Matters
- 3) Election of Officers
- 4) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
- 5) Delegation of Authorities
- 6) Education and Examination Matters
- 7) Credentialing Matters
- 8) Practice Matters
- 9) Legislative and Policy Matters
- 10) Administrative Rule Matters
- 11) Liaison Reports
- 12) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
- 13) Public Health Emergencies
- 14) Informational Items
- 15) Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
- 16) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
- 17) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 18) Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 19) Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 20) Presentation of Interim Orders
- 21) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 22) Petitions for Assessments
- 23) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 24) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
- 25) Motions
- 26) Petitions
- 27) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
- 28) Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

L. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

M. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters

- 1) **Case Closings**
 - a. 22 PHT 015 & 23 PHT 001, R.T.S. **(33-38)**

N. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

1. Education and Examination Matters
2. Credentialing Matters
3. DLSC Matters
4. Monitoring Matters
5. Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
6. Petitions for Summary Suspensions
7. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
8. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
9. Proposed Interim Orders
10. Administrative Warnings
11. Review of Administrative Warnings
12. Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
13. Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
14. Case Closings
15. Board Liaison Training
16. Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
17. Petitions to Vacate Orders
18. Remedial Education Cases
19. Motions
20. Petitions for Re-Hearing
21. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

O. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

P. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate

Q. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

R. Delegation and Ratification of Examinations, Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: MAY 8, 2024

 MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE.

Times listed for meeting items are approximate and depend on the length of discussion and voting. All meetings are held virtually unless otherwise indicated. In-person meetings are typically conducted at 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, Wisconsin, unless an alternative location is listed on the meeting notice. In order to confirm a meeting or to request a complete copy of the board’s agenda, please visit the Department website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>. The board may also consider materials or items filed after the transmission of this notice. Times listed for the commencement of disciplinary hearings may be changed by the examiner for the convenience of the parties. Requests for interpreters for the hard of hearing, or other accommodations, are considered upon request by contacting the Affirmative Action Officer, or reach the Meeting Staff by calling 608-267-7213.

**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

PRESENT: Brad Bulkow, PT; Barbara Carter, PTA; Steven Johnson, PT

EXCUSED: Kate Brewer, PT; Todd McEldowney

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Nilajah Hardin, Administrative Rule Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Steven Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with three (3) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to adopt the Agenda as published Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2023

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2023, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Scope Statement: PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTA's

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to approve the Scope Statement revising PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants, for submission to the Department of Administration and Governor's Office and for publication. Additionally, the Board authorizes the Chairperson to approve the Scope Statement for implementation no less than 10 days after publication. If the Board is directed to hold a preliminary public hearing on the Scope Statement, the Chairperson is authorized to approve the required notice of hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**DELEGATION AND RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATIONS,
LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Brad Bulkow moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
2024 Meeting dates

Meeting Date		<i>Start time</i>	Agenda item deadline
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Virtual	8:30	1/26/2024
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Virtual	8:30	4/26/2024
Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Virtual	8:30	7/26/2024
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Virtual	8:30	11/1/2024

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Brenda Taylor, Board Services Supervisor		2) Date when request submitted: 12/14/2023	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: All Boards			
4) Meeting Date: First Meeting of 2024	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Annual Policy Review	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Board SharePoint Site: https://dsps.boards.wisconsin.gov/			
<p>Please be advised of the following Policy Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-Person Meeting Policy: Depending on the frequency of Board meetings, a Board may be allowed a certain number of in-person meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-5 Meetings per year = 1 in-person opportunity • 6-8 Meetings per year = 2 in-person opportunities • 12 Meetings per year = 4 in-person opportunities 2. Attendance/Quorum: Thank you for your service and commitment to meeting attendance. If you cannot attend a meeting or have scheduling conflicts impacting your attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. Timely notification is appreciated as a quorum is required for Boards, Sections, and Councils to meet pursuant to Open Meetings Law. 3. Walking Quorum: Board/Section/Council members must not collectively discuss the body's business outside a properly noticed meeting. Should several members of a body do so, the members could be violating the open meetings law. 4. Mandatory Training: All Board Members must complete Public Records and Ethics Training, annually. Register to set up an account in the Cornerstone LearnCenter online portal or Log in to an existing account. 5. Agenda Deadlines: Please communicate agenda topics to your Executive Director before the agenda submission deadline at 12:00 pm, 8 business days prior to a meeting. (Attachment: Timeline of a Meeting) 6. Per Diem and Reimbursement Claims: Please submit all Per Diem and Reimbursement claims to DSPTS within 30 days of the close of each month in which expenses are incurred. (Attachment: Per Diem Example) 7. Lodging Accommodations/Hotel Cancellation Policy: Lodging accommodations are available to eligible members. Standard eligibility: the member must leave home before 6:00 am to attend a meeting by the scheduled start time. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a member cannot attend a meeting it is their responsibility to cancel their reservation within the applicable cancellation timeframe. b. If a meeting is changed to occur remotely, is canceled, or rescheduled, DSPTS staff will cancel or modify reservations as appropriate. 8. Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of inclement weather, the DSPTS may change a meeting from an in-person venue to hosted as virtual/teleconference only. 			
11)		Authorization	
<i>Brenda Taylor</i>		<i>12/14/2023</i>	
<p>Directions for including supporting documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the Agenda Items folders. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director 			

Timeline of a Meeting

8 business days prior to the meeting: All agenda materials are due to the Department by 12:00 pm, 8 business days prior to the meeting date.

7 business days prior to the meeting: The draft agenda page is due to the Executive Director. The Executive Director transmits to the Chair for review and approval.

5 business days prior to the meeting: The approved agenda is returned to the Board Administration Specialist for agenda packet production and compilation.

4 business days prior to the meeting: Agenda packets are posted on the DSPS Board SharePoint site and on the Department website.

Agenda Item Examples:

- Approval of the Agenda and previous meeting Minutes
- Open Session Items
 - Public Hearings (relating to Administrative Rules)
 - Administrative Matters
 - Legislation and Policy Matters
 - Administrative Rules Matters
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues
 - Public Agenda Requests
 - Current Issues Affecting the Profession
 - Public Comments
- Closed Session items
 - Deliberations on Proposed Disciplinary Actions
 - Stipulations
 - Administrative Warnings
 - Case Closings
 - Monitoring Matters
 - Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Issues
 - Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
 - Orders Fixing Costs/Matters Relating to Costs
 - Credentialing Matters
 - Education and Exam Issues

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1 business day after the Meeting: "Action" lists are distributed by staff detailing board actions on closed session business.

5 business days after the Meeting: "To Do" lists are distributed to staff to ensure that board decisions are acted on and/or implemented within the appropriate divisions in the Department. Minutes approved by the board are published on the the Public Notices and Meeting Minutes website: publicmeetings.wi.gov.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

PER DIEM REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: Claimant records board-related activities by entering the date of an activity, the duration of time spent in that activity, the relevant purpose code (see purpose code descriptions below), where the activity is conducted, and the type of activity performed. Only one (1) \$25.00 per diem payment can be issued on any given calendar day.

Purpose Codes:

- A. Official meetings including video/teleconference calls** (automatic day of per diem): i.e., board, committee, board training or screening panels; **Hearings**, i.e., Senate Confirmation, legislative, disciplinary or informal settlement conferences; **Examinations and Test Development Sessions**, i.e., test administration, test review or analysis events, national testing events, tour of test facilities, etc.)
- B. Other** (One (1) per diem will be issued for every five (5) hours spent in category B, per calendar month): i.e., review of disciplinary cases, consultation on cases, review of meeting materials, board liaison work e.g., contacts regarding Monitoring, Professional Assistance Procedure, Credentialing, Education and Examinations

NAME OF EXAMINING BOARD OR COUNCIL EXAMPLE EXAMINING BOARD			BOARD OR COUNCIL MEMBER'S NAME MARY SUNSHINE	
Activity Date MM/DD/YY	Duration of Activity Hours/Minutes	Purpose Code A or B	Where Performed City/Location (Home, Work, DSPS)	Activity Describe Activity Performed (see purpose codes)
12/2/20	2 hrs	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Review of screening panel materials
12/3/20	2 hr / 30 mins	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Review of screening panel materials
12/10/20	1 hr	A	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Screening Panel Meeting - Teleconference
12/12/20	1 hr / 30 mins	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Case consultation
12/13/20	1 hr	B	Pleasant Prairie/Home	Liaison: Application Review
12/16/20	6 hrs	A	Madison/DSPS	Board Member Training
				<p>The 5-hour rule applies to "B" code activities. Add the 'B' codes within the calendar month and then divide by five (5) hours to calculate your per diem payment. In this case the total is seven (7) hours which equals one (1) day of per diem.</p> <p>Each 'A' code is an automatic day of per diem regardless of time spent in that activity. Ms. Sunshine is eligible for two (2) additional days of payment.</p> <p>Department staff completes the fields titled "Total Days Claimed".</p>
CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION			Comments:	
The undersigned certifies, in accordance with § 16.53, Wis. Stats., that this account for per diem, is just and correct; and that this claim is for service necessarily incurred in the performance of duties required by the State, as authorized by law.				
<i>Mary Sunshine</i> Claimant's Signature		1/4/2021 Date		
Supervisor			Date	

EMPL ID: 100012345-0

To be completed by Department staff: TOTAL DAYS CLAIMED: 3 @ \$25.00 = 75.00

ELECTIONS	
Chairperson	Steven Johnson
Vice Chairperson	Kate Brewer
Secretary	Barbara Carter

Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison(s)	Barbara Carter, Brad Bulkow <i>Alternate: Kate Brewer</i>
Education and Examinations Liaison(s)	Steven Johnson, Barbara Carter <i>Alternate: Brad Bulkow</i>
Monitoring Liaison(s)	Steven Johnson, Todd McEldowney <i>Alternate:</i>
Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison(s)	Steven Johnson <i>Alternate: Todd McEldowney</i>
Legislative Liaison(s)	Steven Johnson <i>Alternate: Barbara Carter</i>
Travel Authorization Liaison(s)	Barbara Carter <i>Alternate: Steven Johnson</i>
Website Liaison(s)	Barbara Carter, Brad Bulkow <i>Alternate: Todd McEldowney</i>
Compact Liaison	Barbara Carter <i>Alternate: Kate Brewer</i>
Screening Panel	Steven Johnson, Todd McEldowney <i>Alternate: Kate Brewer</i>



State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2024

TO: Board, Council, and Committee Members

FROM: Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Liaison Definitions and Delegations Explanations

Overall Purpose of Liaison Appointments

Each Board/Section (Board) has inherent authority that is established in our Wisconsin Statutes. This authority may change from Board to Board. For further information on your Board's authority review Wis. Stat. ch. 15. Generally, each Board has authority to grant credentials, discipline credential holders, and set standards for education and examinations. Additionally, Liaisons assist with the operations of the Boards purpose by weighing in on legislative matters, traveling to national conferences, or communicating with stakeholders.

The Department asks that each year the Boards make liaison appointments to assist the Board and Department to accomplish these tasks in an efficient manner. Your practical knowledge and experience, as an appointed member of a professional board, are essential in making determinations regularly. The Liaison positions below assist the Department to complete operations between Board meetings. In most cases, Liaisons can make decisions for the full Board in their designated area. These are determined through the delegation process. However, a Liaison may also decide to send the delegated issue to the full Board for consideration as appropriate. Delegations assist the Board in defining the roles and authorities of each Liaison.

Liaison Definitions

Credentialing Liaison: The Credentialing Liaison is empowered by the Board to review and make determinations regarding certain applications for credentials. The Credentialing Liaison may be called on by Department staff to answer questions that pertain to qualifications for licensure, which may include whether a particular degree is suitable for the application requirements, whether an applicant's specific work experience satisfies the requirements in statute or rule for licensure, or whether an applicant's criminal or disciplinary history is substantially related to the practice of the profession in such a way that granting the applicant a credential would create a risk of harm to the public. Questions will likely be sent by Department

staff to the Credentialing Liaison via email and may include application materials. The Credentialing Liaison serves a very important role in the credentialing process.

Monitoring Liaison: The Monitoring Liaison is empowered by the Board to make decisions on any credential that is limited either through a disciplinary order or initial licensure. The Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the Monitoring Liaison. These requests vary wildly. A common request could be to remove a limitation that has been placed on a credential or to petition for full licensure. The Monitoring Liaison can review these requests and make decisions on behalf of the Board. The Board has the authority to grant decision making latitude to their liaison to any degree. The specific monitoring delegations are found in the Monitoring Document attached to the agenda. If the Monitoring Liaison has a question on a request, it is advisable for the Liaison to consult further with Department staff or bring the matter to the full Board for consideration.

Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison: PAP is a voluntary program open to credential holders with substance abuse issues who wish to seek help by being held accountable through treatment and monitoring by the Department and Board. As part of PAP, the credential holder enters into an agreement with the Department to undergo testing, counseling, or other rehabilitation. The PAP Liaison's role includes responding to credential holders' requests for modifications and terminations of provisions of the agreement. Similar to the Monitoring Liaison, the Department Monitors will send requests from credential holders to the PAP Liaison for further review.

Education and Examination Liaison: Some Boards are required by statute or rule to approve qualifying education and examinations. The Education and Examination Liaison provides guidance to Department staff to exercise authority of the Board to approve or decline examinations and educational programs. This determination requires a level of professional expertise and should be performed by a professional member of the Board. For some Boards, the Education and Examination Liaison will also be tasked with approving continuing education programs and courses.

Legislative Liaison: The Legislative Liaison is permitted to act and speak on the Board's behalf regarding pending and enacted legislation or actions being considered by the legislature outside of Board meetings. The Legislative Liaison is not the Board's designated lobbyist and should exercise their delegated authority carefully.

Travel Authorization Liaison: The Travel Authorization Liaison is authorized to approve a Board member to travel to events and speak or act on the Board's behalf between Board meetings. The Travel Authorization Liaison is called upon to make decisions when sufficient notice was not received, and the full Board could not determine a representative to travel. The Travel Authorization Liaison is tasked with making determinations if the Board appointed representative is not able to attend or if the Board becomes authorized to send additional members. As scholarship and funding streams can be unpredictable.

Communication Liaison: The Communication Liaison responds on behalf of the Board when questions arise that require a response from the Board. The Communication Liaison works with

the Department to cultivate an appropriate response. The Communication Liaison can be responsible for all types of communication on behalf of the Board. However, the Board can appoint a separate **Website Liaison** to work with DSPS staff to make changes and ensure the Board webpage contains updated and accurate information. Additionally, for the Boards that are required by statute to produce a newsletter or digest. The Board can appoint a separate **Newsletter/Digest Liaison** to assemble and approve content for those communications.

Screening Panel Members: The duties of the Screening panel are to review incoming complaints against credential holders and determine which complaints should be opened for investigation and which complaints should be closed without further action. The complexity and amount of work in this role depends substantially on your particular Board. As a member of the Screening panel you are asked to apply your professional expertise to determine if a complaint alleges unprofessional conduct.

Delegations Explanations

Credentialing Delegations

The overall purpose of credentialing delegations is to allow the credentialing process to proceed as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison (Generic)

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications.

PURPOSE: To permit one representative of the Board to assist Department staff with credentialing applications and eliminate the need for the entire Board to convene to consider credential application content or questions. Additionally, it is most efficient to have the designated liaison who has assisted with the credentialing process to be able to effectuate decisions which require a signature.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review.

PURPOSE: To permit Department staff to efficiently issue credentials and eliminate the need for Board/Section/Liaison review when all credentialing legal requirements are met in an application.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f).

PURPOSE: In general, the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act (codified in Wis. Stat. Ch. 111) prohibits licensing agencies from discriminating against applicants because of their arrest and/or conviction record. However, there are exceptions which permit denial of a license in certain circumstances. Individuals who do not possess a license have a legal right to apply for a determination of whether they are disqualified from obtaining a license due to their conviction record. This process is called “Predetermination”. Predeterminations must be completed within 30 days. This delegation allows Department Attorneys to conduct predetermination reviews and efficiently make these legal determinations without need for Board/Section/Liaison review.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice.

PURPOSE: As used here, “substantially related” is a legal standard that is used in the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act. The concept of what is “substantially related” is informed by case law. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct conviction reviews and efficiently approve applications if convictions are not substantially related to the practice of the profession. Applications that contain conviction records that may be substantially related to the practice of a profession will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant’s prior discipline has been approved for a previous credential and there is no new discipline.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison for a lower-level credential.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous credential and there is no new conviction record.

PURPOSE: Some Boards offer progressive levels of credentials. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of conviction history that has already been reviewed and approved for a lower-level credential.

Delegation of Authority for Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve reciprocity applications in which the out of state license requirements meet Wisconsin license requirements. (specific legal standards are referenced in the motion depending on credential/profession type).

PURPOSE: Applications via reciprocity or endorsement require comparison of Wisconsin licensing requirements to the licensing requirements of another jurisdiction. These reviews consider the legal standard for reciprocity, which varies by profession, as well as the specified legal requirements to obtain licensure in the profession. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09.

PURPOSE: The law permits service members, former service members, and their spouses to be licensed if they hold licensure in other jurisdictions that qualify them to perform acts authorized by the credential they are seeking in Wisconsin. This is a shortened path to licensure that does not require meeting the specific requirements/standards for licensure/reciprocity in a profession. By law, the Department/Board must expedite the issuance of a reciprocal license via military reciprocity. This delegation permits Department Attorneys to independently conduct military reciprocity reviews and efficiently approve applications if legal standards and requirements are met for licensure. Applications for which reciprocity may not be available will still be submitted to the Credentialing Liaison for input.

Delegation of Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department's Attorney Supervisors to serve as the Board designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

PURPOSE: When an application is denied, the applicant has a legal right to appeal the denial determination. Applicants must meet a specified legal standard in order to have an appeal granted. Additionally, Wisconsin law sets specific time frames for appeal decisions. This delegation permits Department Attorney Supervisors to independently review and efficiently act on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential.

Delegation to Department Attorneys to Approve Duplicate Legal Issue

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to Department Attorneys to approve a legal matter in connection with a renewal application when that same/similar matter was already addressed

by the Board and there are no new legal issues for that credential holder. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: The intent of this delegation is to be able to approve prior discipline by the Board for the renewal applicant. This delegation eliminates the need for a re-review of discipline that has already been considered and approved by the Board/Section/Liaison.

Monitoring Delegations

The overall purpose of monitoring delegations is to be able to enforce the Boards orders and limited licenses as efficiently and effectively as possible. Monitoring delegations have two categories: delegations to the monitoring liaison and delegations to the Department Monitor.

Delegation of Authority to Department Monitor

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Department Monitor

- a. to grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the only limitation and credential holder has submitted the required proof of course completion.
- b. to suspend the credential if the credential holder has not completed Board ordered education, paid costs, paid forfeitures, within the time specified by the Board Order.
- c. to lift a suspension when compliance with education and costs provisions have been met.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow for the Department Monitor to automatically act on requests when certain criteria are met or not met without needing to burden the Board Monitoring Liaison. The Board can set their own criteria for what actions they would like to be handled by the Department, the Monitoring Liaison and the full Board.

Delegation of Authority to Monitoring Liaison

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Monitoring Liaison to approve or deny all requests received by the credential holder.

PURPOSE: These delegations allow the Board to set criteria for what decisions can be made by the Board member(s) serving as the Monitoring Liaison and what matters should be decided by the full Board. The Board has the authority to set specific criteria or to permit the liaison to make all determinations at their discretion.

Education and Exam Delegations

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to continuing education and examinations. Motion carried unanimously. (Differs by Board)

PURPOSE: Some Boards are responsible for approving qualifying educational programs or continuing education courses. A delegation is executed in order for a Board member to make

these determinations on behalf of the Boards and with assistance of the Department. Additionally, some Boards review examinations and individual scores to qualify for a credential.

Miscellaneous Delegations

Document Signature

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director, Board Counsel or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a Board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: In order to take the action approved at Board meetings, the Department may need to draft correspondence and/or Orders after the meetings have adjourned. These actions then need to be signed by a Board Member. This interaction usually takes place over email and a Board member can authorize the use of his/her signature that is kept on file.

Urgent Matters

MOTION EXAMPLE: in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving Board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Allows for quick responses to urgent matters that may need Board approval or for which the Department requires guidance from the Board.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel

Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: Sometimes Boards can struggle to meet quorum necessary to conduct business. This happens for a multitude of reasons but this delegation allows for the Boards to have disciplinary cases decided by Chief Legal Counsel if the Board fails to meet quorum for two consecutive meetings.

Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel (CLC) the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PURPOSE: For matters of public safety, it may be necessary to take immediate action on a stipulated agreement rather than allowing a credential holder to continue practicing unencumbered until the next scheduled meeting. This delegation allows CLC to act on behalf of the Board when there is a stipulated agreement. A stipulated agreement is an agreement to which all relevant parties have consented to the terms.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter.

MOTION: to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

PURPOSE: Credential holders can ask the Boards to surrender their credentials at any time. These delegations are in place for the different situations that arise from those requests. If a credential holder is seeking to surrender their credential because they wish to leave the profession that can be processed with this delegation by the Department if they have no pending disciplinary complaints. If the credential holder wishes to surrender while they have a pending disciplinary complaint that request is reviewed by the individual Board member assigned to the case.

DLSC Pre-screening

MOTION EXAMPLE: to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (Case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint).

PURPOSE: Pre-Screening delegations exist so the Board can define specific parameters where the Department can review disciplinary complaints and open those cases if they meet certain criteria. Boards also have the authority to set certain criteria that would allow the Department to review and close a case if the criteria is met.

Roles and Authorities Delegated for Monitoring

The Monitoring Liaison (“Liaison”) is a Board/Section designee who works with department monitors (“Monitor”) to enforce Board/Section orders as explained below.

Authorities Delegated to the Monitoring Liaison

The Liaison may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section:

1. Grant a temporary reduction in random drug screen frequency upon Respondent’s request if he/she is unemployed and is otherwise compliant with Board/Section order. The temporary reduction will be in effect until Respondent secures employment in the profession. The Department Monitor (“Monitor”) will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
2. Grant a stay of suspension if Respondent is eligible per the Board/Section order. The Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
3. Remove the stay of suspension if there are repeated violations or a substantial violation of the Board/Section order. In conjunction with removal of any stay of suspension, the Liaison may prohibit Respondent from seeking reinstatement of the stay for a specified period of time. The Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison.
4. Grant or deny approval when Respondent proposes continuing/disciplinary/remedial education courses, treatment providers, mentors, supervisors, change of employment, etc. unless the order specifically requires full-Board/Section approval.
5. Grant full reinstatement of licensure if Respondent has fully complied with all terms of the order without deviation. The Monitor will draft an order and obtain written authorization from the Liaison to sign on their behalf.
6. Grant or deny a request to appear before the Board/Section in closed session.
7. The Liaison may determine whether Respondent’s petition is eligible for consideration by the full Board/Section.
8. Accept Respondent’s written request to surrender credential. If accepted by the Liaison, Monitor will consult with Board Counsel to determine if a stipulation is necessary. If a stipulation is not necessary, Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison. If denied by the Liaison, the request to surrender credential will go to the full Board for review. (Except PHM, MED)

9. Grant Respondent's petition for a reduction in drug screens per the standard schedule, below. If approved, Monitor will draft an order and sign on behalf of the Liaison. Orders that do not start at 49 screens will still follow the same standard schedule.
 - a. Initial: 49 screens (including 1 hair test, if required by original order)
 - b. 1st Reduction: 36 screens (plus 1 hair test, if required by original order)
 - c. 2nd Reduction: 28 screens plus 1 hair test
 - d. 3rd Reduction: 14 screens plus 1 hair test
10. (*Dentistry only*) Ability to approve or deny all requests from a respondent.
11. The Liaison may approve or deny Respondent's request to be excused from drug and alcohol testing for work, travel, etc. (Applies only to these Boards: Dietitians, Massage/Bodywork Therapy Board, DEN, PAB, CHI, MED, RAD)
12. **The Liaison may have full authority to approve or deny a request from a Respondent that otherwise would require the approval of the full Board if the request cannot be heard and voted on due to lack of/loss of quorum.**
13. **The Liaison may have full authority to terminate any treatment ONLY upon written request from Respondent and written recommendation from Respondents treater.**

Authorities Delegated to the Department Monitor

The Monitor may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section, draft an order and sign:

1. Grant full reinstatement of licensure if education is the sole condition of the limitation and Respondent has submitted the required proof of completion for approved courses.
2. Suspend the license if Respondent has not completed Board/Section-ordered education and/or paid costs and forfeitures within the time specified by the Board/Section order. The Monitor may remove the suspension and issue an order when proof of completion and/or payment have been received.
3. Suspend the license (or remove stay of suspension) if Respondent fails to enroll and participate in an Approved Program for drug and alcohol testing within 30 days of the order, or if Respondent ceases participation in the Approved Program without Board approval. This delegated authority only pertains to respondents who must comply with drug and/or alcohol testing requirements.
4. Grant or deny approval when Respondent proposes treatment providers [, mentors, supervisors, etc.] unless the Order specifically requires full-Board/Section or Board designee approval. (Except for MED)
5. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent, to complete Board/Section-ordered continuing/disciplinary/remedial education.
6. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension or payment plan for proceeding costs and/or forfeitures if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent.
7. Grant a maximum of one 90-day extension, if warranted and requested in writing by Respondent, to complete a Board/Section-ordered evaluation or exam.

Authorities Delegated to Board Legal Counsel

Board Legal Counsel may take the following actions on behalf of the Board/Section:

1. Sign Monitoring orders that result from Board/Section meetings on behalf of the Board/Section Chair.
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2022 Roles & Authorities

2023 Delegation of Authorities

Document Signature Delegations

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate authority to the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to sign documents on behalf of the Board in order to carry out its duties. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by John Greany, in order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) has the ability to delegate signature authority for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. The members of the Board hereby delegate to the Executive Director or DPD Division Administrator, the authority to sign on behalf of a board member as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Urgent Matters

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, that in order to facilitate the completion of urgent matters between meetings, the Board delegates its authority to the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession), to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two consecutive meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to Chief Legal Counsel for Stipulated Resolutions

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate to DSPPS Chief Legal Counsel the authority to act on behalf of the Board concerning stipulated resolutions providing for a surrender, suspension, or revocation of a credential, where the underlying merits involve serious and dangerous behavior, and where the signed stipulation is received between Board meetings. The Board further requests that CLC only act on such matters when the best interests of the Board, Department and the Public are best served by acting upon the stipulated resolution at the time the signed stipulation is received versus waiting for the next Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Delegations

Delegation of Authorities for Monitoring

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to adopt the “Roles and Authorities Delegated for Monitoring” document as presented in the February 8, 2023 agenda materials on pages 18-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authorities for Legal Counsel to Sign Monitoring Orders

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Shari Berry, to delegate to Legal Counsel the authority to sign Monitoring orders that result from Board meetings on behalf of the Board Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Credentialing Authority Delegations

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Board and to act on behalf of the Board in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to DSPS When Credentialing Criteria is Met

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate credentialing authority to the Department to act upon applications that meet all credentialing statutory and regulatory requirements without Board or Board liaison review. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Predetermination Reviews

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to make decisions regarding predetermination applications pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.335(4)(f). Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Conviction Reviews

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve applications with convictions which are not substantially related to the practice of physical therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Discipline History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where Applicant’s prior discipline has been approved for a previous physical therapy credential and there is no new discipline. Motion carried. Opposed: John Greany

Delegation to DSPS When Applicant’s Conviction History Has Been Previously Reviewed

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate authority to Department staff to approve applications where criminal background checks have been approved for a previous physical therapy credential and there is no new conviction record. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority for Application Denial Reviews

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, that the Department’s Attorney Supervisors are authorized to serve as the Board’s designee for purposes of reviewing and acting on requests for hearing as a result of a denial of a credential. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority for Military Reciprocity Reviews

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate authority to the Department Attorneys to review and approve military reciprocity applications in which the individual meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 440.09. Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Open Cases

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases as outlined below:

1. OWIs of 3 or more that occurred in the last 5 years.
2. Reciprocal discipline cases.
3. Impairment and/or diversion at work that includes a positive drug/alcohol test or admission by respondent.
4. Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony that the attorney believes is substantially related and is not otherwise excluded from consideration via Wis. Stat. ch. 111.
5. No response from the respondent after intake requested a response (case would be opened for the failure to respond issue as well as the merits).

Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Screening Delegation to Close Cases

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for closing cases as outlined below:

1. One OWI that is non-work related and if AODA assessment completed, assessment does not indicate dependency.
2. Complaints that even if allegations are true, do not amount to a violation of law or rules.

Motion carried unanimously.

Voluntary Surrenders

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to delegate authority to the assigned case advisor to accept or refuse a request for voluntary surrender pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19 for a credential holder who has a pending complaint or disciplinary matter. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to delegate authority to the Department to accept the voluntary surrender of a credential when there is no pending complaint or disciplinary matter with the Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19. Motion carried unanimously.

Education and Examination Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Todd McEldowney moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to delegate authority to the Education and Examination Liaison(s) to address all issues related to education, continuing education, and examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization for DSPS to Provide Board Member Contact Information to National Regulatory Related Bodies

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to authorize DSPS staff to provide national regulatory related bodies with all board member contact information that DSPS retains on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Optional Renewal Notice Insert Delegation

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Shari Berry, to designate the Chairperson (or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to provide a brief statement or link relating to board-related business within the license

renewal notice at the Board's or Board designee's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Shari Berry, to delegate authority to the Legislative Liaison(s) to speak on behalf of the Board regarding legislative matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization Liaison Delegation

MOTION: Barbara Carter moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to delegate authority to the Travel Authorization Liaison(s) to approve any board member travel to and/or participation in events germane to the board, and to designate representatives from the Board to speak and/or act on the Board's behalf at such events. Motion carried unanimously.

Website Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Barbara Carter, to authorize the Website Liaison(s) to act on behalf of the Board in working with Department staff to identify and execute website updates. Motion carried unanimously.

Compact Liaison(s) Delegation

MOTION: Shari Berry moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to delegate to the Compact Liaison the authority to act and answer questions on any matters related to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Tom Ryan, Executive Director, Physical Therapy Examining Board		2) Date when request submitted: 1/24/2024 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Physical Therapy Examining Board			
4) Meeting Date: 2/7/2024	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board 2023 Annual Report – Board Review	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Board will review the 2023 Annual Report and consider a motion to approve it.			
11) Authorization			
<i>Tom Ryan</i> Signature of person making this request		1/24/2024 Date	
Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items)		Date	
Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items)		Date	
Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the Agenda Items folders. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.			

Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board 2023 Annual Report

- **Board Members in 2023:** Shari Berry, PT (Tomah); Barbara Carter, PTA (Black River Falls); John Greany, PT (La Crosse); Todd McEldowney, Public Member (Rhineland); Steve Johnson, PT (La Crosse); Brad Bulkow, PT (Milwaukee); and Kate Brewer, PT (Milwaukee).
- **Officers in 2023:** Shari Berry (Chair, until 5/2023), John Greany (Vice Chair until 5/2023; Chair, until 8/2023), Steve Johnson (Vice Chair until 8/2023; Chair, 8/2023), Kate Brewer (Vice Chair, 8/2023), and Barbara Carter (Secretary).
- **2023 Liaison Appointments:**
 - Credentialing – Barbara Carter, Brad Bulkow (Alternate – Kate Brewer)
 - Monitoring – Todd McEldowney, Steve Johnson (Alternate – NA)
 - Education and Exams – Steve Johnson, Barbara Carter (Alternate – Brad Bulkow)
 - Legislative – Steve Johnson (Alternate – Barbara Carter)
 - Travel – Barbara Carter (Alternate – Steve Johnson)
 - Administrative Rules – Steve Johnson (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
 - Website – Barbara Carter, Brad Bulkow (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
 - Professional Assistance Procedure – John Greany (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
 - Screening Panel – Todd McEldowney, Steve Johnson (Alternate – Kate Brewer)
 - Licensure Compact – Barbara Carter (Alternate – Kate Brewer)
- **Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Implementation:**
 - The Department, in coordination with the PT Compact, actively worked to implement and update Compact related operational processes.
 - The Department sends licensure data at least weekly to the FSBPT's Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD), an important informational database and tool for improving the cross-jurisdictional sharing of information.
 - The Department reports discipline to the ELDD via the Online Processing System (OPS).
- **Administrative Rules:**
 - The Board requested a Scope Statement to amend Wis. Admin. Code PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of physical therapist assistants.
- **Conferences, Trainings and Special Meetings:**
 - Steve Johnson attended the virtual Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Regulatory Workshop on March 10-12, 2023.
 - Steve Johnson (delegate) and Tom Ryan (Executive Director) attended the 2023 FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) – July 15-16, 2023.
 - Steve Johnson (delegate) and Tom Ryan (Executive Director) attended the 2023 FSBPT Model Practice Act Workshop – July 17, 2023.
 - Steve Johnson (delegate) attended the 2023 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly – October 19-21, 2023.
- **Licensing Update:**
 - The Department improved its professional licensing capacity on several fronts:
 - Review time for new applications dropped to three days on average.
 - Review time on applications referred for legal evaluation dropped from a six-week average processing time in 2022 to a two-week average processing time in 2023.

- Initial and renewal PTs and PTAs may now apply through LicenseE, the new, self-guided online application system.
- A public facing dashboard was created to help improve transparency around licensing and department processing capacity.
- Training opportunities were provided to schools and educators.
- Instructional resources were completed and posted online.

- **Licensing Activity:**

	PT	PTA
Applications Received	470	123
Licenses Issued	449	111
License Renewals	7118	2213

Covid Temp Permits

	PT	PTA
Bridge Licenses Issued (Act 10)	8	0

<u>Predetermination reviews</u>	0	0
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- **Enforcement Activity (PT and PTA):**

Complaints received: 8

Source of complaints received (*Note: A complaint may have more than one source*):

- Consumer: 1
- Employer: 2
- Professional Organization (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy): 1
- Self: 1
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services: 2
- State (Arizona Board): 1

- **Number of respondents involved: 8**

- **Number of cases opened for investigation: 3** (*Note: There are 2 complaints in “Complaint Received” status as of January 22, 2024, therefore, they are not included in this answer.*)

- **Total cases/respondents closed: 5**

Note: Cases/respondents closed in 2023 may have been received in previous years.

- Closed at screening: 3
- Closed after investigation: 1
- Closed with formal action: 1

- **Cases pending as of January 2024: 8**

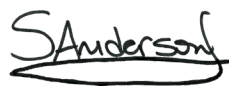
- **2024 Projects:**

- Continue to track and monitor Compact licensing.

- Review as necessary licensing standards and barriers relating to foreign educated PTs and PTAs.
- Explore the feasibility of launching an FSBPT ID in the Department's licensure database, the one remaining recommendation for Wisconsin in the FSBPT's Consumer Protection Rating (CPR) report.
- Focus on outreach to increase awareness of the PTEB with the public and the PT and PTA communities.
- Continue rulemaking regarding Wis. Admin. Code PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTA's.

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 01/26/2024 <small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Physical Therapy Examining Board			
4) Meeting Date: February 7, 2024	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects.	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Therapy Rules Chart 			
11) Authorization <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr/> Signature of person making this request </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> 01/26/2024 <hr/> Date </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <hr/> Supervisor (if required) </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <hr/> Date </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <hr/> Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <hr/> Date </div> </div>			
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**Physical Therapy Examining Board
Rule Projects (updated 01/26/2024)**

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating clause	Synopsis	Current Stage	Next Step
	005-24	07/16/2026	PT 1 and 5	Telehealth and supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants	The Board’s primary objective is to review the supervision requirements in chapter PT 5 in order to bring it up to current standards of practice in supervising physical therapist assistants according to new telehealth practice. The Board will also conduct a comprehensive review of chapter PT 1 and 5 to implement the changes of 2021 Wisconsin Act 121 and make revisions to ensure statutory compliance.	Scope Statement approved by Governor on 01/11/24 and published in the Administrative Register on 01/16/24.	Scope can be implemented 10 days after publication and Board can begin drafting the rule.