



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112
August 5, 2026**

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

9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2026 (4-5)**
- C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**
 - 1. Introduction: Bailey Walden, Public Member (Succeeds: Todd McEldowney)
 - 2. Recognition: Todd McEldowney, Public Member (Resigned: 7/16/2026)
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
 - 1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
 - 2. Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Bader, Lisa – 7/1/2029
 - b. Brewer, Kate – 7/1/2028
 - c. Bulkow, Brad – 7/1/2027
 - d. Johnson, Steven W. – 7/1/2029
 - e. Walden, Bailey – 7/1/2030
- F. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (6-12)**
 - 1. Drafting: PT 9, relating to continuing education providers (7-11)
 - 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects (12)
- G. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Matters (13)**
 - 1. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) 2026 Annual Meeting – Appoint Alternate
- H. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration

- I. 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

J. 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.).

- K. 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

L. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

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

O. Delegation and Ratification of Examinations, Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 11, 2026

 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 any agenda item may be changed by the board for the convenience of the parties. The person credentialed by the board has the right to demand that the meeting at which final action may be taken against the credential be held in open session. 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
MAY 13, 2026**

PRESENT: Lisa Bader, PTA; Brad Bulkow, PT; Steven Johnson, PT; Todd McEldowney

ABSENT: Kate Brewer, PT

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rule Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Steven Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Lisa Bader, to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2026, as published. Motion carried.

**9:00 A.M. PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING – SCOPE STATEMENT 016-26: PT 9,
RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

Review Public Hearing Comments and Respond to Clearinghouse Report

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to affirm the Board has reviewed the public comments received concerning Scope Statement (SS) 016-26 (PT9) relating to continuing education providers. Additionally, after considering the public comments received the Board approves SS 016-26 for implementation. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – BOARD REVIEW

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Lisa Bader, to adopt the Physical Therapy Examining Board 2025 annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Todd McEldowney moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to 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), Stats. 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.). Steven Johnson,

Chairperson, read the language of the motion aloud for the record. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Lisa Bader-yes; Brad Bulkow-yes; Steven Johnson-yes; and Todd McEldowney-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:54 a.m.

**DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS**

Case Closings

MOTION: Todd McEldowney moved, seconded by Steven Johnson, to close the following DLSC Cases for the reasons outlined below:
25 PHT 0013 – T.G.B. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
25 PHT 0014 – T.D.B. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
25 PHT 0015 – A.J. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
25 PHT 0016 – T.M.M.M. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
25 PHT 0024 – T.A.Z. – No Violation
Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:59 a.m.

**VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION IF
VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Todd McEldowney, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the Closed Session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)

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

MOTION: Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Lisa Bader, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

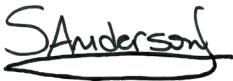
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 07/24/2026 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: August 5, 2026	5) Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Drafting: PT 9, relating to continuing education providers. 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects.	
7) Place Item in: ☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session		8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: - Scope Statement: PT 9, relating to continuing education providers. - Chapter PT 9 - Physical Therapy Rules Chart			
11) Authorization  07/24/2026 Signature of person making this request Date Supervisor (if required) Date Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 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.			

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: PT 9

Relating to: Continuing education requirements

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Board would like to review the continuing education requirements to evaluate whether the current provisions and standards reflect current standards for continuing education programs. The Board may also perform a comprehensive review of chapter PT 9 to ensure that the language is clear and up to date with current standards of practice.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The Board has identified the need to review chapter PT 9 due to changes in the landscape of professional continuing education programs and courses for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board would like to ensure that the current requirements for acceptable continuing education credits and the mechanisms for course approval reflect these changes while maintaining the integrity and quality standards necessary to protect public health and safety.

Chapter PT 9 currently establishes the foundational requirements for the renewal of professional licenses held by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, focusing specifically on continuing education. This chapter details the minimum number of continuing education hours required for renewal, outlines the specific criteria for what constitutes acceptable subject matter, and defines the procedures for the approval of continuing education programs and courses. Additionally, PT 9 addresses documentation requirements for licensees and sets forth the rules and processes related to granting extensions or waivers of the continuing education requirements under specific circumstances.

The alternative is not to review and potentially update chapter PT 9, which may leave existing requirements misaligned with new standards of practice, directly impeding professional development and growth within the physical therapy field.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., provides that “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute...”

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

Contact Person: Sofia Anderson, DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov

Approved for publication:

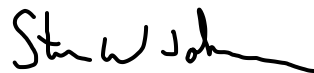


Authorized Signature

2/6/2026

Date Submitted

Approved for implementation:



Authorized Signature

5/18/2026

Date Submitted

Chapter PT 9

CONTINUING EDUCATION

[PT 9.01](#) Authority and purpose.

[PT 9.02](#) Definitions.

[PT 9.03](#) Continuing education requirements.

[PT 9.04](#) Standards for approval.

[PT 9.05](#) Certification and audit of continuing education requirements.

PT 9.01 Authority and purpose. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. [15.08 \(5\) \(b\)](#), [227.11 \(2\)](#) and [448.55 \(3\)](#), Stats., and govern required biennial continuing education of licensees of the board.

PT 9.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

- (1) “Contact hour” means not less than 50 minutes a licensee spends in actual attendance at or completion of acceptable continuing education.
- (2) “Continuing education” means planned, organized learning activities designed to maintain, improve, or expand a licensee’s knowledge and skills relevant to the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to improve the safety and welfare of the public.
- (4) “Licensee” means a person licensed to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state.

PT 9.03 Continuing education requirements.

- (1) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. [\(8\)](#), every physical therapist shall complete at least 30 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period, as specified in s. [448.55 \(3\)](#), Stats. Four of the required 30 hours shall be in the area of ethics, jurisprudence, or both.
- (2) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. [\(8\)](#), every physical therapist assistant shall complete at least 20 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period, as specified in s. [448.55 \(3\)](#), Stats. Four of the required 20 hours shall be in the area of ethics, jurisprudence, or both.
- (3) Continuing education hours may apply only to the registration period in which the hours are acquired. If a license has lapsed, the board may grant permission to apply continuing education hours acquired after lapse of the license to a previous biennial period of licensure during which required continuing education was not acquired. In no case may continuing education hours be applied to more than one biennial period.

- (4) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. (8), a licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements by the renewal deadline shall cease and desist from practice.
- (5) During the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure period new licensees shall not be required to meet continuing education requirements.
- (6) Applicants from other states applying for a license to practice as a physical therapist under s. 448.53 (3), Stats., shall submit proof of completion of at least 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board within 2 years prior to application.
- (7) Applicants from other states applying for a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant under s. 448.53 (3), Stats., shall submit proof of completion of at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board within 2 years prior to application.
- (8) A licensee may apply to the board for a postponement or waiver of the requirements of this section on grounds of prolonged illness or disability, or on other grounds constituting extreme hardship. The board shall consider each application individually on its merits, and the board may grant a postponement, partial waiver or total waiver as deemed appropriate.

PT 9.04 Standards for approval.

- (1) To be approved for credit, a continuing education program shall meet all of the following criteria:
 - (a) The program constitutes an organized program of learning that contributes directly to the licensee's knowledge, skill, behavior, and abilities related to the practice of physical therapy.
 - (b) The program pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of the profession.
 - (c) The program is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training or experience by reason of which the individuals should be considered qualified concerning the subject matter of the activity or program.
 - (d) The program fulfills pre-established goals and objectives.
 - (e) The program provides proof of attendance by licensees.
- (2) An activity described in Table PT 9.04 may qualify for continuing education hours. To be approved for credit, the activity shall integrally relate to the practice of the profession.

- [See PDF for table](#) 

- (3) None of the following activities qualify for continuing education hours:
 - (a) Meetings for the purpose of policy decisions.
 - (b) Non-educational meetings at annual association, chapter or organization meetings.
 - (c) Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities.

(d) Visiting exhibits.

PT 9.05 Certification and audit of continuing education requirements. Applicants for renewal shall certify completion of required continuing education hours. The board shall audit any licensee who is under investigation by the board for alleged misconduct.

**Physical Therapy Examining Board
Rule Projects (updated 07/24/2026)**

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.	Rule effective July 1, 2026.	
	010-25	08/24/2027	PT 1	Compact privilege process clarification	The Board's objective is to clarify and update the language in the compact privilege process in order to comply with the process established by the PT Compact Commission.	Submitted to Governor's Office for review on February 12, 2026. Still pending approval.	Submission to Legislature for review.
			PT 9	Continuing education providers	The Board would like to review the continuing education requirements to evaluate whether the current provisions and standards reflect current standards for continuing education programs. The Board may also perform a comprehensive review of chapter PT 9 to ensure that the language is clear and up to date with current standards of practice.	Drafting rule.	EIA comment period, submission to Clearinghouse, and public hearing.

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