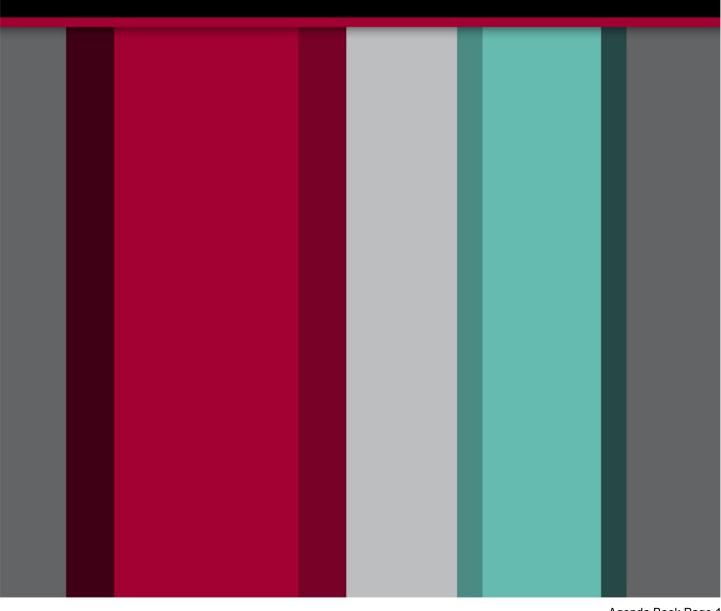


## March 24, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Department of Consumer Affairs (Webex)



BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES, AND HOUSING AGENCY - GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

## PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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## **MISSION**

To advance and protect the interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

## VISION

The standard for consumer protection in physical therapy.





DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

#### **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

## PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE MEETING

## March 24, 2022

**NOTE:** Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-1-22, issued January 5, 2022, and the provisions of Government Code section 11133, a physical meeting location is not being provided.

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## Agenda - Thursday, March 24th

Action may be taken on any agenda item. Agenda items make be taken out of order.

- 1. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- 3. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement
- 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

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- 5. Review and Approval of September 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes Brooke Arneson
- **6.** Review and Approval of October 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes Brooke Arneson
- 7. Review and Approval of November 4, 2021, Meeting Minutes Brooke Arneson
- 8. Update on Sunset Review Report Pursuant to BPC Section 2602 Jason Kaiser

- 9. President's Report Alicia Rabena-Amen
  - (A) 2022 Adopted Meeting Calendar
  - (B) 2023 Proposed Meeting Calendar
- **10.** Executive Officer's Report Jason Kaiser
  - (A) Administrative Services
    - i. Staffing
  - (B) Applications
  - (C) Licensing/Continuing Competency
  - (D) Consumer Protection Services
  - (E) Outreach
  - (F) PTBC Relocation
- 11. Discussion Regarding Waivers Issued by the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs Jason Kaiser
  - (A) DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 Continuing Education
    - a. Ninth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-194
  - (B) DCA Waiver DCA-20-02 Reinstatement of Licensure
    - a. Fifth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-22-212
  - (C) DCA Waiver DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment
    - a. Tenth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-22-213
- 12. Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental Relations Reports
  - (A) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
  - (B) Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Executive Office
  - (C) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)
- **13.** Legislation Report Brooke Arneson
  - (A) 2021/22 Legislative Session Summary
    - i. AB 105 (Holden) The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: Boards and Commissions: Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications
    - ii. AB 107 (Salas) Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses
    - iii. AB 225 (Gray, Gallagher, & Patterson) DCA: Boards: Veterans: Military Spouses: Licenses
    - iv. AB 305 (Maienschein) Veteran Services: Notice
    - v. AB 339 (Lee & Cristina Garcia) Local Government: Open and Public Meetings
    - vi. AB 361 (Rivas) Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences
    - vii. AB 657 (Cooper) State Civil Service System: Personal Services Contracts: Professionals
    - viii. AB 1273 (Rodriguez) Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: The Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Public Health Officer

- ix. SB 250 (Pan) Health Care Coverage
- x. SB 607 (Roth) Professions and Vocations
- xi. SB 731 (Durazo and Bradford) Criminal Records: Relief
- xii. AB 1604 (Holden) The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: Boards and Commissions: Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications
- xiii. AB 1662 (Gipson) Licensing Boards: Disqualification from Licensure: Criminal Conviction
- xiv. AB 1733 (Quirk) State Bodies: Open Meetings
- xv. AB 2104 (Flora) Professions and Vocations
- xvi. AB 2600 (Dahle) State Agencies: Letters and Notices: Requirements
- xvii. AB 2636 (Berman) Refugees, Asylees, and Special Immigrant Visa Holders: Professional Licensing: Initial Licensure Process
- xviii. SB 1031 (Ochoa Bogh) Healing Arts Boards: Inactive License Fees
- xix. SB 1237 (Newman) Licenses: Military Service
- xx. SB 1365 (Jones) Licensing Boards: Procedures
- xxi. SB 1438 (Roth) Physical Therapy Board of California Meetings: Remote Access

## 14. Rulemaking Report – Brooke Arneson

- (A) 2022 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations (Title 16, California Code of Regulations (16 CCR)):
  - i. Status of Adopted Amendment to 16 CCR section 1399.15 –
     "Guidelines for Issuing Citations and Imposing Discipline,"
     6th Edition, Effective April 1, 2022
  - ii. Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR section 1398.26.1 –
     Satisfactory Documentary Evidence of Equivalent Degree for Licensure as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant/Coursework Tool
  - iii. Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR sections 1398.26.5,
     Clinical Service Requirements for Foreign Educated
     Applicants Completing a Supervised Clinical Practice in the United States
  - iv. Status of Adopted Amendments to 16 CCR 1399.20-1399.22
     (AB 2138 implementation) Substantial Relationship
     Criteria; Rehabilitation Criteria for Denial and Reinstatement of Licensure; and Rehabilitation Criteria for Suspensions and Revocations, Effective November 30, 2021

- v. Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR 1399.18, 1399.50 and 1399.52 – Retired License Status and Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Fees
- vi. Section 100 Amendment of Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistant License Applicants 1399.12 and Repeal of Article 14: Sponsored Free Health Care Events Requirements for Exemption 1399.99.1 1399.99.4
- vii. Update Regarding the Development of Possible Amendments to the Board's Continuing Competency Regulations

#### 15. Administrative Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Budget Report
- (B) Outreach Report

#### 16. Application Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

## 17. Licensing Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

#### 18. Continuing Competency Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

#### 19. Consumer Protection Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

#### 20. Probation Monitoring Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

#### 21. DCA Regulatory Unit Presentation of Services

#### 22. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

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# **23. Agenda Items for Future Meeting –** June 23-24, 2022 Department of Consumer Affairs

#### 24. Closed Session

- (A) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will convene to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be Reached in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings
- (B) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the Board will convene to Consider the Evaluation of Performance of the Executive Officer

#### 25. Adjournment

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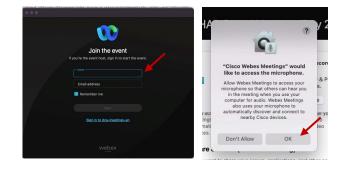
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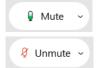
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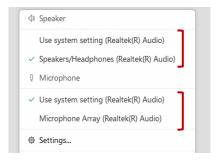
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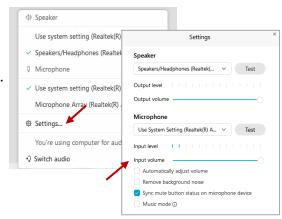
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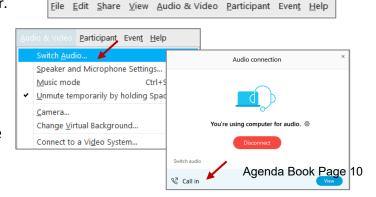
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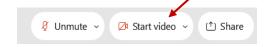
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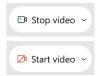
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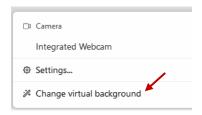


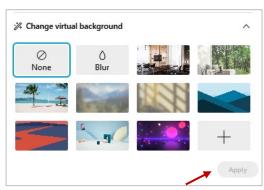
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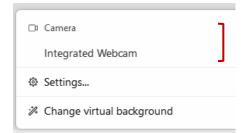
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## **ROLL CALL**

## Thursday, March 24, 2022

	Present	Absent
Alicia Rabena-Amen, PT, DPT, President		
Tonia McMillian, Vice-President		
Dayle Armstrong, Ph.D, PT, MS, DPT		
Jesus Dominguez, PT, Ph.D.		
Daniel Drummer, PT, DPT		
Katarina Eleby, M.A.		
Johnathon Ervin		



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# Physical Therapy Board of California DRAFT Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs
Public WebEx and Teleconference
Platform

#### **Board Staff**

Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer
Elsa Ybarra, Assistant Executive Officer
Sarah Conley, Manager
Liz Constancio, Manager
Brooke Arneson, Executive Analyst

For the sake of clarity, agenda items discussed during the meeting follow their original order on the agenda in these minutes though some agenda items may have been taken out of order during the meeting.

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#### Thursday, September 16, 2021

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#### 1. Call to Order

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The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order by President Dr. Rabena-Amen at 9:08 a.m. and adjourned at 4:10 p.m. on September 16, 2021.

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#### 2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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Dominguez- Present

Drummer - Absent

Eleby - Present

Ervin - Present

McMillian - Present

Rabena-Amen - Present

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All members were present with the exception of Dr. Drummer, and a quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer; Elsa Ybarra, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke Arneson, Board staff, and David Bouilly, and Trisha St. Clair, DCA SOLID Webcast Moderators.

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32 3. 33 **Reading of the Board's Mission Statement** 34 35 Dr. Dominguez read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the 36 Physical Therapy Practice Act. 37 38 4. 39 **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** 40 Please note that the Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except 41 to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. 42 43 (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a).) 44 45 The Board requested public comment on items not on the agenda, and there 46 was no public comment. 47 5. Review and Approval of June 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Brooke Arneson 48 49 Ms. Arneson presented the draft June 24, 2021, meeting minutes. 50 51 Dr. Armstrong requested that on page 14 under Agenda Item 7(A) Administrative Services, an amendment be made to read "Ms. Pearl Her." Dr. 52 53 Rabena-Amen requested that on page 15 a sentence be added to refer the 54 members to the appropriate agenda item. 55 56 **MOTION:** Adopt the proposed June 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes as amended. 57 58 59 M/S: Rabena-Amen/Armstrong 60 61 VOTE: Armstrong - Aye Dominguez- Ave 62 Drummer - Absent 63 64 Eleby - Aye 65 Ervin - Aye McMillian - Ave 66 Rabena-Amen – Aye 67 6-0 Motion Carried 68 69 70 6. President's Report – Alicia Rabena-Amen

(A) 2021 Adopted Meeting Calendar

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72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82	(Sunset Report) tempore meetings would nee November to finalize adopted at the Dec Sunset Report was a suggested schedulin week of November discussion amongst	that PTBC received the 2022 Sunset Review Report plate from the Legislature and stated that two additional ed to be added to the 2021 calendar in October and and work on the Sunset Report so the report could be ember 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Kaiser stated that due to the Legislature on January 5, 2022. Mr. Kaiser ag a meeting the third week of October and the third and asked members for their availability. After the members, a meeting on October 15, 2021, and on was added to the 2021 meeting calendar to address the
83 84		Add two meeting dates to the 2021 Meeting Calendar: October 15, 2021, and November 4, 2021.
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88	VOTE:	Armstrong - Aye
89		Dominguez- Aye
90		Drummer - Absent
91		Eleby - Aye
92		Ervin - Aye
93		McMillian - Aye
94		Rabena-Amen – Aye
95		6-0 Motion Carried
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97		nded leaving the December 9-10, 2021, meeting date
98		two-day meeting so that the Sunset Report could be
99	finalized and adopted	a at the meeting.
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101	(B) 2022 Proposed Mee	ung Calendar
102	Mr. Kaiser reported t	that a Sunset Review hearing date could be expected
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108	7. Executive Officer's Rep	ort – Jason Kaiser
109	(A) Administrative Service	ces
110	i. Staffing	

Mr. Kaiser welcomed Monet Dyson as a member of the applications and licensing team and reported that she will be handling intake of applications for initial licensure and provide additional support to applications and licensing staff.

Mr. Kaiser reported that the PTBC is currently recruiting for (1) Limited Term Full Time Staff Services Analyst (SSA) and (1) Limited Term Full Time Office Technician (OT) within the Application Services Unit, as well as (1) Limited Term Full Time Analyst (SSA/AGPA) to serve as the Board regulations analyst and (1) Staff Services Manager I to serve as the manager over the Consumer Protection Services Unit.

Mr. Kaiser provided an update on the State Employees COVID-19 Testing. He stated that on July 26, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom implemented measures to encourage state employees and heath care workers to get vaccinated. Mr. Kaiser added that CalHR is implementing COVID19 testing of all unvaccinated state employees working on site as an additional health and safety standard to protect the state workforce and the public we serve, and to ensure that employees critical to the continuity of state operations will be able to perform their duties. Those employees who have not provided vaccination verification to CalHR will be required to test for COVID-19 weekly. The CalHR rules for COVID-19 vaccination verification and testing apply to Board and Committee/Advisory Committee members if they physically report to a DCA office and/or attend meetings inperson.

Dr. Dominguez asked how members provide vaccination status to DCA. Mr. Kaiser stated that the Board members would be working with the Board liaison and would receive an email that will direct members to a portal where members can upload their proof of vaccination for COVID. He added that for those members who do not have proof of vaccination they would be required to be tested before being allowed to attend a Board meeting.

## (B) Applications

Mr. Kaiser referred members to Agenda Item 14 for a detailed Applications report.

(C) Licensing/Continuing Competency

151 152		Mr. Kaiser referred members to Agenda Item 14 and 15 for a detailed Licensing/Continuing Competency report.
153 154		(D) Consumer Protection Services
155		Mr. Kaiser referred members to Agenda Item 16 for a detailed Consumer
156		Protection Services report.
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158		(E) Outreach
159		Mr. Kaiser referred members to Agenda Item 13(B) for a detailed Outreach
160		report.
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162		(F) PTBC Relocation
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164		Mr. Kaiser reported that PTBC's move is about 99% complete; however,
165		some minor logistical items that were reported at the last meeting have yet
166		to be completed. Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC is still waiting on equipment
167		to implement the new phone system and that COVID-19 has certainly been
168		a factor in the delays that PTBC is experiencing. Mr. Kaiser added that he
169		is hopeful that he will be able to provide a final report (100%) on our
170		relocation at the December meeting.
171	•	Division of Investigation Undeter and Deceases
172	8.	Division of Investigation Updates and Processes
173 174		Ms. Emily Kendrick, Northern Area Commander and Laura Sweet, Specialist,
174		provided members with an overview and update of the Division of Investigation
176		processes.
177		processes.
178	9.	Discussion Regarding Waivers Issued by the Director of the California
179	J.	Department of Consumer Affairs
180		(A) DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 Continuing Education
181		a. First Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-27
182		b. Second Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-53
183		c. Third Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-69
184		d. Fourth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-89
185		e. Fifth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-117
186		f. Sixth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-134
187		g. Seventh Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-152
188		h. Eighth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-175
189		(B) DCA Waiver DCA-20-02 Reinstatement of Licensure
190		a. First Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-57

191	b. Second Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-187
192	(C) DCA Waiver DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Continued Physical
193	Therapy Treatment
194	a. First Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-28
195	b. Second Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-46
196	c. Third Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-75
197	d. Fourth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-95
198	e. Fifth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-122
199	f. Sixth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-148
200	g. Seventh Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-169
201	h. Eighth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-189
202	(D) DCA Waiver DCA-20-25 Extending Time to Satisfy Examination
203	Requirements
204	a. First Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-66
205	b. Second Extension DCA Waiver DCA-20-78
206	c. Third Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-107
207	d. Fourth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-131
208	e. Fifth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-155
209	f. Sixth Extension DCA Waiver DCA-21-177
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211	Mr. Kaiser reported that there have been a number of extensions on the
212	waivers issued by the Director of DCA since their implementation.
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214	Mr. Kaiser stated that DCA waiver DCA-21-175 is the eighth extension
215	and specifies that if your licensed expires or has expired between March
216	31, 2020 through September 30, 2021, your continuing competency
217	proof will now be due by January 31, 2022.
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219	Mr. Kaiser reported that the examination requirement for continued
220	physical therapy treatment is a result of AB 1000, Temporary Direct
221	Access. He added that the law states you can see a physical therapist
222	without the involvement of a physician or a diagnosis for 12 visits or 45
223	days; whichever comes first. However, after you get to the point to
224	continue treatment, the patient would be required to do an in-person
225	examination with their physician and have their physician sign off on the
226	plan of care for the physical therapist to continue to provide services.
227	Mr. Kaiser added that the statute states that the examination must be an
228	in-person examination, and through the Director's waiver, PTBC waived
229	the in-person portion to utilize telemedicine due to the pandemic and
230	providing better access to care. Mr. Kaiser stated that this waiver has
231	been extended eight times and this waiver expires October 31, 2021,
232	however PTBC is working with DCA and the Director and it could be
233	extended further, given the opportunity. Mr. Kaiser added that the Board

may want to consider addressing this issue further in the Sunset Review process and amend the statute regarding the in-person examination and making it a permanent circumstance, especially with the idea of telehealth and the ability for practitioners to utilize telemedicine. Mr. Kaiser stated that the PTBC has not seen any issues or negative ramifications from this waiver.

# 10. Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental Relations Reports

(A) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

There was no representative on behalf of FSBPT.

Dr. Dominguez stated that all FSBPT meetings this year have been held virtually and the Delegate Assembly will be held virtually and is scheduled on October 23, 2021. He added that the FSBPT meetings for 2022 will hopefully be held in-person and the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly is scheduled to be in Orange County, CA on October 27-29, 2022.

Dr. Dominguez reported that the FSBPT Board Member and Administrative Training is scheduled May 20-22, 2022, in-person and the Leadership Issues Forum is scheduled to be held in-person in Alexandria Virginia.

Mr. Kaiser reported that PTBC is preparing for the Delegate Assembly coming up in October 21-23, 2022, and Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Ervin will be attending on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Kaiser stated that there was a 3-day regulatory training course held in August 2021 and Dr. Armstrong attended. Mr. Kaiser stated he was working with FSBPT to try and have all members take this training as it is very beneficial to members in their role on the Board. Mr. Kaiser added that they will be holding these trainings virtually and in-person in 2022.

#### (B) Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) – Executive Office

Ms. Brianna Miller with Board and Bureau Relations provided the Board with an update on behalf of DCA. Ms. Miller reported that DCA is receiving many questions about when and how boards will meet again in person and whether they can continue to meet remotely. She added that as the law and Executive Orders stand today, after September 30<sup>th</sup> all boards and committees will be required to return to in-person meetings with publicly noticed meeting locations. However, due to ongoing changes in the

pandemic, there is legislation pending that would extend the ability to meet remotely until January 31, 2022. Ms. Miller stated that DCA is doing all they can to assist boards and bureaus to plan safely for in-person meetings and will keep PTBC informed of any changes to meeting requirements.

Ms. Miller reported that to combat the spread of COVID-19, and protect vulnerable communities, California is implementing enhanced safety measure for state employees and workers in healthcare settings. She added that state employees must show proof of vaccination or will be subject to regular COVID-19 testing and will be required to wear appropriate PPE. Ms. Miller stated that board and committee members are considered state employees and must follow health and safety protocols if they plan to visit a DCA location or attend an in-person meeting. She added that members must verify vaccination or follow face covering and testing protocols in accordance with that location's requirements. Ms. Miller reported that DCA's testing program is expected to roll out later this month and members will receive details and instructions when available.

Ms. Miller reported that as it pertains to health care settings to further protect Californians and health care workers, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently issued two public health orders. The first, requires workers in health care settings to be fully vaccinated or receive their second dose by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The second public health order directs hospitals skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities to verify that visitors are fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID-19 in the prior 72 hours before indoor visits. Ms. Miller reminded licensees to thoroughly read the CDPH public health orders and regularly check their local public health department's website for additional vaccination requirements. She added that questions from licensees about the health care worker requirements can be directed to the CDPH.

Ms. Miller stated that statewide guidance for the use of face coverings from the CDPH remains in place unless a local health jurisdiction issues a stricter health ordinance tailored for the situation in their communities. She added that many counties have revised health orders requiring face masks to be worn both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals while indoors and DCA encourages all members and the public to visit DCA's COVID-19 website for updates and resources on the state's reopening plan, public health guidance, vaccination resources, vaccine distribution and more.

Ms. Miller provided an update on required board member trainings and the DCA's Learning Management System (LMS). She reminded members that 2021 is a mandatory sexual harassment prevention training year which

means all employees and Board members are required to take the training this year. She added that to access this training, members will use the LMS, which is DCA's training portal. Ms. Miller stated that profiles have been created for each member in the LMS and PTBC's Executive Officer has been notified of the step's members will need to take to login and access the training. She added that Board and Bureau Relations is happy to assist members with any questions or concerns members may have with using the LMS and ultimately, the LMS will be used to house member training records and may also used to sign up for other mandatory trainings.

Ms. Miller added that board members can now register for the Board Member Orientation training via the LMS, and newly appointed and reappointed board members are required to attend the Board Member Orientation training within a year of appointment or reappointment. Ms. Miller reported that the final training of 2021 will be held via WebEx on October 13<sup>th</sup> and if any members wishes to join, even as a refresher, DCA is happy to assist with registering for the training.

## (C) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)

Ms. Tameka Island, Executive of Professional Affairs for the California Physical Therapy Association, presented on behalf of CPTA.

Ms. Island reported that CPTA will be hosting its hopefully final virtual Annual Conference this year on October 9-10, 2021, and that the early bird registration will end Monday, September 20, 2021, after which prices will increase by \$50.

Ms. Island reported that CPTA's 2022 Annual Conference is projected to be held in Anaheim, CA on September 24-25, 2022, and that CPTA and American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) are celebrating APTA's 100 years of service and on January 1, 2022, the CPTA will have a float in the Rose Parade.

Ms. Island thanked the Board and PTBC's Executive Officer and staff for its open door policy in regards to all communications with CPTA and stated that they have appreciated the ability to reach out with questions related to the public health emergency, public health orders and the exchange of information with the Board to provide valuable information to licensees and

359 students which has been especially helpful over the past couple of years 360 and it is much appreciated. 361 362 11. **Legislation Report** (A) 2021/22 Legislative Session Summary 363 364 Ms. Arneson presented the legislative report and provided the members with an update on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the legislative 365 calendar. Ms. Arneson referred the members to the legislative summary in the 366 meeting materials and discussed the current status and changes to each bill 367 368 since the last Board meeting as follows: 369 AB 105 (Holden) The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: Boards and 370 i. Commissions: Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications 371 372 373 Ms. Arneson reported that AB 105 was recently amended in the 374 Senate on August 31, 2021, and stated that the recent amendments expanded the bill's targeted group to include disabled populations 375 and veterans' forces. She added that the assembly concurred with 376 the Senate's amendments on September 8th with 58 ayes and 12 377 noes and on September 9th the bill went to engrossing and enrolling. 378 379 380 AB 107 (Salas) Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses 381 382 Ms. Arneson reported that AB 107 was recently amended in the Senate on September 2, 2021, and stated that the recent 383 384 amendments included requiring a board to revoke a temporary license if the board finds that the temporary license holder engaged 385 in unprofessional conduct and also they clarified the time frame for 386 the issuance of temporary license for the Board of Professional 387 388 Engineers Land Surveyors and Geologists and included additional 389 coauthors. 390 391 Ms. Arneson stated that PTBC does have an exemption to this bill since the PTBC already has a process in place for an expedited 392 393 license according to the provisions of the bill. She added that the 394 assembly concurred with the Senate's amendments on September 9th with 77 ayes and 0 noes and the bill went to engrossing and 395 396 enrolling. 397 398 AB 225 (Gray, Gallagher, & Patterson) DCA: Boards: Veterans: iii.

Military Spouses: Licenses

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Ms. Arneson reported that AB 225 failed the deadline on July 14, 2021, and became a 2-year bill which could be acted upon in January 2022.

iv. AB 305 (Maienschein) Veteran Services: Notice

Ms. Arneson reported that AB 305 was ordered to inactive on September 1, 2021, at the request of Senator Eggman which means the bill is essentially dead for this session.

v. AB 339 (Lee & Christina Garcia) Local Government: Open and Public Meetings

Ms. Arneson reported that AB 339 was amended on September 3, 2021, and the most recent amendments removed a cross reference to the United States Code and instead required local agencies to conduct meetings to consistent with any applicable language access and other non-discrimination obligations. She added that the amendment prior to this on August 25, 2021, addressed chaptering issues. Ms. Arneson stated that the Senate amendments were both concurred on September 9, 2021, with 25 ayes and 8 noes and it went to engrossing and enrolling.

vi. AB 657 (Cooper) State Civil Service System: Personal Services Contracts: Professionals

Ms. Arneson reported that AB 657 failed the deadline on July 14, 2021, and became a 2-year bill which could be acted upon in January 2022.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked how this bill would affect the PTBC and Mr. Kaiser responded that it would affect the way PTBC hires our expert consultants. Mr. Kaiser added would it have a detrimental effect or a negative effect is hard to say with the way the language is written at this time and while it applies to expert consultants it is also applicable to essentially any contract the Board enters into which could include reports that PTBC requires for an 820 compel when PTBC hires a physician, surgeon, psychologist, or psychiatrist to provide a report on one of our licensees. Mr. Kaiser stated this bill is mostly enforcement related, however it could affect any contract work the PTBC would utilize outside of the normal employment relationships.

vii. AB 1273 (Rodriguez) Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: The Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Public Health Officer

Ms. Arneson reported that this bill was amended on September 1, 2021, and those amendments clarified that the bill does not require DCA or the State Department of Public Health to establish a mandate that an accrediting entity must provide earn and learn programs; addressed chaptering issues and specified that the provisions become operative on January 1, 2024. She added that the Senate's amendments were concurred with on September 10, 2021, with 72 ayes and 0 noes and it went to engrossing and enrolling.

## viii. SB 250 (Pan) Health Care Coverage

Ms. Arneson reported that AB 657 failed the deadline on July 14, 2021, and became a 2-year bill which could be acted upon in January 2022.

#### ix. SB 607 (Roth) Professions and Vocations

Ms. Arneson reported that SB 607 is the Senate's omnibus bill and was recently amended and those amendments extended the sunset dates by one year for eight boards, bureaus, and councils. It also deleted the requirement for certain post-secondary education students attending BPPE approved schools to take an ability to benefit test prior to enrollment and added chaptering language to address conflicts with another bill, AB 471. She added that these amendments were concurred with 35 ayes and 0 noes and it went to engrossing and enrolling.

#### x. SB 731 (Durazo and Bradford) Criminal Records: Relief

Ms. Arneson reported that this bill as read a third time on September 2, 2021, however on September 10, 2021, it was refused passage and did not make it out of the Assembly so that bill is essentially dead.

xi. Discussion and Possible Board Action on AB 361 (Rivas) Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

bill would allow the Board and local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with certain provisions in the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act until January 1, 2022. Ms. Arneson added that this includes the requirement that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the legislative body at each teleconference location. Ms. Arneson stated that there were some additional amendments that were done in the bill recently regarding the Brown Act, and an amendment was done to add an urgency clause and it also addressed some chaptering issues that coincided with AB 339.

Ms. Arneson reported that this bill was recently amended, and this

Ms. Arneson pointed out that many of the executive orders that Governor Newsom issued to grant Boards flexibility to meet remotely during the pandemic will be expiring soon, meaning that these flexibilities will not apply to future emergencies and other events when meeting in person could be dangerous. Ms. Arneson added that this bill would guarantee that local and state bodies would be able to temporarily hold meetings remotely and require the opportunity for the public to join via telephone or video conferencing to ensure that all members of the public can participate safely.

Ms. Arneson stated that PTBC staff are recommending a support position on AB 361.

Mr. Kaiser added that as PTBC looks at the remaining 2021 calendar and PTBC's ability to meet for purposes of the Board's Sunset Review, the intent is to try to get back to in-person meetings. Utilizing technology and leveraging WebEx and other online platforms is something PTBC should do and exercise discretion in doing it. Mr. Kaiser added that the author speaks to that in this bill and it is a reason why the bill has an expiration date of January 31, 2022, meaning that once this pandemic comes to an end it is the intent and the will of the Legislature that PTBC gets back out into the community and meet with stakeholders in person. Mr. Kaiser stated it is important to travel and still utilize WebEx style platforms to double the PTBC's exposure. He added that the PTBC has a mandate to travel to Southern and Northern California once per year and he recommended PTBC still do that; however, it would also be nice that while PTBC holds Board meetings that are in Southern California that folks from Northern California could participate via a WebEx style platform.

529 MOTION: To adopt a position of support for AB 361 and 530 authorize the Executive Officer to draft a letter of support to be submitted to the bill's author, the chair of 531 the Assembly Business and Professions Committee 532 and the Governor should the bill in its current status 533 534 be enrolled. 535 M/S: 536 Dominguez/McMillian 537 VOTE: Armstrong - Aye 538 539 Dominguez- Ave Drummer - Absent 540 541 Eleby - Aye 542 Ervin - Aye McMillian - Aye 543 Rabena-Amen - Aye 544 545 6-0 Motion Carried 546 547 12. **Rulemaking Report** 548 (A) 2021 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations (Title 16, California Code of Regulations (16 CCR)): 549 Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR section 1399.15 – "Guidelines for 550 551 Issuing Citations and Imposing Discipline," 6th Edition 552 553 Ms. Arneson reported that the Disciplinary Guidelines were approved 554 by Agency on June 30, 2021, and the Notice was filed with the Office 555 of Administrative Law (OAL) on July 2, 2021. She added that the 45-556 day public comment period commenced on August 31, 2021, and 557 there were no public comments received and no public hearing was requested so PTBC is currently working on the final rulemaking 558 559 package which will be submitted to DCA Legal for their review 560 shortly. 561 Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR section 1398.26.1 -- Satisfactory 562 ii. Documentary Evidence of Equivalent Degree for Licensure as a 563 Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant/Coursework Tool 564 565 Ms. Arneson reported that PTBC staff are still working on putting together the initial phase review rulemaking package and that will be 566 567 forwarded to DCA Legal soon for their initial phase review. 568

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked for clarification on where PTBC is in the rulemaking process and what needs to happen for it to go forward. Ms. Arneson responded that the initial phase review includes doing the initial statement of reasons; proposed language; Notice; and any including any documents incorporated by reference and then will need to go to DCA's Executive Unit and DCA Legal. She added that Agency now also requires additional review and this rulemaking package is in its initial stage review and is about about four steps along in the rulemaking process and has quite a bit of ways to go. Ms. Arneson stated that the rulemaking report does not show the amount of back and forth that goes on between PTBC staff and DCA Legal.

Mr. Kaiser added that two significant regulation packages have been PTBC's focus and once those two packages that are a lot further along in the process are completed, these additional rulemaking packages will move along much more quickly.

Dr. Rabena/Amen expressed concern about the rulemaking timelines and asked how long the Board should expect for regulations to go through. Mr. Kaiser stated that the dates are misleading and its not just the addition of the regulatory unit, but there was a reprieve of an authority we used to have when it came to approval on regulations where Agency did not require additional review however, that did create issues and now Agency is requiring approval before the language can be noticed. Mr. Kaiser stated that historically speaking regulations took one year usually to move along however that isn't occurring now with our current regulations.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked that DCA's Regulatory Unit at the upcoming Board meeting, give the Board a presentation on their services and regulation timelines so the Board has realistic expectations with PTBC's regulatory packages and is further educated on the process and timeframes. Members agreed with Dr. Rabena-Amen request for a presentation of services from DCA's Regulatory Unit and Mr. Kaiser stated that he would work with DCA on facilitating that request at the next meeting.

iii. Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR sections 1398.21, 1398.21.1,1398.22, 1398.23, 1398.24,1398.25, 1398.26.5, 1398.27, 1398.28, 1398.47, 1399.10, 1399.12 -- Clinical Service Requirements for Foreign Educated Applicants Completing a Supervised Clinical Practice in the United States

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613		Ms. Arneson reported that PTBC staff are still working on putting
614		together the initial phase review rulemaking package and that will be
615		forwarded to DCA Legal soon for their initial phase review.
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617	iv.	Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR 1399.20-1399.22 (AB 2138
618		implementation) Substantial Relationship Criteria; Rehabilitation
619		Criteria for Denial and Reinstatement of Licensure; and
620		Rehabilitation Criteria for Suspensions and Revocations
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622		Ms. Arneson reported that this rulemaking package is very close to
623		being approved by OAL. She added that the final rulemaking
624		package was submitted to OAL for approval on June 29, 2021, and
625		OAL has until December 9th to approve or deny the package. Ms.
626		Arneson stated that currently PTBC staff are waiting on approval of
627		the 399 Fiscal Impact Statement from the Department of Finance and
628		once OAL has that the regulation will be officially amended. Ms.
629		Arneson added that PTBC asked for a justification to OAL for it to
630		become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State instead of
631		having to wait until the normal processing timeline of January 1,
632		2022.
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634	٧.	Update Regarding the Development of a Possible Retired License
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637		Ms. Arneson stated that under Agenda Item 12(C) the Board would
638		be looking at proposed language for their consideration and further
639		discussion and possible Board action.
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641	vi.	Update Regarding the Development of Possible Amendments to the
642		Board's Continuing Competency Regulations
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644		Ms. Arneson reported that PTBC staff are in the research phase and
645		anticipate bringing proposed language to the Board at a future
646		meeting date.

12. (C) Rulemaking Report – Discussion and Possible Board Action regarding License Renewal Exemption: Retired License Status Regulation – Heather Hoganson, Regulatory Attorney, Department of Consumer Affairs

- i. Proposed Addition of regulation as 16 CCR section 1399.14.1 or other placement as needed Retired License Status
- ii. Proposed Amendments to 16 CCR section 1399.50 Physical Therapist Fees and CCR section 1399.52 Physical Therapist Assistant Fees regarding Establishing a Retired License Application Fee

Mr. Kaiser reported that new proposed language was presented for Board consideration regarding retired license status and the language had been through the second level of DCA Legal review. Mr. Kaiser stated that DCA Legal identified a few issues regarding the authoritative statue and what would be required for the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approval. Mr. Kaiser stated that BPC 464 states that the Board shall promulgate through regulation and shall include specific requirements and the previous retired license proposed language presented to the Board did not include the same outline as the statute and was not as easily interpreted. Mr. Kaiser added that DCA Legal reviewed the proposed language and edited it to help ease the process of approval through OAL and this will prevent a delay later in the rulemaking process.

Ms. Heather Hoganson, Regulatory Attorney at the Department of Consumer Affairs, reported that there were two new forms for Board consideration which will allow licensees to either place their licenses in retired status or restore a retired license to active status within 5 years of retirement. Ms. Hoganson added that the revised regulatory text also specifies that the application fee for retired license status will be \$100, which was determined in consultation with DCA's Budget Office based on the actual cost to process the retired application which is new compared to the previous proposed language.

Ms. Hoganson stated that DCA Legal has revised the proposed text to mirror the enabling statue more closely and the proposed text specifies that the retired licenses do not have to meet continuing competency requirements and there is a five-year window to restore a retired license before having to submit a new initial license application which mirrors the Board's inactive license status. Ms. Hoganson added that this proposed regulatory change would create a new article 1.5 for license status regulations and DCA Legal recommended that the CCR be 1399.18 rather than the previous draft which was CCR 1399.14.1.

Mr. Kaiser stated staff agreed with the creation of the new article which would make the code more consistent and easier to understand. Mr. Kaiser added that the changes to the proposed language are for legal compliance and the proposed language is operational and functional and allows PTBC to start issuing retired licenses again for those that need it while still recovering some of the administrative costs.

Mr. Kaiser stated that the proposed language also solves the issue about how long a license can be in retired license status as the language specifies that if a retired license remains in retired status for longer than five years, they would need to reapply for licensure, and if they returned to active status before the five years, they would need to pay the existing renewal fee, and attest that they have 30 hours of continuing competency pursuant to the continuing competency regulations.

Ms. Eleby asked why the application form to apply for retired status was an attestation versus submitting proof of completion of continuing competency. Mr. Kaiser responded that it is similar to the renewal process where PTBC asks a licensee, when they return to active status, to attest under penalty of perjury, that they have completed their continuing competency but do not need to provide it unless it is asked for. Mr. Kaiser added that this was for ease of use and to get the licensee back into the profession and not create an unnecessary barrier to licensure. Mr. Kaiser added that when PTBC returns to doing continuing competency audits, retired licensees returning to active status could be audited at a higher percentage level to ensure compliance if need be.

Mr. Kaiser added that the information on the forms would be incorporated by reference and that the forms design would change so they were consistent with other PTBC forms. Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC staff also recommends the motion to proceed with the proposed language and incorporate the forms by reference.

#### MOTION:

Approve the proposed regulatory changes and direct the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to reinitiate the rulemaking process and authorize the Executive Officer to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes to the rulemaking package, notice

the proposed text for a 45-day comment period and if no adverse comments are received, and no hearing is requested, adopt the proposed regulatory changes and delegate to the Executive Officer the completion of the rulemaking file.

M/S: Rab

Rabena-Amen/Armstrong

VOTE:

Armstrong- Aye Dominguez- Aye Drummer – Absent Eleby – Aye

Ervin – Aye McMillian – Aye Rabena-Amen - Aye 6-0 Motion carried

## 13. Administrative Services Quarterly Update

(A) Budget Report

Mr. Kenneth Meiss, PTBC's budget analyst presented the Budget Report and reported that on June 29, 2020, the PTBC was required to allocate one full-time position (applications analyst) to the Contact Tracing Program and the Contact Tracing Program ended on June 30, 2021. Mr. Meiss added that the PTBC has expended \$104,112 in labor costs allocated to the Contact Tracing Program.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if the salary for the contact tracing position was a set salary by DCA or did all those allocated to the contact tracing program get paid the same salary. Mr. Meiss responded that DCA Budget's Office has a matrix on how these costs are determined. Mr. Kaiser added that in the beginning of the pandemic, PTBC was asked to provide either an SSA or AGPA employee to the Contact Tracing Program and the mandate was 5% of PTBC's existing staff; however, because PTBC has a relatively small staff, it was only necessary to redirect one employee to the Contact Tracing Program. Mr. Meiss added that there is the potential that PTBC may possibly get those costs reimbursed at the close of the Contact Tracing Program.

 Mr. Meiss reported that PTBC expended a total of \$1,355,808 in Q4 (CY20/21), a \$599,405 or 30.6% decrease over last fiscal year's Q4 expenditures of \$1,955,213 (Prior Year ((PY))19/20). He added that the Year-to-date expenditures increased by \$28,709 or 5.4% over last fiscal year (PY19/20). Mr. Meiss stated that PTBC has expended \$5,277,288, which is \$28,709 or 0.0054% increase over PY 19/20 year-to-date expenditure of \$5,248,579. Mr. Meiss stated that of these expenditures, the PTBC spent \$18,281 (combined salaries) personnel services labor costs in Q4 (CY20/21).

Mr. Meiss reported that from June 29, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the PTBC has expended \$215,309 in labor costs handling COVID-19 inquiries/issues. He added that \$2,111 was expended on PPE equipment and supplies.

Mr. Meiss stated that the PTBC collected \$1,088,734 in revenues during Q4 this fiscal year (CY20/21), a \$19,777 or 1.8% increase over last fiscal year's Q4 revenues of \$1,068,957 (PY 19/20). He added that year-to-date, the PTBC collected \$6,358,941, which is \$36,661 or 0.005% decrease over PY 19/20 year-to-date revenues of \$6,322,280.

Mr. Meiss reported that based on the data collected by the DCA, Budget Office the PTBC is projected a fund reserve by the end of 2020/21. He added that while the PTBC's fund is considered "healthy", the PTBC's fund reserves will reduce in Budget Year (BY) 2022/23 and continue to decrease over the next five years by BY 2024/25. Mr. Meiss stated that this analysis is based on current revenue and expenditure trends and may change year to year with changes in future revenues and expenditures trends.

Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC is currently at its statutory caps right now for fees and this may be an issue to identify for our Sunset Report. He added PTBC could extend the fee caps and pursue a regulatory fee increase at which time is appropriate; or pursue a fee increase as part of the Sunset Review process.

#### (B) Outreach Report

Ms. Beauchamps, PTBC's Communication and Education Analyst reported that PTBC had 38,600 web-hits through its home page tabs, resulting in a 1% increase over last fiscal year (Q4). She added that the "Licensees" section had the most significant increase of 8% compared to prior fiscal year (Q4). Ms. Beauchamps stated that for CY 2020-21, PTBC had an overall 6% decrease in traffic compared to FY 2019-20. She added that the 3-year milestone shows a 29% decrease from FY 2018-19 to CY 2020-21.

Ms. Beauchamps reported that PTBC had 10,798 people access our Facebook page and PTBC received 73 "likes". She added that in comparison to last fiscal year (Q4), there was a 40% decrease in traffic. She added that for CY 2020-21, PTBC had an overall 31% decrease in traffic compared to FY 2019-20. She added that the 3-year milestone shows a 46% decrease from FY 2018-19 to CY 2020-21.

Ms. Beauchamps explained that the reason for the traffic decreasing on the PTBC's website is attributed to the current pandemic and due to current trends PTBC has seen changes in Facebook usage, especially by the younger demographics. She added that PTBC is looking at utilizing other social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok to reach our Stakeholders.

Ms. Beauchamps reported that during Quarter (Q4) PTBC had nine outreach events held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She added that PTBC provided virtual presentations to San Diego Mesa College on April 14, 2021; University of St. Augustine on April 15, 2021, and April 19, 2021; Unitek College on April 23, 2021; Cerritos College on May 5, 2021; Concorde Garden Grove Campus on May 11, 2021; Stanbridge University on June 11, 2021; Pima Medical Institute on June 15, 2021; and University of San Francisco on June 28, 2021. Ms. Beachamps reported that for CY 2020-21, the PTBC visited (virtually) 25 PT and PTA programs in California.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked what the projected timeline would be for completion on PTBC's new website. Ms. Beauchamps responded that usually it takes approximately three months. Mr. Kaiser added that PTBC has been working with DCA's web designer team to work on modernization of the website and better delivery of information and is hopeful that it will be completed by the end of the year.

## 14. Application Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

Ms. Conley, Manager of the Application, Licensing and Continuing Competency Services Unit, welcomed Ms. Monet Dyson who has been appointed to the Applications Intake/Support position as a full-time Office Technician. She added that Ms. Dyson will be processing intake of initial license applications. Ms. Conley reported that Mr. Paul Harrison who was assigned to the Contact Tracing Program has returned to the Application Program.

Ms. Conley reported that on August 18th, 2021, Application Services introduced a new online application for initial licensure. She added that the new application includes updates to the original online application system that are intended to improve efficiency and communication with the applicant. Ms. Conley reported that a military information page has been added to our PTBC website and Stakeholders may access this page by clicking on the PTBC Military Resources text located on the home page. Ms. Conley added that this resource includes an email address created specifically for military matters and Paul Row is currently the contact for all military-related inquiries for both applicants and licensees.

Ms. Conley reported that the Application Services program statistics reflect a slight decrease in total applications received year to date when compared to last fiscal year which is an impact from the pandemic. She added that the total number of licenses issued remains consistent between fiscal year; and while volume of applications has increased each year, the percentage change of each category fluctuated between fiscal years.

Ms. Conley reported that in July of 2021 a survey was emailed to all 35 Program Directors of each accredited Physical Therapy (PT) and Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program in California. She added that the data gathered from each school is to confirm the estimated cohort size and academic calendar for each graduating class. A total of 60% from both PT/PTA Program Directors submitted a response and the information collected can be used to assist the Applications Services program in planning and reporting purposes.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if this survey was mandatory or involuntary and Ms. Conley responded that this was a voluntary survey.

## 15. Licensing Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

Ms. Conley reported that the License Maintenance Program continuously assists licensees by addressing questions and inquiries. She added that

transactions processed in quarter four of fiscal year 2020/21 (April - June) have an increase in the following areas: 6% in address changes, 6% in renewals, and 55% increase in name changes request when compared to Q4 of the prior fiscal year. Ms. Conley added that there is a reduction in duplicate requests by 22% from Q4 of 2020/21 compared to Q4 of 2019/20.

Ms. Conley reported that PTBC eliminated the pocket license and Licensing Services is still receiving a lot of inquiries regarding this which can be seen in the duplicate request data.

## 16. Continuing Competency Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

Ms. Conley reported that the Continuing Competency Program continues to respond to licensees with questions about their continuing competency requirements and Department issued waivers. She added that although program resources have been redirected to Application Services due to operational need, staff are preparing to resume originally assigned duties soon.

## 17. Consumer Protection Services Quarterly Update

- 905 (A) Program Updates
  - (B) Statistical Reports

Ms. Carole Phelps, a PTBC analyst in the Consumer Protection Services Program reported the number of consumer complaints and arrest/conviction reports received are reported in Performance Measure 1 (Complaint Intake) and have decreased significantly from FY 2019/20. She stated that this may be partly due to the pandemic-related shutdowns, which resulted in less patient care being delivered overall.

Ms. Phelps reported that for Performance Measures 3 (Investigation Cycle Time) and 4 (AG Case Cycle Time) case aging was higher both for investigation-only cases and for cases transmitted to the AG. She added that these numbers fluctuate from year to year, and one or two very complicated cases can make these numbers increase substantially. Ms. Phelps stated that additionally, pandemic shutdowns delayed many investigations, especially

facility inspections, as well as the disciplinary hearing process, as hearings were re-scheduled to be held by video or teleconference.

Ms. Phelps reported that the five-year milestone statistics indicate an increase in the average number of days to complete an investigation, Cycle Time-No Discipline (PM3) as well as in the Cycle Time Discipline (PM4). She added as reported in prior meetings, staff continues to focus on aging cases and as a result, the closure of these older cases can skew the average.

Ms. Phelps congratulated Vincent Azar, Associated Government Program Analyst (AGPA) within CPS. He was recently awarded DCA's Superior Accomplishment Award for 2021, as a Gold Level Recipient for his work in responding to the new telework environment. He developed automated functions in QBirt and BreEZe that significantly reduce processing times and cut U.S. Mail costs for the Board. In addition to his regular duties within the Board's Enforcement Program, he's also worked with DCA's BreEZe and Office of Information Services teams on problem-solving for Department-wide issues, including solutions to DCA's License and Enforcement Workgroups.

## 18. Probation Monitoring Services Quarterly Update

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Statistical Reports

Mr. Monny Martin, PTBC's Probation Monitor reported that for the fourth quarter, there were 67 licensees on probation for various causes from Driving Under the Influence to Sexual Misconduct. Besides the 51 licensees on probation and in the state of California, there were an additional 16 probationers tolling (out of state) and not receiving credit toward the completion of probation. He added that there were 2 licensees placed on probation in the quarter, and 3 licensees that completed probation in the quarter. Mr. Martin reported that of the 51 licensees that were not tolling, 13 were enrolled and participating in the Board's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program at the end of the quarter, equaling about 25% of all licensees on probation that weren't tolling.

Mr. Martin stated that the Probation Monitoring Unit continues to operate utilizing Microsoft TEAMS. He added that all probationers seem to have adjusted to having probation monitoring interviews via video conference and

959 things have continued to operate smoothly and there have not been any 960 disruptions to biological fluid testing and participants in the Board's Recovery Monitoring Program continue to participate in 12-Step programs and Health 961 962 Support Groups via video conference. 963 964 Mr. Martin added that over the last 3 years, there has been quite a dramatic 965 decrease in the number of licensees being placed on probation per year. The number of licensees that were placed on probation dropped from twenty-two 966 967 (22) licensees in 2018/19 to nine (9) 2019/20 and increased again to twelve 968 (12). He stated that more than likely the reason for the reduction of licensees 969 entering probation is because of the shutdowns caused by COVID-19 (there 970 was only one (1) licensee placed on probation from January 1, 2020, to June 971 30, 2020) and the enactment of Assembly Bill (AB) 2138 July 1, 2020. 972 973 19. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** 974 Please note that the Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except to 975 976 decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a).) 977 978 There was no public comment. 979 980 20. Agenda Items for Future Meeting – December 9-10, 2021 981 Department of Consumer Affairs 982 983 Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC staff would work with DCA's Regulatory Unit to have 984 a presentation of their services at the next meeting. 985 986 21. Closed Session 987 (A) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will convene to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be 988 989 Reached in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings (B) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the Board will 990 991 convene to Consider the Evaluation of Performance of the Executive 992 Officer 993 The Board entered closed session at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened into open

session to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. on September 16, 2021.

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## 997 **22. Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. on September 16, 2021.

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## **Physical Therapy Board of California Proposed Meeting Minutes**

October 15, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs Public WebEx and Teleconference Platform

#### **Board Staff**

Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer Elsa Ybarra, Assistant Executive Officer Sarah Conley, Manager Liz Constancio, Manager Brooke Arneson, Executive Analyst

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## October 15, 2021

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#### 1. Call to Order

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The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order by President Dr. Rabena-Amen at 9:12 a.m. and adjourned at 2:34 p.m. on October 15, 2021.

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#### 2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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**Dominguez-Present** 

Drummer - Present

Eleby - Present Ervin - Absent

McMillian - Present

Rabena-Amen - Present

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All members were present with the exception of Mr. Ervin, and a quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer; Elsa Ybarra, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke Arneson, Board staff, and Sarah Irani and Shelly Jones, DCA SOLID WebEx Moderators.

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## 3. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement

Ms. McMillian read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

## 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

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The Board requested public comment on items not on the agenda, and there was no public comment.

## 5. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action on Sunset Review Report Pursuant to BPC Section 2602

Mr. Kaiser stated that the final 2022 Sunset Review Report for the Physical Therapy Board of California (Sunset Report) will be submitted to the legislature in early 2022. Mr. Kaiser referred members to the Board meeting materials which outlined the process and timeline for the Sunset Review and Oversight Hearings which included a template of the Sunset Report. Mr. Kaiser solicited the members for their feedback on how they would prefer to review the Sunset Report and if the members would like to delegate or comprise a Sunset Subcommittee to review the Sunset Report before the Board does their final review at the December meeting. Mr. Kaiser added that Board member elections will be done in December and two members will be presenting and answering questions on the Sunset Review Report to the legislature at the Sunset Review Oversight Hearings in 2022.

**MOTION:** Establish a Sunset Subcommittee to work with staff on

the Sunset Review Report.

**M/S:** Dominguez/McMillian

**VOTE:** Armstrong - Aye

Dominguez- Aye Drummer - Aye Eleby - Aye

72 Ervin - Absent 73 McMillian - Ave 74 Rabena-Amen – Ave 6-0 Motion Carried 75 76 77 Ms. McMillian and Dr. Dominguez volunteered to be on the Sunset 78 Subcommittee. 79 80 Mr. Kaiser stated that a draft report would be sent to the Sunset Subcommittee 81 on October 16, 2021 with the anticipation that at the November 4, 2021 Sunset 82 meeting, a draft Sunset report would be sent to the full Board for their review. 83 6. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding Sunset Review 84 Subcommittee's Recommendation on Issues to be Identified on the 85 Sunset Review Report Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) 86 87 Section 2602 88 Mr. Kaiser stated that staff have identified several issues to be identified in the 89 90 Sunset Report for consideration by the Board. 91 92 **Updating Fee Statute** 93 Mr. Kaiser stated that extending the statutory fee caps is an issue that has been 94 identified for consideration and while the PTBC fund is fiscally healthy and PTBC 95 is not proposing a fee increase of any kind at this time, should unseen 96 circumstances occur, the Board fees are currently limited with what it collects in 97 revenue by our statutory caps and we cannot increase fees without emergency 98 legislation. Mr. Kaiser added that while this issue was identified in the previous 99 Sunset, it was the Business and Professions Committee's decision not to extend 100 the statutory caps at that time and suggested addressing this issue at the PTBC's next Sunset Review. 101 102 103 Dr. Drummer asked when the last fee increase was implemented. Mr. Kaiser 104 responded that the last fee increase regulation went into effect in 2015. 105 106 Dr. Armstrong added that this issue should be addressed in this Sunset Report 107 as PTBC is being proactive in planning, rather than waiting for an emergency to 108 necessitate emergency legislation. Ms. Eleby agreed with Dr. Armstrong and 109 added that the timing was not right at the Board's previous Sunset Review,

however this is an issue that needs to be addressed proactively, not in a dire situation and it should be included in our issues identified in the Sunset Report.

Mr. Kaiser solicited the Board for feedback if they would like any additional data from staff for presentation at the next meeting to address this issue and if PTBC should move forward with a specific dollar amount request for the fee caps, or if it should be an open-ended request for the fee caps. Mr. Kaiser stated that at the PTBC's last Sunset Review, a specific dollar amount for the fee caps was not provided to the legislature. Dr. Dominguez recommended providing the legislature with specific numbers for the fee cap increases so PTBC can make a solid case for our request.

Ms. Eleby added that she would like to see a timeline of how much the fees have increased since PTBC's creation and an analysis/comparison of Boards (both US wide and California) with similar licensee population size and fees which would help PTBC determine the increase for the statutory fee caps. Ms. McMillian agreed with Ms. Eleby and wanted to further know what role the cost of living plays in the assessment of fees since the cost of living is so different in each state. Mr. Kaiser responded that it would be helpful to provide the Board a comparison of fees for the largest jurisdictions such as Florida, Texas, New York.

## **Direct Access Waiver Extension Permanent**

Mr. Kaiser stated that another potential issue staff have identified for the Board's Sunset Review is that the PTBC had a waiver exemption, during the pandemic, that was provided by the Director of DCA. Mr. Kaiser stated that the waiver specified that the in-person evaluation for direct access physical therapy could be done via telemedicine, through a video conferencing platform, and that the exemption expires in October 2021. Mr. Kaiser added that PTBC has not had any issues with this exemption through the Board's enforcement process.

Mr. Kaiser stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor Issued Executive Order N-40-20 on March 30, 2020, and DCA was granted the authority to provide waivers during the state of emergency. The DCA waiver identified as DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment temporarily waived the requirement for a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist, as applicable, to conduct an in-person patient examination and evaluation as required by Business and Professions Code

section 2620.1, subdivision (a)(4), subject to the condition that the examination and evaluation must be performed via appropriate electronic means. Mr. Kaiser added that the waiver has been in place for the duration of the pandemic and terminates on December 31, 2021; he added that the PTBC has not identified any consumer issues or vulnerabilities. Mr. Kaiser stated that the PTBC believes that the proposed legislative authority would facilitate access to care for physical therapy consumers while maintaining appropriate consumer protection.

Mr. Kaiser stated that staff are proposing that BPC section 2620.1 of the Physical Therapy Practice Act be amended to eliminate the requirement that the patient examination and evaluation must be conducted in person by a physician or surgeon. He added that the proposed legislative authority would provide greater access to care for physical therapy consumers while maintaining appropriate consumer protection.

Dr. Drummer suggested removing the direct access (12 visits or 45 days) requirement altogether from the practice act since there haven't been any issues or concerns raised with the waiver exemption. Dr. Drummer stated with the pandemic implementing telehealth, it pushed that boundary even further and there have been no issues. He added that temporary direct access has helped physicians who are opposed to direct access be more comfortable with the concept, and while some may still be opposed to it; it is clearly demonstrated that this is not an issue. Dr. Drummer stated free direct access to physical therapy care would remove the burden from the patient and he suggested bringing this forward as an issue to be addressed in the Board's Sunset Review. Mr. Kaiser added that this would be considered increasing access to care and removing the barrier.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if this is necessary for public protection. Mr. Kaiser responded that Dr. Drummer is correct, there is nothing in our data that shows this waiver has created any issues; however, the absence of data does not affirm an argument. Mr. Kaiser cautioned from an administrator's perspective, that the issues addressed in the Sunset Report should not be considered controversial in nature as this is the Board's sunrise bill and our extension. If the Committee allowed this to be included in our sunrise bill at the request of the Board, PTBC could risk a governor veto based on stakeholder feedback and other special interest groups having concerns with this issue.

 Mr. Kaiser stated this issue is identified as an increasing access to care issue, especially considering the global pandemic and technological advancements we have made; however, he cautioned there is an audience that will oppose this on principle, and it could create an issue in our Sunset process.

Mr. Kaiser stated that staff could collect data for presentation to the Sunset Committee and have that information prepared for presentation at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Sunset meeting for the Board's consideration. Members agreed to have this information included in the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked for PTBC staff to reach out to external stakeholder's such as the California Medical Association, California Physical Therapy Association, Chiropractic Association, and the Medical Board of California and ask them for feedback and if they have any additional data. Mr. Kaiser added that while it is appropriate for the Board to have this conversation, it may be more appropriate for this conversation to be had at the association level. He stated that CPTA could opine on the Sunset Review and they can suggest issues they think the Board should address during its Sunset Review process. Dr. Rabena-Amen suggested PTBC look at this as a public protection issue.

Ms. Eleby asked if PTBC is aware how other jurisdictions handle this issue and what their laws are in access to care. Mr. Kaiser responded that there are a number of states that have complete direct access; meaning a consumer can approach a physical therapist and the physical therapist can provide a physical therapy-based evaluation/diagnosis and can continue to see that physical therapist for physical therapy services as appropriate, without the involvement of a physician or surgeon. He added that model does exist in other jurisdictions and provided and paid for by some of the largest insurance providers in the nation, and while some jurisdictions have had this authority for a very long time, some are newer, however it seems as the years go by, it is a more accepted model which is coming our way.

Dr. Rabena-Amen suggested reaching out to one or more of our border states to see if there is any information to be collected and brought back to the Board for further discussion at the next meeting.

## WebEx Requirement Added to Statutory Authority for Board Meetings

Mr. Kaiser stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the legislature granted temporary authority in Government Code 11133 for DCA Boards through January 31, 2022, to utilize online platforms in lieu of in person meetings. Mr. Kaiser added that requiring the use of technology such as an online platform like WebEx, would increase consumer and stakeholder access and participation; and is more effective than a teleconference.

Mr. Kaiser stated that this recommendation is intended to be an additional point of access, not as a replacement or in lieu of the existing mandate. Mr. Kaiser added that currently, the PTBC is mandated to meet at least three times a calendar year, meeting at least once in Northern California and once in Southern California; and that adding an online option will provide greater stakeholder access; is more cost effective; and offers broader platform functionality and features. Mr. Kaiser stated that staff are recommending an amendment to BPC section 2611 that would require the Board to provide online access in addition to its existing mandates of in-person Board meetings.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if there was any anticipated push back with this issue and request. Mr. Kaiser responded that our request might be misconstrued at first, some may think we are asking for only WebEx or virtual meetings in lieu of in-person meetings, and what PTBC is recommended is offering online platforms in addition to meeting in-person. Mr. Kaiser stated that in WebEx there is the capability to see who is participating in the meeting and engaging in the meeting which does not always happen with in-person meetings so it is easier to keep track of in WebEx.

Dr. Rabena-Amen added that adjusting to being virtual and doing the best that we can is not the same as being face to face with the interaction that happens organically between the members and the public. She added that the Board would not want to revert to all WebEx meetings in lieu of in-person meetings.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked what the difference was between WebEx and Webcasting. Mr. Kaiser responded that WebEx provides the opportunity for the public to engage in the meeting and with the Board directly, whereas a webcast is the public just watching the meeting with not participation. Mr. Kaiser stated that we don't need to have both, however he believes it is a benefit to the public to have both options.

Mr. Kaiser stated that staff can work with PTBC's legal counsel to brainstorm what potential proposed language would look like and present it to the Board at the subsequent Sunset meetings. Members agreed in including this issue as an issue to address in PTBC's Sunset Report.

Mr. Kaiser solicited the Board for feedback on any additional issues they would like to address in the Sunset Report.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if there are any issues concerning continuing competency that the Board should address during Sunset; specially broadening or clarifying alternate pathway. Mr. Kaiser responded that there is room to address alternate pathway however he recommended addressing it through regulatory change, and not Sunset.

Dr. Armstrong asked if there was any feedback from the physical therapy community in California in the last five years, since the last Sunset Report, regarding suggested changes for continuing competency or in the PT Practice Act. Mr. Kaiser responded that PTBC receives feedback daily from stakeholders about practice act issues; and some things are appropriate for us to consider; administerial items such as retired license status, continuing competency requirements etc. However, there are also general advocacy for the profession ideas that get presented to us as well, which are more association-driven issues. Mr. Kaiser added that the intended beneficiary of those conversations are the licensees themselves and so when that is the case, that is appropriate for the association to address them. Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC needs to always consider who the beneficiary would be; the licensee or the consumer, and that sometimes issues can be synonymous, for example AB 1000 with direct access.

## 7. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

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There was no public comment.

## 8. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

December 9-10, 2021

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## Physical Therapy Board of California Proposed Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs
Public WebEx and Teleconference
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#### **Board Staff**

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## **November 4, 2021**

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## 1. Call to Order

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The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order by President Dr. Rabena-Amen at 9:10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on November 4, 2021.

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## 2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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Dominguez- Present

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Eleby - Present

Ervin - Absent

McMillian - Present

Rabena-Amen - Present

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All members were present with the exception of Dr. Drummer and Mr. Ervin, and a quorum was established. Also present at the meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer; Elsa Ybarra, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke Arneson, Board staff, and Elizabeth Coronel and David Bouilly, DCA SOLID WebEx Moderators.

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## 3. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement

Ms. Eleby read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

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The Board requested public comment on items not on the agenda, and there was no public comment.

# 5. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action on Sunset Review Report Pursuant to BPC Section 2602

PTBC staff presented the draft 2022 Sunset Review Report (Sunset Report) to the Board for review. Mr. Kaiser thanked the Sunset Subcommittee for their feedback and hard work on the Sunset Review Report.

The Board provided edits and feedback throughout the Sunset Report which were made during the meeting. Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC staff will work with the Sunset Subcommittee on finalizing the draft Sunset Report and present the final draft version to the members at the December 9-10, 2021, meeting for their consideration.

# 6. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding Sunset Review Subcommittee's Recommendation on Issues to be Identified on the Sunset Review Report Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 2602

Mr. Kaiser reported that at the October 15, 2021, meeting, the Board met and began formulating the Sunset Report and one of the discussions that was had was what issues would be identified as new issues to address in the Sunset Report. He stated that PTBC staff made a recommendation for the Board to consider taking one of the Department of Consumer Affairs Director's orders that waived an in-person evaluation by a physician or surgeon to continue direct access care and remove the words "in-person" in statute or by means of the Sunset Report.

Mr. Kaiser stated that discussion was had by the Board, and members suggested possibly removing direct access completely as it is a barrier to care for California consumers of physical therapy services. Mr. Kaiser stated that as part of that conversation, the Board directed PTBC staff to have conversations with stakeholders for their feedback. Mr. Kaiser stated that PTBC staff had conversations with both the California Medical Association (CMA) and the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA). He added that the CPTA was in support of the idea and have put together a task force in their Legislative Affairs Committee to modernize the practice act and one of the items to be modernized would be direct access.

Mr. Kaiser reported that PTBC staff had a meeting with members of the CMA and while they were supportive in the idea of removing the word "in-person" in statute to allow for telemedicine vehicles to achieve the medical plan of care, they were resistant with the idea of removing direct access all together. Mr. Kaiser added that CMA questioned why this was necessary and that they see the physician or surgeon signing off on the plan of care as an additional safeguard to consumer protection. He stated that CMA was interested in the idea of looking at the 12 visits or 45 days to see if an adjustment could be made with the timeframes. Mr. Kaiser said that through the AB 1000 legislation that created direct access, there were several consumer safeguards built into the language and one of CMA's concerns was if PTBC removed direct access altogether, those safeguards that were put in place to benefit the consumer would be removed as well. Mr. Kaiser reported that through CMA there would certainly be contention and resistance if the Board was to move forward with trying to remove direct access or have unrestricted access.

Mr. Kaiser reported that there was discussion with CMA on the norms in the nation; 20 states in the United States have direct access and there are 27 states similar to California, that have some kind of conditional direct access, whether that be through a number of visits in time; certifying a physical therapists qualifications; or through limiting what types of services could be provided through direct access. Mr. Kaiser added that it was a good conversation and he appreciated CMA's feedback.

Mr. Kaiser stated that he did not recommend the Board address any contentious topics or issues in the PTBC's Sunset bill and that this topic could be worthy of

legislation in the future, however he did not recommend addressing it during the Sunset process and having to unnecessarily expose our sunrise to such a hot topic issue.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked if the CMA discussed their direct access experiences with the 12 visits/45-day restrictions and if it has created any barriers or access to care issues. Mr. Kaiser responded that CMA did acknowledge that with the pandemic, there is a difficulty and backlog in patients being able to see a doctor or physician face-to-face and they are greatly utilizing telemedicine at this time. Mr. Kaiser added that CMA is amenable to the idea of removing the in-person language from the direct access statute. He also said that CMA did mention that the 12 visits/45-day direct access timeframe seemed short and questioned where those came from, and Mr. Kaiser responded that CPTA and the Legislature looked at average timeframes for the length of typical physical therapy course of treatment to determine the timeframes in the direct access statute.

Dr. Dominguez stated that with the Director's waiver adding telemedicine to the direct access statute, it removes a potential barrier to being able to see a physician to continue a consumer plan of care. He suggested also researching booking lead times (how long is it taking physicians to see patients) and look at if that is another barrier to the consumer for access to care. Ms. Eleby agreed with Dr. Dominguez that it is worth pursuing however, this is an issue to address post Sunset Review as she did not want any controversial topics addressed in the Sunset Review process. Dr. Armstrong added that she agreed that it is worth researching the 12 visits/45-days and that she did not want to pursue eliminating direct access during the Sunset Review process.

Mr. Kaiser stated that it is PTBC staff's recommendation to remove the word "inperson" from the AB 1000 direct access statute. The members agreed to this amendment and directed staff to work with the Sunset Subcommittee and Board counsel on this proposed language for presentation at the December meeting.

Mr. Kaiser reported that at the October meeting, the Board recommended pursuing an extension of PTBC's statutory fee caps and asked PTBC staff research what the fees were in other states and professions. He reported that California does not have the highest renewal fees in the Unites States, and many jurisdictions have similar fees to PTBC. Mr. Kaiser added that PTBC staff

researched the fees of other Boards and Bureau's within DCA and a number of Boards have higher fees than PTBC such as the Medical Board of California, Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the California Board of Registered Nursing, and especially boards with smaller licensing populations such as the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and the Podiatric Medical Board of California.

Mr. Kaiser stated that his recommendation would be to ask the legislature for a \$500 statutory cap, and this is not indicative of what the PTBC will be asking for in a fee increase, however it gives PTBC room for the future. Mr. Kaiser added that in the past the PTBC must justify the increase in fees whether it be through a cost benefit analysis and/or show that PTBC's fund would reach insolvency without a fee increase. Members agreed with this recommendation. Mr. Kaiser added that PTBC will work the Legislature and Committee on the statutory fee cap amount.

Mr. Kaiser reported that another issue that PTBC staff brought to the Board as an issue to be addressed in Sunset Review was the idea of adding WebEx language to our meeting statute, not to replace in-person meetings, however to be in addition to the in-person meetings which will increase public access and participation.

Mr. Kaiser stated that there was a recent bill that was passed AB 361 (Rivas) Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 that extended the PTBC's ability to meet remotely, however it is still uncertain what the Legislature's plan is moving forward for remote access to public meetings and there is nothing new to report to the Board at this meeting. Mr. Kaiser suggested reiterating staff's original recommendation to amend the statutory language to require the Board to not only meet in-person in Southern California and Northern California but to add a WebEx online platform component requirement to provide further access to the public for those that cannot travel or would not be able to attend in-person.

Dr. Rabena-Amen asked PTBC staff to contact DCA and the Legislature and ask what their plan is during the next legislative session regarding WebEx or utilizing an online platform at meetings going forward. Mr. Kaiser responded that PTBC staff are already working on having these conversations and will provide the Board with an update at the December meeting. Members agreed to pursue this as a new issue to address in the Sunset Report.

187 7. 188 **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** 189 Please note that the Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except 190 to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. 191 [Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a).] 192 193 194 There was no public comment. 195 196 8. **Agenda Items for Future Meeting** 197 198 December 9-10, 2021 199 Department of Consumer Affairs 200 WebEx 201 202 Mr. Kaiser stated that members have asked for a presentation of services from DCA"s Regulatory Unit and a presentation of services by the Deputy Attorney 203 General's Office by our Deputy Attorney General liaison, Mr. John Gatchett at 204 205 the next meeting 206 **Closed Session** 207 9. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will 208 (A) 209 Convene to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be 210 Reached in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings. 211 (B) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the Board will Convene to Consider the Evaluation of Performance of the Executive 212 213 Officer. 214 215 The Board entered closed session at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:01 p.m. on November 4, 2021. 216 217 218 10. Adjournment 219 220 The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on November 4, 2021. 221 222

## Physical Therapy Board of California Adopted 2022 Meeting Calendar

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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 11(A)

**Date:** March 1, 2022

Prepared for: PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Brooke Arneson

**Subject:** Waivers Issued by the Director of the California Department of Consumer

**Affairs** 

## Purpose:

To provide an update on the waivers issued by the Director of DCA.

Attachments: 1. DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 Continuing Education

a. Ninth Extension - DCA Waiver DCA-21-194

2. DCA Waiver DCA-20-02 Reinstatement of Licensure

a. Fifth Extension - DCA Waiver DCA-22-212

3. DCA Waiver DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Continued

Physical Therapy Treatment

a. Tenth Extension – DCA Waiver DCA-22-213

## **Update:**

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20 issued March 4, 2020, DCA was granted the authority to provide waivers during the state of emergency resulting from COVID-19. DCA issued eight waiver orders applicable to physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensees:

- DCA-20-01 Continuing Education (3/31/20) Temporarily waives the continuing competency renewal requirement for licensees whose license expires between March 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Licensees must complete continuing competency requirements within six months of the date of the order.
  - a. Ninth Extension DCA-21-194 Extending DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 (9/28/21) Supersedes DCA waiver DCA-20-175 and temporarily waives the continuing competency renewal requirement for licensees whose license expires between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> Licensees must complete continuing competency requirements within six months of the date of the order.
- DCA-20-02 Reinstatement of License (3/3/20) Allows licensees to reinstate an inactive
  or retired license without paying fees or completing continuing competency. Reinstatement
  pursuant to this order is valid for six months or until the state of emergency ceases to exists,
  whichever is sooner.
  - a. Fifth Extension DCA-22-212 Extending DCA Waiver DCA-20-02 (1/11/2022) Extends DCA waiver DCA-21-200 and allows licensees to reinstate an inactive or retired license without paying fees or completing continuing competency.

Reinstatement pursuant to this order is valid for six months or until the state of emergency ceases to exists, whichever is sooner.

- 3. DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Continued Physical Therapy Treatment (5/6/20) Temporarily waives the requirement for a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist, as applicable, to conduct an "in-person" patient examination and evaluation as required by Business and Professions Code section 2620.1, subdivision (a)(4), subject to the condition that the examination and evaluation must be performed via appropriate electronic means. This order terminates 60 days from the date of the order.
  - a. Tenth Extension DCA-22-213 Waiver Extending DCA Waiver DCA-20-09 Examination Requirement for Physical Therapy (1/11/2022) Extends DCA Waiver DCA-21-202 and temporarily waives the requirement for a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist, as applicable, to conduct an "in-person" patient examination and evaluation as required by Business and Professions Code section 2620.1, subdivision (a)(4), subject to the condition that the examination and evaluation must be performed via appropriate electronic means. This order terminates on March 31, 2022 unless further extended.

**Action Requested:** None.





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## **Briefing Paper**

Date: March 3, 2022 Agenda Item 13

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Brooke Arneson

**Subject:** Legislation Report

## **Purpose:**

To provide an update on the 2021/22 Legislative session.

**Attachments:** 1. 2022 Legislative Calendar

2. Definition of the Board's Legislative Positions

3. 2021/22 Legislative Summary

## **Background and Update:**

The 2021 Legislative calendar is included in the meeting materials for your reference, along with a copy of the Board's Legislative positions taken from the PTBC's Board Member Administrative Manual.

A 2021/22 Legislative summary is included which notes all bills from the current Legislative session that could potentially impact Physical Therapy practice, regulation or the operation of the Physical Therapy Board. This legislative summary also includes bills that were chaptered, vetoed and carried over as 2-year bills from 2021.

## **Upcoming Legislative Calendar Highlights:**

**January 3, 2022** Legislature Reconvenes

**February 18, 2022** Last day for bills to be introduced

April 7, 2022 Spring Recess Begins

April 18, 2022 Legislature Reconvenes from Spring Recess

May 27, 2022 Last Day for Bills to be Passed Out of the House of

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July 1, 2022 Summer Recess Begins

August 1, 2022 Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess

August 25, 2022 Last Day to Amend Bills on the Floor August 31, 2022 Last Day for Each House to Pass Bills

**September 30, 2022** Last Day for the Governor to Sign or Veto Bills

Passed by the Legislature on or Before Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and

in the Governor's Possession after Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Statutes take Effect

## Action:

No action requested.

## 2022 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE & THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK Revised 10-21-2021

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#### DEADLINES

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- <u>Jan. 3</u> Legislature **reconvenes** (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- <u>Jan. 10</u> Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (a)).
- <u>Jan. 14</u> Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in 2021 (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- <u>Jan. 21</u> Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in their house in 2021 (J.R. 61(b)(2)).
- <u>Jan. 21</u> Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- <u>Jan. 31</u> Last day for each house to pass **bills introduced in 2021** in their house (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(3)).
- **Feb. 18** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4)), (J.R. 54(a)).
- Feb. 21 Presidents' Day.

- Apr. 1 Cesar Chavez Day observed
- Apr. 7 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 18 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 29 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal Committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).
- <u>May 6</u> Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the floor **non-fiscal** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 13 Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to May 31 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- May 20 Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)). Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to May 31 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).
- <u>May 23-27</u> Floor Session only. No committee, other than conference or Rules, may meet for any purpose  $(J.R.\ 61(b)(10))$ .
- May 27 Last day for bills to be **passed out of the house of origin** (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
- May 30 Memorial Day.
- May 31 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

<sup>\*</sup>Holiday schedule subject to final approval by the Rules Committee

## 2022 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE & THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK Revised 10-21-2021

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July 1 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). **Summer Recess** begins at the end of this day's session if Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 4 Independence Day.

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<u>Aug. 1</u> Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 12 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

<u>Aug. 15 - 31</u> Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference and Rules, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 25 Last day to amend bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Final Recess begins at end of this day's session (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

## IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

## 2022

<u>Sept. 30</u> Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Nov. 8 General Election.

Nov. 30 Adjournment Sine Die at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

<u>Dec. 5</u> 12 m. convening of the 2023-24 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

## 2023

<u>Jan. 1</u> Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

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## Legislation - Definition of the Positions Taken by the Physical Therapy Board Regarding Proposed Legislation

(Board Policy)

**Legislation - Definition of the** The Board will adopt the following positions **Positions Taken by the Physical** regarding pending or proposed legislation.

Oppose: The Board will actively oppose proposed legislation and demonstrate opposition through letters, testimony and other action necessary to communicate the oppose position taken by the Board.

Oppose, unless amended: The Board will take an opposed position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation.

Neutral: The Board neither supports nor opposes the addition/amendment/repeal of the statutory provision(s) set forth by the bill.

Watch: The watch position adopted by the Board will indicate interest regarding the proposed legislation. The Board staff and members will closely monitor the progress of the proposed legislation and amendments.

Support, if amended: The Board will take a supportive position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation.

Support: The Board will actively support proposed legislation and demonstrate support through letter, testimony and any other action necessary to communicate the support position taken by the Board.

Author: Holden (D)

AB 105 The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: Boards and Commissions

Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications

Status: Enrolled 9/13/2021. 10/8/2021 Governor Vetoed.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill would have required that, on or after January 1, 2022, all state boards and commissions consisting of one or more volunteer members have at least one board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community. This bill would have defined the term "board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community" as an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native; who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; who is a veteran, as defined; or who has a disability, as defined. This bill would have applied these requirements only as vacancies on state boards and commissions occur. There is a similar bill this session, AB 1604 which is also included in this legislative summary.

## Governor's Veto Message:

"To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 105 without my signature. This bill would modify several processes related to civil service job announcements, examinations, classifications, and hiring practices. Additionally, it would require certain boards and commissions to include appointed representatives of underrepresented groups and institute new data collection requirements. I believe that California has a responsibility to recruit and retain a workforce that reflects California's diversity and treats all of our employees with respect, dignity, and equity. My Administration remains committed to furthering that cause and that's why we have established the California Leads as an Employer Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to implement policies that promote a diverse and inclusive workforce reflective of California, ensure a respectful workplace free of harassment, and address gender and racial pay gaps in the state workforce. Additionally, we established a Chief Equity Officer at the Government Operations Agency this year who will focus on diversifying state hiring, recruitment, retention, and training. While the goals of AB 105 are laudable, elements of the bill conflict with existing constitutional requirements, labor agreements, and current data collection efforts. Therefore, it may have unintended consequences that warrant further consideration. Furthermore, as AB 105 would cost tens of millions of dollars, these one-time and significant ongoing costs should be considered through the annual state budget process. I would encourage the author to collaborate with the Administration to address these concerns and look forward to continued partnership as we continue to work to build a more inclusive state government." Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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AB 107 Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses Author: Salas (D)

Status: 10/8/2021 Chaptered. Chapter 693, Statutes of 2021.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill will require most boards and bureaus within DCA to issue temporary licenses to military spouses meeting specified criteria. Temporary licenses will be required to be issued within 30 days of receiving an application if the results of a criminal background check do not show grounds for denial. This bill will exempt a board that has a process in place by which an out-of-state licensed applicant in good standing who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States is able to receive expedited, temporary authorization to practice while meeting state-specific requirements for a period of at least one year; or is able to receive an expedited license by endorsement with no additional requirements superseding those for a temporary license. Regulations to implement this bill will be due to DCA by June 15, 2022, if required. DCA will also be required to submit an annual report to the Legislature on licensure of military members, veterans, and spouses.

PTBC is exempt by the provisions outlined in AB 107 in BPC 115.6(h) "This section shall not apply to a board that has a process in place by which an out-of-state licensed applicant in good standing who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forced of the United States is able to receive expedited, temporary authorization to practice while meeting state-specific requirements for a period of at least one year."

AB 225 DCA: Boards: Veterans: Military Spouses: Licenses Author: Gray (D)

Status: Amended in the Senate 6/28/2021. 2 Year Bill.

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

Current law requires specified boards within the DCA to issue, after appropriate investigation, certain types of temporary licenses to an applicant if the applicant meets specified requirements, including that the applicant supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and the applicant holds a current, active, and unrestricted license that confers upon the applicant the authority to practice, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a temporary license from the board. This bill would expand the eligibility for a temporary license to an applicant who meets the specified criteria and who supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States within 60 months of separation from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions and a resident of California prior to entering into military service, or an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States with official orders for separation within 90 days under other than dishonorable conditions.

AB 305 Veteran Services: Notice Author: Maienschein (D)

Status: Inactive file. 9/1/21 Ordered to Inactive Bill at the Request of Senator Eggman.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill would have required certain state agencies to include specific questions on their intake and application forms intended to determine if a person is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or related to one, and would have required the information be sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), provided the person has granted consent.

AB 339 State and Local Government: Open and Public Meetings Author: Lee (D)

Status: Enrolled 9/13/2021. 10/7/2021 Governor Vetoed.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill would have required, until December 31, 2023, certain city council or county board of supervisor's meetings to allow the public to attend and comment via telephone or internet.

### Governor's Veto Message:

"To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 339 without my signature. This bill requires, until December 31, 2023, that city councils and boards of supervisors in jurisdictions with over 250,000 residents provide both in-person and teleconference options for the public to attend their meetings. While I appreciate the author's intent to increase transparency and public participation in certain local government meetings, this bill would set a precedent of tying public access requirements to the population of jurisdictions. This patchwork approach may lead to public confusion. Further, AB 339 limits flexibility and increases costs for the affected local jurisdictions trying to manage their meetings. Additionally, this bill requires in-person participation during a declared state of emergency unless there is a law prohibiting in-person meetings in those situations. This could put the health and safety of the public and employees at risk depending on the nature of the declared emergency. I recently signed urgency legislation that provides the authority and procedures for local entities to meet remotely during a declared state of emergency. I remain open to revisions to the Brown Act to modernize and increase public access, while protecting public health and safety. Unfortunately, the approach in this bill may have unintended consequences."

Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Author: Rivas (D)

<u>Teleconferences</u>

Status: 9/16/2021 Chaptered. Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021.

Position: Support

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## Summary:

Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public, and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act requires at least one member of the state body to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. The Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the state body at the meeting, and that a state body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified. This bill, until January 31, 2022, will authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill will suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under this bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. In addition, the bill will require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill will urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

AB 657 State Civil Service System: Personal Services Contracts

Author: Cooper (D)

**Professionals** 

Status: 2 Year Bill. Amended in the Senate 6/15/2021. 7/6/2021 Failed Passage. Reconsideration

Granted.

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

This bill prohibits a state agency from entering into a contract with a professional, as defined, for a period of more than 365 consecutive days or for a period of 365 nonconsecutive days in a 24-month period, subject to certain exceptions, as specified in the provisions of the bill. The provisions of this bill do not apply to the Department of Consumer Affairs or a board or bureau of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

AB 1273 Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship: The Author: Rodriguez (D)

Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Public Health Officer

Status: 10/4/2021 Chaptered. Chapter 477, Statutes of 2021.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill expands membership of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship to include the State Public Health Officer and the Director of Consumer Affairs; and expands the use of the "earn and learn" training model by preventing these two government entities from prohibiting its use for personnel training or accreditation of programs and requiring them to use licensing or certification standards that authorize it.

SB 250 Health Care Coverage Author: Pan (D)

Status: 2 Year Bill. Amended in the Assembly 3/11/21. 6/10/2021 Referred to the Assembly Health

Committee.

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

This bill establishes a process for "deemed approved" status for individual health professionals' prospective treatment utilization review required by health plans and health insurers; and, requires health plans and health insurers to reimburse a contracting individual health professional the full contracted rate, including the amount of in network patient cost-sharing for the services provided to an enrollee or insured in a contracting health facility. This bill requires health plans and insurers to bill and collect the cost-sharing from enrollees and insureds.

SB 607 Professions and Vocations Author: Min (D)

Status: 9/28/2021 Chaptered. Chapter 367, Statutes of 2021.

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

SB 607 is a Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee Omnibus bill, and makes statutory updates, technical corrections, and noncontroversial changes to various provisions of law relating to boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

## **Major Provisions**

- 1) Beginning July 1, 2022, requires that boards waive the licensure application fee and the initial or original license fee for applicants who meet the requirements for expedited licensure as military family members.
- 2) Provides that a foreign dental school whose program was approved prior to January 1, 2020, through any date between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2026, shall maintain approval through that date, at which time they would be required to obtain CODA accreditation.

Author: Durazo (D)

- 3) Provides that graduates of a foreign dental school whose program was approved by the Board prior to January 1, 2020, through any date before January 1, 2024, and who enrolled in the program prior to January 1, 2020, shall be eligible for licensure.
- 4) Expressly authorizes the DBC to charge an application fee of up to \$1,000 and a renewal fee of up to \$600 for a pediatric minimal sedation permit.
- 5) Deletes the practical examination requirement for RDAEF license applicants.
- 6) Clarifies the LATC's authority to require fingerprints for conducting a criminal history background checks for applicants and receive criminal offender record information through the Department of Justice.
- 7) Implements fee increases for applicants and licensees under the CSLB and increases, beginning January 1, 2023, the amount required for a contractor's bond for licensure from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
- 8) Clarifies firearms permit requirements for individuals applying for licensure as security guards to complete a specified assessment.
- 9) Authorizes a contractor to perform the inspection and bid on the repair work of an EEE.
- 10) Extends the repeal date for various boards and bureaus under the DCA for purposes of the legislative sunset review process.
- 11) Include additional technical language to update, modify, or clean up provisions of the law relating to regulatory programs under the DPA.

SB 731 Criminal Records: Relief

Status: Amended in the Senate 9/2/21. 9/10/2021 Motion to Reconsider Made by Assembly Member

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Position: No Position

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## Summary:

This bill would continue recent criminal justice reforms by, among other things, expanding felonies that are eligible for automatic record sealing to include convictions for certain felonies that resulted in incarceration, as long as the individual has completed their sentence and has not been convicted of a new felony offense for four years.

AB 1604 The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: Boards and Author: Jones (D)

**Commissions**; Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications

Status: Amended in the Assembly 3/7/2022. 3/8/2022 Re-Referred to Assembly Committee on

Public Employment and Retirement

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

Existing law provides that it is the policy of the State of California that the composition of state boards and commissions shall be broadly reflective of the general public, including ethnic minorities and women. This bill would, except as specified, require that, on or after January 1, 2023, all state boards and commissions consisting of one or more volunteer members have at least one board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community. The bill would define the term "board member or commissioner from an underrepresented community" as an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native; who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; who is a veteran, as defined; or who has a disability of the self-identified of the self-identified or who has a disability.

bill would apply these requirements only as vacancies on state boards and commissions occur. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 1662 <u>Licensing Boards: Disqualification from Licensure:</u> Author: Gipson (D)

**Criminal Conviction** 

Status: Introduced in the Assembly 1/18/2022. 1/27/2022 Referred to the Assembly Business and

**Professions Committee** 

Position: PTBC Staff Recommendation: Oppose

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## Summary:

Current law authorizes a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to deny, suspend, or revoke a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has been subject to formal discipline, as specified, or convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, as specified. This bill would authorize a prospective applicant that has been convicted of a crime to submit to a board a request for a preapplication determination that includes information provided by the prospective applicant regarding their criminal conviction. The bill would require a board that receives that request to determine if the prospective applicant would be disqualified from licensure by the board based on the information submitted with the request and deliver that determination to the prospective applicant.

AB 1733 State Bodies: Open Meetings Author: Quirk (D)

Status: Introduced in the Assembly 1/31/2022. 2/18/2022 Referred to the Assembly Business and

Professions Committee and Governmental Organization

Position: PTBC Staff Recommendation: Support

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### Summary:

The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public, and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. Current law requires a state body to provide notice of its meeting to any person who requests that notice in writing and to provide notice of the meeting of its internet website at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, as prescribed. Current law exempts from the 10-day notice requirement, special meetings and emergency meetings in accordance with specified provisions. Current law authorizes a state body to adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment, and authorizes a state body to similarly continue or recontinue any hearing being held, or noticed, or ordered to be held by a state body at any meeting. This bill would specify that a "meeting" under the act, includes a meeting held entirely by teleconference.

The bill would require all open meetings to be held by teleconference, would allow for use of teleconference in closed sessions, and would remove existing provisions of the act that require each teleconference location to be identified in the notice and agenda and accessible to the public. The bill would instead require the state body to provide a means by which the public may remotely hear, or hear and observe, the meeting and may remotely address the state body via two-way audio-visual platform or two-way telephonic service, as specified, and would require information to be provided in any notice to the public indicating how the public can access the meeting remotely. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body. The bill would require the state body to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body.

of the public a physical location to hear, observe, and address the state body, and would authorize the members of the state body to participate in a meeting remotely or at a designated physical meeting location, and specify that physical presence at any physical meeting location is not necessary for the member to be deemed present at the meeting. The bill would require the agenda to be posted 10 days in advance of the meeting, or as provided in accordance with the provisions applicable to a special or emergency meeting, as well as posted on the state body's internet website and, on the day of the meeting, at any physical meeting location designated in the notice. The bill would also provide that the notice of the meeting is required to specify the means by which a meeting may be accessed by teleconference. The bill would prohibit the notice and agenda from disclosing any information regarding any remote location from which a member is participating, and require members attending a meeting from a remote location to disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room, as specified.

If a state body discovers that a means of remote participation, as defined, required by these provisions has failed during a meeting and cannot be restored, the state body would be required to end or adjourn the meeting and take specified actions to notify participants and communicate when the state body intends to reconvene the meeting and how a member of the public may hear audio of, or observe, the meeting.

This bill would exempt a board from the requirement to meet in northern and southern California each once a year if the board's meetings are held entirely by teleconference.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

AB 2104 Professions and Vocations

Status: Introduced in the Assembly 2/14/2022. 2/19/2022 From Printer. May be Heard in Committee

March 21, 2022.

Position: No Position

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#### Summarv:

Current law generally requires the DCA and each board in the department to charge a fee of \$2 for the certification of a copy of any record, document, or paper in its custody. Current law generally requires that the delinquency, penalty, or late fee for any licensee within the department to be 50% of the renewal fee for that license, but not less than \$25 nor more than \$150. This bill would instead authorize the DCA and each board in the department to charge a fee not to exceed \$2 for the certification of a copy of any record, document, or paper in its custody. The bill would also require the delinquency, penalty, or late fee for any licensee within the department to be 50% of the renewal fee for that license, but not to exceed \$150.

Author: Flora (R)

AB 2600 State Agencies: Letters and Notices: Requirements

Author: Dahle (R)

Status: Introduced in the Assembly 2/18/2022. 2/24/2022 Referred to the Assembly Business and

**Professions Committee** 

Position: PTBC Staff Recommendation: Oppose

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## Summary:

Would require that every state agency, when sending any communication to any recipient, shall state, in bolded font at the beginning of the communication, whether it requires action on the part of the recipient or serves as notice requiring no action.

AB 2636 Refugees, Asylees, and Special Immigrant Visa Author: Berman (D)

Holders: Professional Licensing: Initial Licensure Process

Status: Introduced in the Assembly 2/18/2022. 2/19/2022 2/19/2022 From Printer. May be Heard in

Committee March 21, 2022

Position: No Position

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## Summary:

Existing law requires a board within the DCA to expedite, and authorizes it to assist, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that they are a refugee, have been granted asylum, or have a special immigrant visa, as specified. This bill would make non-substantive changes to those provisions.

SB 1031 Healing Arts Boards: Inactive License Fees Author: Ochoa-Bogh (R)

Status: Introduced in the Senate 2/15/2022. 2/23/2022 Referred to the Senate Business,

Professions and Economic Development Committee

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

Current law requires each healing arts board to issue inactive licenses to holders of active licenses whose license is not punitively restricted by that board. Current law prohibits the holder of an inactive license from engaging in any activity for which an active license is required. Current law requires the renewal fee for an active license to apply to an inactive license, unless the board establishes a lower fee. This bill would instead require the renewal fee for an inactive license to be 1/2 of the amount of the fee for a renewal of an active license, unless the board establishes a lower fee.

SB 1237 <u>Licenses: Military Service</u> Author: Newman (D)

Status: Introduced in the Senate 2/17/2022. 3/2/2022 Referred to the Senate Business, Professions

and Economic Development Committee and Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

This bill would require the boards within DCA to waive the renewal fee of any licensee or registrant who is called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard if the licensee or registrant is stationed outside of California.

SB 1365 Licensing Boards: Procedures Author: Jones (R)

Status: Introduced in the Senate 2/18/2022. 2/22/2022 From Printer.

Position: No Position.

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## Summary:

Current law authorizes a board to deny, suspend, or revoke a license on the grounds that the applicant or licensee has been subject to formal discipline, as specified, or convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, as specified. This bill would require each board within the department to publicly post on its internet website a list of criteria used to evaluate applicants with criminal convictions so that potential applicants for licensure may be better informed about their possibilities of gaining licensure before investing time and resources into education, training, and application fees. The bill would also require the DCA to develop a process for each board to use in verifying applicant information and performing background checks of applicants and would require that process to require applicants with convictions to provide certified court documents instead of listing convictions on application documents. The bill would further require the board to develop a procedure to provide for an informal appeals process that would occur between an initial license denial and an administrative law hearing.

SB 1438 Physical Therapy Board of California Meetings: Author: Roth (D)

**Remote Access** 

Status: Introduced in the Senate 2/18/2022. 2/22/2022 From Printer.

Position: PTBC Staff Recommendation: Support

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## Summary:

Existing law, the Physical Therapy Practice Act, establishes the Physical Therapy Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs for the licensure, approval, and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. Existing law requires the board to meet at least 3 times each calendar year meeting at least once each calendar year in northern California and once each calendar year in southern California. This bill would require the board to provide remote access to participants who are unable to attend in person.





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#### **Briefing Paper**

Date: February 24, 2022 Agenda Item 14(A)

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Brooke Arneson

**Subject:** Rulemaking Report

**Purpose:** To update the Board on the status of proposed rulemaking in progress and to provide an update on the rulemaking process.

Attachments: 1. 2022 Rulemaking Update

2. Rulemaking Processing Timelines

#### **Background:**

At the December 2021 meeting, the Board adopted the 2022 Rulemaking Calendar as required by Government Code (GC) § 11017.6. The rulemaking calendar prepared pursuant to this section sets forth the Board's rulemaking plan for the year and is published by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in the California Regulatory Notice Register (Notice Register); the Notice Register is available on OAL's website: <a href="http://www.oal.ca.gov/Notice\_Register.htm">http://www.oal.ca.gov/Notice\_Register.htm</a>

From the 2022 Rulemaking Calendar, staff developed a rulemaking tracking form on which all rulemaking progress is noted and reported to the Board at its quarterly meetings.

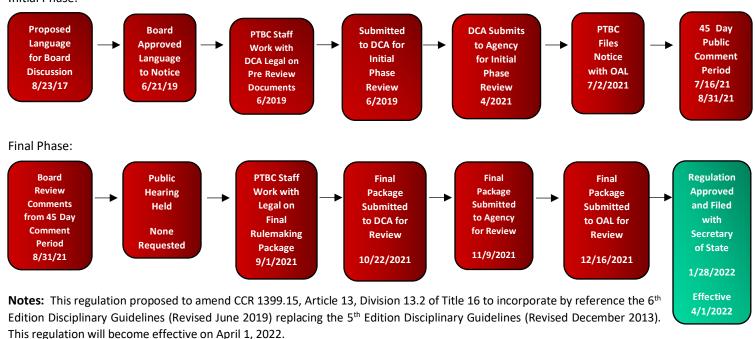
Effective September 7, 2016 all regulatory packages must be submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs for Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (Agency) review, prior to publicly noticing with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). A copy of the current DCA Rulemaking process is included.

#### Action:

No action is requested on presentation of the rulemaking report.

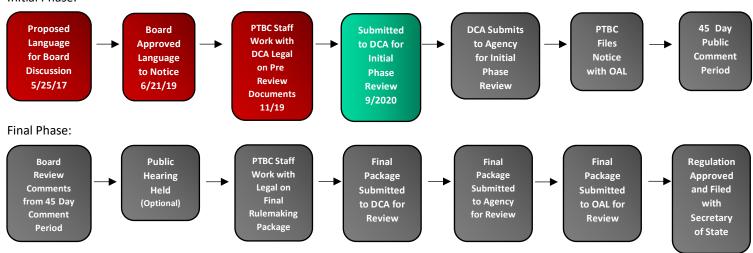
#### <u>Guidelines for Issuing Citations and Imposing Discipline, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (Disciplinary Guidelines)</u>

#### Initial Phase:



## <u>Satisfactory Documentary Evidence of Equivalent Degree for Licensure as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist</u> Assistant/ Coursework Tool

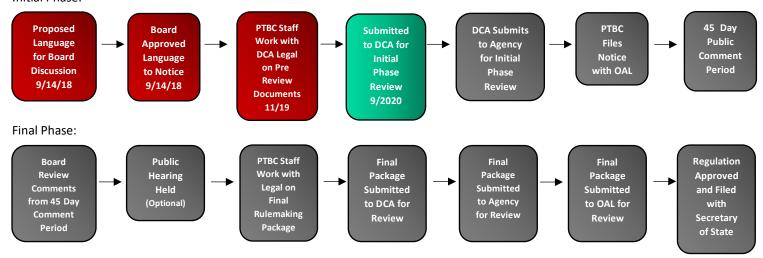
#### Initial Phase:



**Notes:** This regulation proposes to amend CCR 1398.26.1, Article 2, Division 13.2 of Title 16 to restructure the Coursework Tools (CWT's) into an outline format for reading ease; adds CWT 6; provides the general rule for PTs in subdivision (b); addresses the acceptance of CWT 6 in subdivision (c), adds the PTA provision in subdivision (d) and incorporates the CWT's by reference in subdivision (e). PTBC staff presented proposed language for Board consideration at the June 2019 Board meeting and the Board approved the modified proposed language and directed PTBC staff to initiate the formal rulemaking process. In November 2019, PTBC forwarded the pre-review regulation documents (Initial Statement of Reasons, Notice and Proposed Language) to DCA Legal for review. In September 2020, PTBC staff forwarded the initial rulemaking package to DCA Legal for review. In late April 2021, the initial rulemaking package was returned with suggested edits and Board staff returned the rulemaking package to DCA Legal for review and approval on April 18, 2022.

FSBPT's Performance Evaluation Tool (PET) for Foreign Educated Physical Therapists Completing a Supervised Clinical Practice in the United States

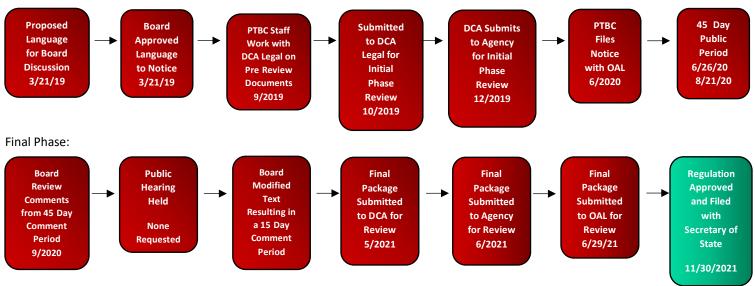
#### Initial Phase:



**Notes:** This regulation proposes to amend CCR 1398.26.5, Article 2, Division 13.2 of Title 16. This proposed regulation will allow supervising physical therapists the option to utilize FSBPT's Supervised Clinical Practice Performance Evaluation Tool (PET) for evaluating a physical therapist license applicant in addition to APTA's Clinical Performance Instrument. Proposed regulatory language was presented and adopted at the September 2018 Board Meeting. In September 2020, PTBC staff submitted the initial rulemaking package to DCA Legal for review. Upon further review, DCA Legal and OAL determined that the PET and CPI would need to be incorporated by reference and since this is a non-substantive change the language will be modified to reflect this which is within the Executive Officer's delegation. PTBC staff submitted the rulemaking package to DCA Legal for review and approval on April 18, 2022.

## Substantial Relationship Criteria, Rehabilitation Criteria for Denial and Reinstatement of Licensure and Rehabilitation Criteria for Suspension and Revocations (AB 2138)

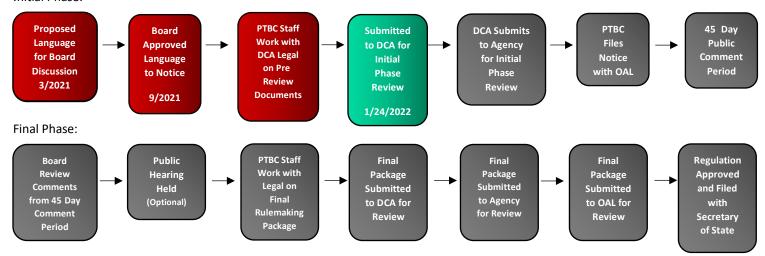
#### Initial Phase:



**Notes:** This regulation proposes to amend CCR 1399.20, 1399.21 and 1399.22, Article 8, Division 13.2 of Title 16. AB 2138 (Chiu, Chapter 995, Statutes of 2018) requires that the Board promulgate regulations by July 1, 2020 to implement, interpret and make specific BPC Sections 141, 480, 481, 482, 488, 493, 2660 and 2660.5 with respect to the substantial relationship of a crime and rehabilitation criteria. The regulation became effective upon filing with the Secretary of State on November 11, 2021.

#### **License Renewal Exemptions: Retired License Status**

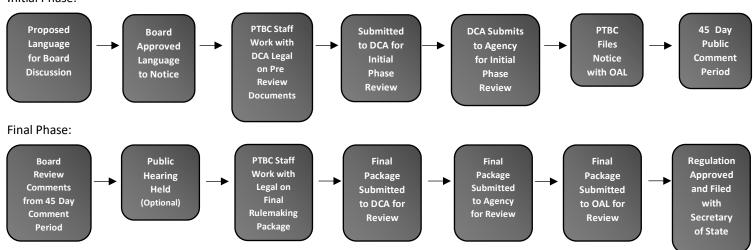
#### Initial Phase:



**Notes:** This regulation proposes to add CCR 1399.57, to Article 10, Division 13.2 of Title 16. BPC Section 2648.7 was repealed effective July 1, 2019 which removed the existing, unclear retired license statute and allowed the PTBC to rely on the new retired license statute BPC Section 464 (AB 2859). This proposed regulation was placed on the 2021 Rulemaking Calendar that was adopted at the Board meeting on December 10, 2020. At the March 2021 Board meeting proposed language was presented for Board consideration and staff worked with DCA Legal to address concerns addressed with the language. Board approved language for Notice on September 16, 2021. Board submitted the rulemaking package to DCA legal on January 24, 2022. Staff and legal worked on the initial rulemaking package and it went to DCA Legal for final review on March 14, 2022. Once the rulemaking package is approved by DCA it will go to Agency for their review.

#### **Continuing Competency**

#### Initial Phase:



**Notes:** This regulation proposes to amend CCR 1399.90 – 1399.99, Article 14, Division 13.2 of Title 16. This proposed regulation was placed on the 2021 Rulemaking Calendar that was adopted at the Board meeting on December 12, 2020. PTBC staff are in the process of researching and developing proposed language for consideration by the Board at a future meeting date.

#### Changes without regulatory effect pursuant to section 100 of the California Code of Regulations

The Board proposes to make changes without regulatory effect to the following sections of the CCR:

#### • Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistant License Applicants

The amendment of section 1399.12 is necessary to reflect the repeal and amendment of underlying statutory authority for these regulatory provisions. BPC section 2655.91 was repealed and replaced with BPC section 2639, operative January 1, 2014 (Senate Bill No. 198 Status 2014, ch. 389).

#### • Sponsored Free Health Care Events – Requirements for Exemption

The deletion of Article 14 of Division 13.2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, inclusive of Sections 1399.99.1, 1399.99.2, 1399.99.3, and 1399.99.4 and Forms 901-A "Registration of Sponsoring Entity Under Business & Professions Code Section 901," incorporated by reference into Title 16, CCR § 1399.99.2 and Form 901-B (PTBC 901-B 11/2/2011), "Request For Authorization To Practice Without A License," incorporated by reference into Title 16, CCR § 1399.99.3. These deletions are necessary to reflect the repeal of underlying statutory authority for these regulatory provisions. Specifically, Business and Professions Code section 901, the statutory authority for the regulatory provisions the Board proposes to delete, was repealed, operative January 1, 2018 (Assem. Bill No. 512 Stats. 2013, Ch. 111, § 1). Subdivision (I) of section 901 extended a previous sunset date from 2014 to 2018, but there have been no further extensions.

These were both filed with OAL on March 2, 2022. OAL has 30 business days to review and either approve or deny the changes and if approved they will become effective on the date of approval.

#### **Processing Times**

- A rulemaking file must be completed within one year of the publication date of the Notice of Proposed Action. The OAL issues the Notice File Number upon filing the Notice of Proposed Action.
- The DCA is allowed thirty calendar days to review the rulemaking file prior to submission to the Department of Finance (DOF).
- The DOF is allowed thirty days to review the rulemaking file prior to submission to the OAL.
- The OAL is allowed thirty working days to review the file and determine whether to approve or disapprove it. The OAL issues the Regulatory Action Number upon submission of the rulemaking file for final review.
- Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 295 of the Statutes of 2012 (SB 1099, Wright), regulation effective dates are as follows:

Date Filed with the Secretary of State	Effective Date	
September 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 30 <sup>th</sup>	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	
December 1 <sup>st</sup> – February 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	
March 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – August 31 <sup>st</sup>	October 1st	



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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 15(A)

**Date:** March 10, 2022

Prepared for: PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Kenneth Meiss, Budget Liaison

Subject: Budget Report

#### Purpose:

To provide an update on the PTBC's Budget activities for Q1 and Q2, CY2021-22.

Attachments: 1. Expenditure Report

2. Expenditure Measures Report (Q1)

3. Expenditure Measures Report (Q2)

4. Revenue Report

5. Revenue Measures Report (Q1)

6. Revenue Measures Report (Q2)

#### Background:

The PTBC Budget Report is a quarterly review of the expenditures and revenues, including budget activities and analysis for the current fiscal year. The report reflects data collected from the Quarterly Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office Projection Report and is generated by staff quarterly: Jul-Sep (Q1), Oct-Dec (Q2), Jan-Mar (Q3) and Apr-Jun (Q4).

CY2021-22, according to the Governor's Budget, the PTBC is authorized \$6,591,000 which includes personnel services, operating expenses and equipment, and 27.4 positions to support program requirements. The Operating Expenses (PERS SVS/OE&E) budget for (CY21-22) has increased 12.7% over last fiscal year's budget allotment of \$5,750,000 (2020-21).

On 3/27/20, the DCA Budget Office initiated COVID-19 cost tracking. This initiative directs the PTBC to track all costs associated with COVID19, including staff work hours spent on COVID19. An Analyst for the Board had been exclusively working on contact tracing program from 6/30/20 through 6/30/21. The Budget Office stated that the Board will be reimbursed \$94,000 for contract tracer reimbursement for PY20-21 cost. The reimbursement will occur after year-end and will be deposited into the Board's fund.

#### Analysis:

PTBC expended \$2,007,719 in Q1 (CY21-22), a 19.7% increase from previous fiscal year's Q1 expenditures of \$1,610,637 (PY20-21). The PTBC's expenditures in Q2 (CY21-22) are \$1,662,335, a 17% increase over previous year's Q2 expenditures of \$1,376,876 (PY20-21).

PTBC collected \$1,796,000 during Q1 (CY21-22) a 9.2% increase over Q1 revenue of \$1,630,900 last fiscal year (PY20-21). PTBC's revenues for Q2 of (PY21-22) were \$2,099,683, a 1.3% increase

from Q2 last fiscal year \$2,071,348 (PY20-21). Historically, the PTBC revenues increase by at least 1-2%.

Action Requested: No action requested.

#### **Expenditure Statistics Report** PY 2021 21 CY 2021 22 Q1 Q2 **Authorized** Q1 Q2 YTD Percent Balance Jul Sep Oct Dec **Budget Budget** Jul Sep Oct Dec Remaining **Budget Line Items** Spent PERSONNEL SERVICES 1,714,000 888,418 351,239 367,212 438,648 449,770 52% 825,582 Civil Services Permanent 9,260 Temp help 5,393 17,384 23,910 41,294 (41,294) Statutory Exempt 24,673 24,934 77,000 28,342 28,602 56,944 74% 20,056 **Board Members** 6,300 12,636 12,000 6,900 12,800 19,700 164% Overtime 242,897 243,463 1,083,000 289,824 288,632 Staff Benefits 578,456 53% 504.544 **TOTAL PERS SVS** 630,502 657,505 2,886,000 781,098 803,714 1,584,812 55% 1,301,188 **OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT General Services Totals** 39,932 76,490 691,000 85,257 111,038 196,295 28% 494,705 Fingerprints 2,352 7,125 99,000 3,430 8,162 11,592 12% 87.408 General Expense 4,780 2,043 28,000 1,162 7,754 8,916 32% 19,084 3,851 39% 275 2,321 10,000 0 3,851 6,149 Minor Equipment 0 0 0 Major Equipment 0 Printing 4,163 5,169 17,000 3,472 5,245 8,717 51% 8,283 960 1,981 17,000 18% 14,019 Communications 1,831 1,150 2,981 Postage 23 9,000 0 2,562 2,562 28% 6,438 Insurance 0 0 0 0 0 2% 0 13,000 Travel in State 91 85 228 313 12.687 14,000 0% 0 14,000 Training 0 0 Facilities Operations (Rent/Leases) 25,951 28,145 261,000 58,209 59,086 117,295 45% 143,705 C&P SRVS Internal (Inter Dept. SRVS Other) 229 12,000 4% 11,518 0 482 482 C&P Services External 1,428 29,386 211,000 17,068 22,518 39,586 19% 171,414 242,025 252,924 70% **Departmental Services Totals** 484,421 1,080,000 508,001 760,925 319,075 Office of Information Services (CCSD-ProRata) 484,000 242,000 550.000 260,000 130,000 390,000 71% 160,000 Administrative Services Division (CCSD-ProRata) 459,000 244,500 122,250 366,750 80% 92,250 0 0 0 37,000 0% Interagency Services 0 0 0 0 37,000 Consolidated Data Center (5344000) 0 0 18,000 0 0 0 0% 18,000 Information Technology 421 25 16,000 3,501 674 4,175 26% 11,825 748 563 0 2,954 459 **Exams Totals** 3,413 0 Exam Admin External 563 748 0 2,954 459 3,413 455,219 400,108 1,993,000 **Enforcement Totals** 714,713 469,281 1,183,994 59% 809,006 78,506 185,425 794,000 209,782 171,426 381,208 48% 412,792 Attorney General Office of Admin Hearings 0 11,948 110,000 36,344 36,344 33% 73,656 0 23% Evidence/Witness 975 12,188 100,000 10.431 12.735 23,166 76.834 3,047 (1,526)738 Court Reporters 0 1,526 1,526 DOI Investigation (ProRata) 375,000 187,500 494,500 247,250 741,750 75% 989.000 247.250 TOTAL OE & E 980,135 719,371 3,764,000 1,310,925 833,702 2,144,627 57% 1,619,373 TOTALS, PERS SVS/OE&E 1,610,637 1,376,876 6,650,000 2,092,023 1,637,416 3,729,439 56% 2,920,561 23% (74,754)\*Fingerprint Reimbursements -9,212 6,762 97,000 (15,533)(6,713)(22, 246)\*Other Scheduled Reimbursements 0% (2,000)-44,807 **Un-Scheduled Reimbursements** -18.854 0 TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS -54,019 -25,616 (48,021)(18,667)32.312

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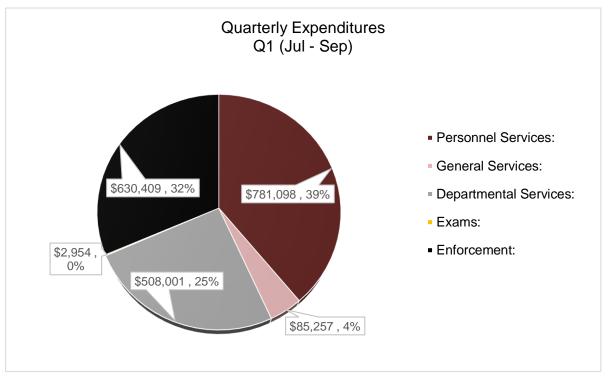
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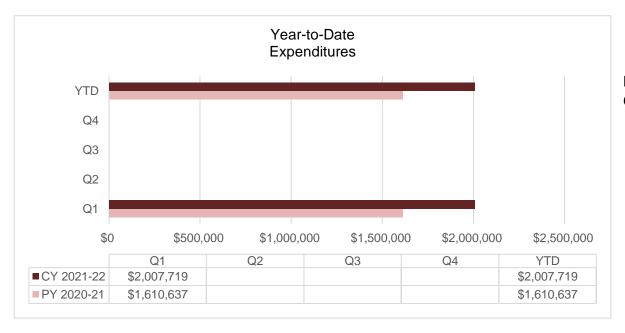
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CY 2021-22

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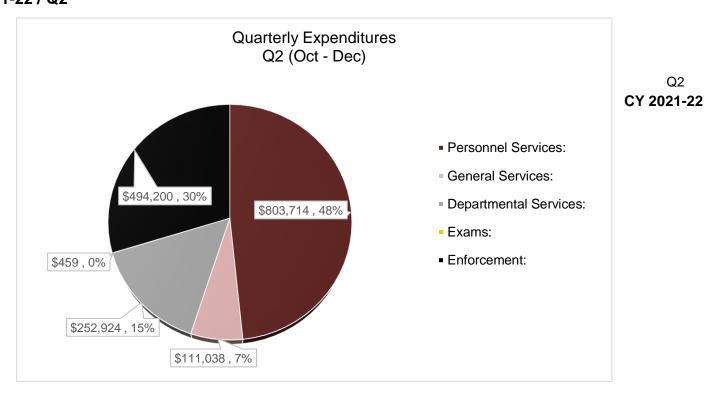
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- 2. Chart reveals Personnel Services was highest expense, followed by Enforcement cost.



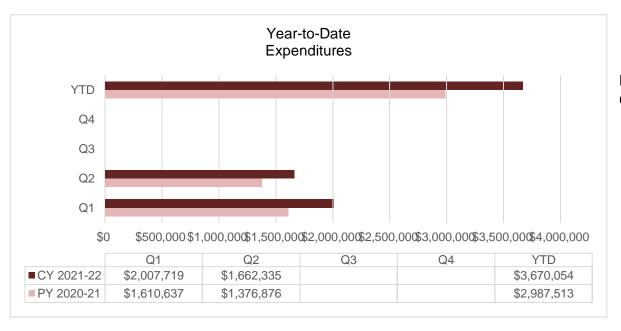
PY 2020-21 CY 2021-22

- 1. Chart shows expenditures by quarter and year to date.
- 2. CY Expenses increased by \$397,082 (21.94%) over previous fiscal year.

Q2



- 1. Chart shows expenses and % of expenses by quarter.
- 2. Chart reveals Personnel Services was highest expense, followed by Enforcement cost.



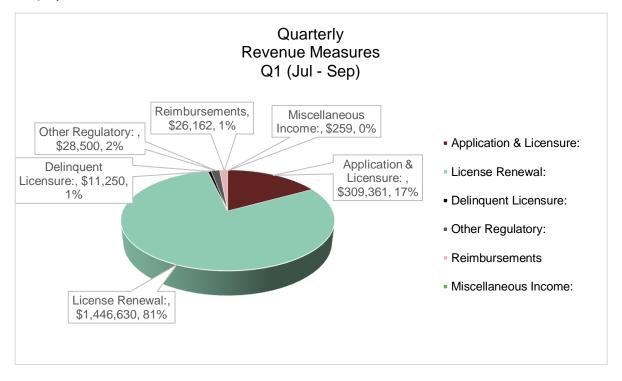
PY 2020-21 CY 2021-22

- 1. Chart shows expenditures by quarter and year to date.
- 2. CY Expenses increased by \$682,541 (22.84%) over previous fiscal year.

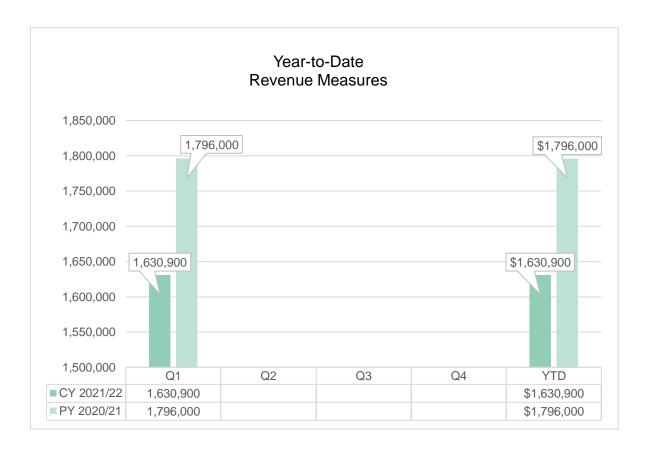
#### **Revenue Statistics Report**

		FY 2020 21				CY 2021 22		
Revenue Line Items	Q 1 Jul Sep	Q 2 Oct	YTD (As of 12/31/20)	Q1 Jul Sep	Q2 Oct Dec	Q3 Jan Mar	Q4 Apr Jun	YTD (As of 12/31/21)
Cite and Fine (Citations)	6,650	1,600	38,350	4,650	3,550	0	0	8,200
Endorsement (License Verification)	19,740	18,900	76,920	20,400	18,840	0	0	39,240
Duplicate License / Certificate	1,800	2,050	13,500	3,450	3,600	0	0	7,050
TOTALS	28,190	22,550	128,770	28,500	25,990	0	0	54,490
INITIAL APPLICATION & LICENSE								
FPTA Application & Initial License Fee	2,400	3,300	16,600	2,400	3,600	0	0	6,000
FPT Application Fee	10,549	10,800	67,849	13,549	9,000	0	0	22,549
ENMG Exam Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENMG Application Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEMG Exam Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEMG Application Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTA Application & Initial License Fee	47,100	48,600	176,400	61,800	46,500	0	0	108,300
PT Application Fee	141,399	91,999	526,748	151,200	101,650	0	0	252,850
PT Initial License Fee	74,599	49,650	279,949	81,000	57,999	0	0	138,999
Refunded Reimbursements	0	-736	-556	0	-507	0	0	-507
Overt/Short Fees	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Suspended Revenue	5,401	1,010	16,045	4,260	1,500	0	0	5,760
Prior Year Revenue Adjustment	-1,347	-2,462	-13,362	-4,850	-6,904	0	0	-11,754
TOTALS	280,101	202,161	1,069,673	309,361	212,838	0	0	522,199
LICENSE RENEWAL								
PTA Renewal Fee	288,600	385,050	1,078,049	317,700	378.000	0	0	695,700
PT Renewal Fee	1,020,100	1,439,450	3,920,750	1,128,630	1,467,300	0	0	2,595,930
ENMG	0	150	600	150	100	0	0	250
KEMG	100	200	800	150	200	0	0	350
Automated Revenue Refund Claim	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overt/Short Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1,308,900	1,824,850	5,000,199	1,446,630	1,845,600	0	0	3,292,230
DELINQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL								
PTA Delinquent Fee	2,100	1,950	7,000	3,000	1,950	0	0	4,950
PT Delinquent Fee	9,600	6,550	27,450	8,250	9,300	0	0	17,550
EN Delinquent Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EK Delinquent Fee	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	11,700	8,550	34,450	11,250	11,250	0	0	22,500
MISCELLANEOUS								
Public Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus Money Investments	0	11,144	86,486	0	3,846	0	0	3,846
Attorney General Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed/Cancelled Warrants	1,959	2,068	2,552	259	159	0	0	418
Miscellaneous Income	50	25	150	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2,009	13,237	89,188	259	4,005	0	0	4,264
SCHEDULED REIMBURSEMENTS								
Fingerprint Reports	9,212	6,762	40,475	9,359	6,713	0	0	16,072
External/Private/Grant	9,212	0,762	0	0	0,713	0	0	0
TOTALS	9,212	6,762	40,475	9,359	6,713	0		16,072
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UNSCHEDULED REIMBURSEMENTS	40.792	14 220	124 644	0.702	0.604	10		10.007
Cost Recovery - Investigations	40,782	14,329	134,644	9,703	8,604	0	0	18,307
Cost Recovery - Probation Monitoring	4,025	4,525	12,359	7,100	3,350	0	0	10,450
TOTALS	44,807	18,854	147,003	16,803	11,954	U	Ů	28,757
TOTAL REVENUES	1,630,900	2,071,348	6,322,280	1,796,000	2,099,683	U	U	3,895,683

### Physical Therapy Board of California Revenue Measures Report CY 2021-22 / Q1

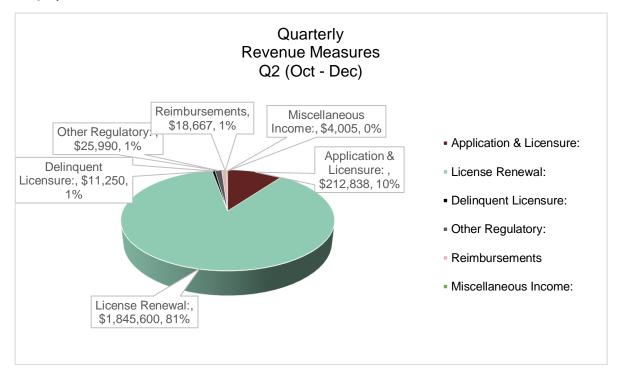


- 1. Chart shows Q1 revenues and % contributed to the quarterly total revenues collected.
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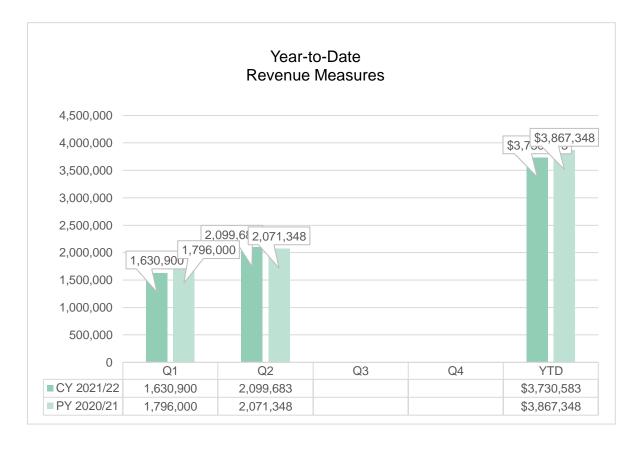


- 1. Chart shows revenues collected by quarter and year to date.
- 2. Chart reveals a 165,100 (10.12%) decrease in revenues over previous fiscal year.

### Physical Therapy Board of California Revenue Measures Report CY 2021-22 / Q2



- 1. Chart shows Q2 revenues and % contributed to the quarterly total revenues collected.
- 2. Chart reveals, license renewals was the highest contributing revenue, follwed by application and initial licensure.



- 1. Chart shows revenues collected by quarter and year to date.
- 2. Chart reveals a 136,765 (3.66%) decrease in revenues over previous fiscal year.



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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 15(B)

Date: February 22, 2022

Prepared for: PTBC Members

Prepared by: April Beauchamps, Outreach Liaison

**Subject:** Outreach Report

Purpose: To provide PTBC's Outreach activities and statistics for Q1 and Q2 CY

2021/22.

Attachments: 1. Website Statistics (Q1)

Website Statistics (Q2)
 Facebook Statistics (Q1)
 Facebook Statistics (Q2)

#### Background:

The PTBC Outreach Report is a quarterly review of the Website and Facebook activities and analysis of those activities for the current fiscal year in comparison to the previous fiscal year. The website statistics is collected from Google Analytics, and Facebook statistics is collected directly from the "insight reports" from Facebook reporting system; and, generated by PTBC staff on a quarterly basis: Jul -Sep (Q1), Oct-Dec (Q2), Jan-Mar (Q3) and Apr- Jun (Q4).

During Quarter (Q1) PTBC did have 10 outreach events virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PTBC provided virtual presentations to Community Based Education and Development College on 7/13/21, American Career College on 7/15/21, West Coast University on 8/10/21, Azusa Pacific on 8/18/21, Mount St. Mary's on 9/22/21, California State University, Sacramento on 9/10/21 and 9/24/21, Gurnick on 9/17/21, and Samuel Merritt on 9/29/21. The PTBC also presented on continuing competency for CPTA on 7/28/2021.

During Quarter (Q2) PTBC did have seven outreach events virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PTBC provided virtual presentations to California State University, Sacramento on 10/1/21 and 10/8/21, Western University on 10/7/21, California State University, Long Beach on 10/19/21, Community Based Education and Development College on 10/26/21, and Chapman University on 11/29/21. The PTBC also presented on Reaching Stakeholders Through Effective Communication with FSBPT on 11/2/2021.

#### Analysis:

#### Website -

PTBC had 41,349 web-hits through its home page tabs, resulting in an 3% decrease over last fiscal year (Q1). The "Laws" section had the most significant decrease of 30% compared to prior fiscal year (Q1).

PTBC had 36,446 web-hits through its home page tabs, resulting in an 4% decrease over last fiscal year (Q2). The "Laws" section had the most significant decrease of 29% compared to prior fiscal year (Q2).

#### Facebook1 -

PTBC had 18,126 people access (traffic) our FB page and we received 43 "likes". In comparison to last fiscal year (Q1), there was a 34% decrease in traffic.

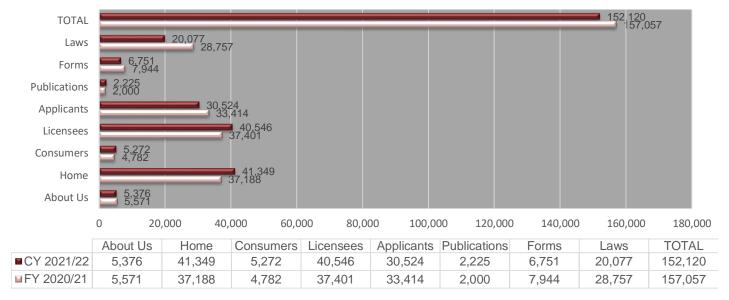
PTBC had 10,892 people access (traffic) our FB page and we received 42 "likes". In comparison to last fiscal year (Q2), there was a 12% decrease in traffic.

#### Action:

No action is requested on presentation of the outreach report.

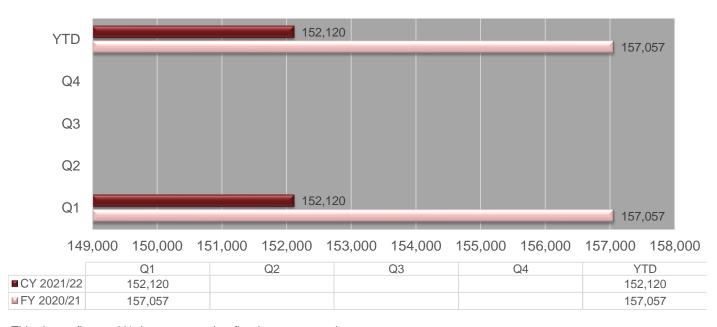
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facebook Insights Definitions: Likes-Number of people who have liked the page. Reached-The number of people who have had any content from your page enter their screen. Engaged Users-Number of people who engaged with your page. Consumers-Number of people who click on any of your content. Talked About-Number of people talking about your page.

#### Website Activity Q1 (Jul - Sep)



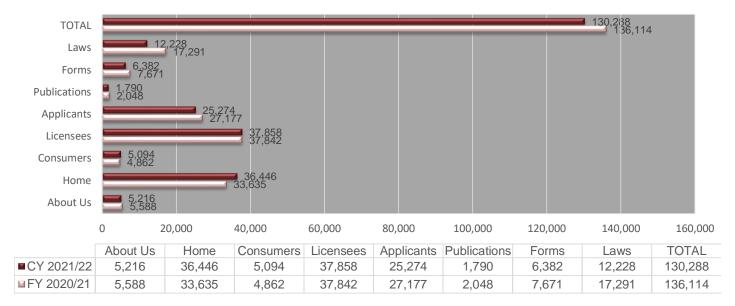
This chart reflects 3% decrease in traffic over last fiscal year (2020/21) Q1. Q1.

## Website Activity (Year-to-date)



This chart reflects a 3% decrease over last fiscal year, year-to-date.

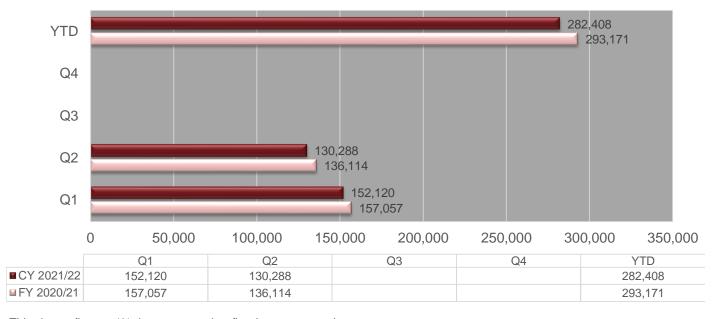
#### Website Activity Q2 (Oct - Dec)



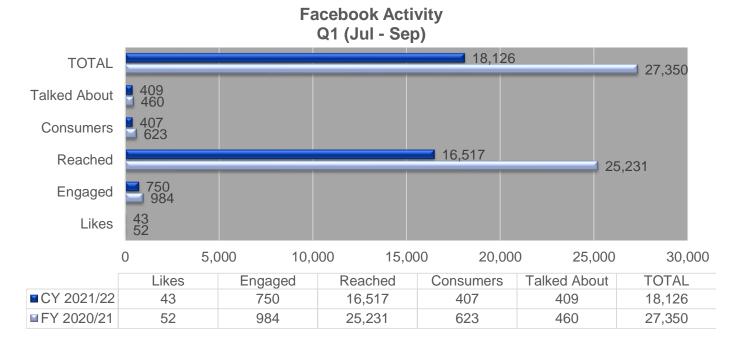
This chart reflects 4% decrease in traffic over last fiscal year (2020/21) Q2.

This chart also shows the Licensees and Home tabs were accessed the most and the publications tab had the least amout of access this Q2.

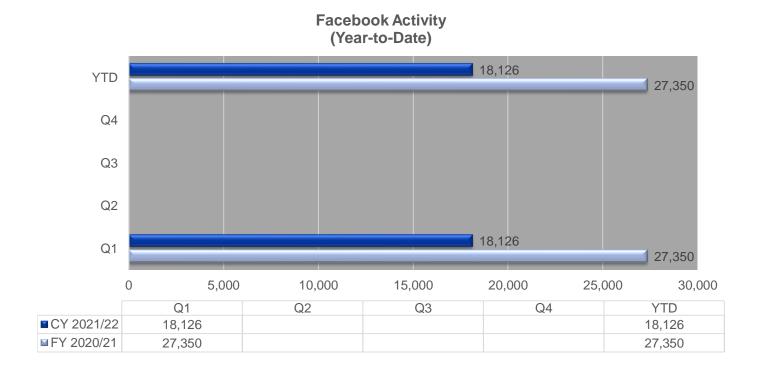
## Website Activity (Year-to-date)



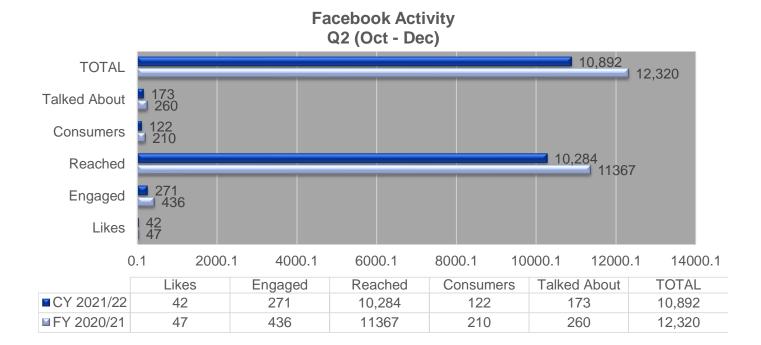
This chart reflects a 4% decrease over last fiscal year, year-to-date.



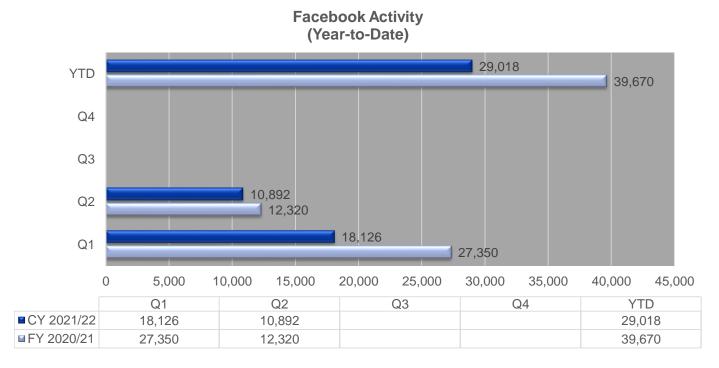
This chart reflects a 34% decrease in Facebook traffic this quarter Q1 compared to Q1 last fiscal year.



This chart reflects a 34% decrease in traffic YTD.



This chart reflects a 12% decrease in Facebook traffic this quarter Q2 compared to Q2 last fiscal year.



This chart reflects a 27% decrease in traffic YTD.



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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 16

**Date:** 03/01/2022

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

Prepared by: Sarah Conley

Subject: Application Services Report

#### Purpose:

To provide an update on the most recent activities and the state of the Application Services program.

Attachments: Application Services Statistics

**Examination Statistics** 

#### **Data Format:**

The report includes year-to-date and quarter data comparisons between the current fiscal year and the previous fiscal years. The percentages included with the program statistics actual numbers represent a portion of the total number.

#### **Update:**

Application Services is preparing for its busy season with a high volume of physical therapy program graduations coming up. Application volume is increasing; however, with the new online application implemented in August 2021, outreach efforts, streamlined efficiencies and increased resources, staff does not anticipate a significant backlog.

Application Services' Lead Analyst, Eura Trent, is no longer with the PTBC. She will be missed, and we wish her the best in her next endeavors. The PTBC is currently in the process of recruiting to fill the now vacant Lead Analyst position.

#### **Action Requested:**

None.

## **Application Services Report** Program Statistics

Initia	I Applications	Received			
		Current FY	2021/22 Year to	Date	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	534	521 (98%)	187 (35%)	47 (9%)	17 (3%)
PTA	213	210 (99%)	34 (16%)	9 (4%)	16 (8%)
Total	747	731 (98%)	221 (30%)	56 (75%)	33 (4%)
		Last FY 2	020/21 Year to D	ate	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	511	499 (98%)	197 (39%)	34 (6%)	10 (2%)
PTA	169	159 (94%)	29 (17%)	12 (7%)	11 (6%)
Total	679	658 (97%)	226 (33%)	46 (6%)	21 (3%)
		Current F	Y 2021/22 Quarte	er 1	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	534	521 (98%)	187 (35%)	47 (9%)	17 (3%)
PTA	213	210 (99%)	34 (16%)	9 (4%)	16 (8%)
Total	747	731 (98%)	221 (30%)	56 (75%)	33 (4%)
		Last FY	2020/21 Quarter	1	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	511	499 (98%)	197 (39%)	34 (6%)	10 (2%)
PTA	169	159 (94%)	29 (17%)	12 (7%)	11 (6%)
Total	679	658 (97%)	226 (33%)	46 (6%)	21 (3%)

Lice	nses Issued						
		Current FY	2021/22 Year to	Date			
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military		
PT	696	N/A	184 (26%)	31 (4%)	16 (2%)		
PTA	217	N/A	25 (12%)	10 (5%)	13 (6%)		
Total	913	N/A	209 (23%)	41 (4%)	29 (3%)		
		Last FY 2	020/21 Year to Da	ate			
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military		
PT	699	N/A	212 (30%)	37 (5%)	5 (1%)		
PTA	199	N/A	20 (10%)	15 (7%)	13 (7%)		
Total	898	N/A	232 (26%)	52 (6%)	18 (2%)		
		Current F	Y 2021/22 Quarte	er 1			
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military		
PT	696	N/A	184 (26%)	31 (4%)	16 (2%)		
PTA	217	N/A	25 (12%)	10 (5%)	13 (6%)		
Total	913	N/A	209 (23%)	41 (4%)	29 (3%)		
		Last FY	2020/21 Quarter	1			
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military		
PT	699	N/A	212 (30%)	37 (5%)	5 (1%)		
PTA	199	N/A	20 (10%)	15 (7%)	13 (7%)		
Total	898	N/A	232 (26%)	52 (6%)	18 (2%)		

## **Application Services Report** Program Statistics

Initia	Applications	Received			
		Current FY	2021/22 Year to	Date	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	901	883 (98%)	350 (39%)	82 (9%)	33 (4%)
PTA	381	375 (98%)	62 (16%)	23 (6%)	23 (6%)
Total	1282	1258 (98%)	412 (32%)	105 (8%)	56 (4%)
		Last FY 2	020/21 Year to D	ate	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	847	817 (96%)	333 (39%)	73 (9%)	16 (2%)
PTA	340	319 (94%)	54 (16%)	22 (7%)	25 (7%)
Total	1187	1136 (96%)	387 (33%)	95 (8%)	41 (3%)
		Current F	Y 2021/22 Quarte	er 2	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	367	362 (99%)	163 (44%)	35 (10%)	15 (4%)
PTA	168	165 (98%)	28 (17%)	14 (8%)	7 (4%)
Total	535	527 (99%)	191 (36%)	49 (9%)	22 (4%)
		Last FY	2020/21 Quarter	2	
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military
PT	336	318 (95%)	136 (40%)	39 (12%)	6 (2%)
PTA	171	160 (94%)	25 (15%)	10 (6%)	14 (8%)
Total	507	478 (94%)	161 (31%)	49 (10%)	20 (4%)

Licen	ses Issued											
		Current FY	2021/22 Year to	Date								
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military							
PT	1124	N/A	254 (23%)	60 (53%)	29 (3%)							
PTA	371	N/A	40 (11%)	14 (4%)	26 (7%)							
Total	1495	N/A	294 (20%)	74(5%)	55 (4%)							
	Last FY 2020/21 Year to Date											
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military							
PT	1183	N/A	402 (34%)	60 (5%)	19 (2%)							
PTA	351	N/A	44 (13%)	23 (7%)	22 (6%)							
Total	1534	N/A	446 (29%)	83 (6%)	41 (3%)							
		Current F	Y 2021/22 Quarte	er 2								
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military							
PT	428	N/A	70 (16%)	29 (7%)	13 (3%)							
PTA	154	N/A	15 (10%)	4 (3%)	13 (8%)							
Total	582	N/A	85(15%)	33 (6%)	26 (4%)							
		Last FY	2020/21 Quarter	2								
	Total	Online	OOS	Foreign	Military							
PT	484	N/A	190 (40%)	23 (5%)	14 (3%)							
PTA	152	N/A	24 (16%)	8 (6%)	9 (6%)							
Total	636	N/A	214 (34%)	31 (5%)	23 (4%)							

## **Application Services Report** Examination Statistics

National P	T and P	TA Exar	ninatio	n - Calif	ornia St	atistics						
Accredited F	Accredited PT Program											
Fiscal Year 2020/21 Fiscal Year 2021/22											Year →	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change	
Pass	458	279			737	268	200			468	<b>₩-</b> 36%	
Fail	57	54			111	45	71			116	<b>%</b> 5%	
Total	515	333			848	313	271			584	<b>↓</b> -31%	
Pass Rate	89%	84%			87%	86%	74%			80%	<b>₩-7</b> %	

Non-Accredited PT Program											
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21			Fiscal	Year 20	21/22		Year →
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	10	10			20	9	10			19	<b>↓</b> -5%
Fail	25	21			46	14	16			30	<b>↓</b> -35%
Total	35	31			66	23	26			49	<b>↓</b> -26%
Pass Rate	29%	32%			30%	39%	38%			39%	<b>∳</b> -9%

Accredited PTA Program											
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21			Fiscal	Year 20	21/22		$Year \rightarrow$
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	202	117			319	191	127			318	<b>↓</b> 0%
Fail	43	54			97	42	50			92	<b>↓</b> -5%
Total	245	171			416	233	177			410	<b>↓</b> -1%
Pass Rate	82%	68%			77%	82%	72%			78%	<b>1%</b>

Non-Accredited PTA Program											
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21			Fiscal	Year 20	21/22		$Year \rightarrow$
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	7	8			15	6	5			11	<b>↓</b> -27%
Fail	11	9			20	12	12			24	<b>^20%</b>
Total	18	17			35	18	17			35	<b>9</b> %
Pass Rate	39%	47%			43%	33%	29%			31%	<b>∳</b> -12%

California	Law Exa	aminatio	n (CLE	<b>E</b> )							
Accredited Program											
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21			Fiscal	Year 20	21/22		Year →
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	772	426			1,198	756	502			1,258	<b>%</b> 5%
Fail	208	126			334	217	149			366	<b>10%</b>
Total	980	552			1,532	973	651			1,624	<b>6%</b>
Pass Rate	79%	77%			78%	78%	77%			77%	<b>∳</b> -1%

Non-Accredited Program											
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21			Fisca	Year 20	21/22		$Year \to$
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	48	37			85	46	36			82	<b>↓</b> -4%
Fail	30	16			46	23	19			42	<b>↓</b> -9%
Total	78	53			131	69	55			124	<b>↓</b> -5%
Pass Rate	62%	70%			65%	67%	65%			66%	<b>1%</b>

<b>National P</b>	National PT and PTA Examination - National Statistics										
Accredited PT Program											
Fiscal Year 2020/21				Fiscal Year 2021/22					$Year \to$		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	4,508	1,847			6,255	3,200	1,403			4,603	<b>↓</b> -26%
Fail	571	472			1,043	522	453			975	<b>₩-7</b> %
Total	5,079	2,319			7,398	3,722	1,856			5,578	<b>↓</b> -25%
Pass Rate	89%	80%			85%	86%	76%			83%	<b>↓</b> -2%

Non-Accred	Non-Accredited PT Program										
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22				Year →	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	184	115			299	141	146			287	<b>₩-</b> 4%
Fail	344	335			679	253	267			520	<b>↓</b> -23%
Total	528	450			978	394	413			807	<b>↓</b> -17%
Pass Rate	35%	26%			31%	36%	35%			36%	<b>%</b> 5%

Accredited F	Accredited PTA Program										
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22				$Year \rightarrow$	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	2,773	1,418			4,191	2,719	1,243			3,962	<b>₩-</b> 5%
Fail	626	629			1,255	846	736			1,582	<b>^26%</b>
Total	3,399	2,047			5,446	3,565	1,979			5,544	<b>^2%</b>
Pass Rate	82%	69%			77%	76%	63%			71%	<b>↓</b> -6%

Non-Accred	Non-Accredited PTA Program										
	Fiscal Year 2020/21					Fiscal Year 2021/22				Year →	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	71	49			120	37	42			79	<b>↓</b> -34%
Fail	43	47			90	48	60			108	<b>1</b> 20%
Total	114	96			210	85	102			187	<b>↓</b> -11%
Pass Rate	62%	51%			57%	44%	41%			42%	<b>⊎</b> -15%

Jurisprude	Jurisprudence Examination - National Statistics										
Accredited Program											
Fiscal Year 2020/21						Fiscal Year 2021/22				Year →	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	1,947	1,190				1,938	1,298				#DIV/0!
Fail	437	343				512	362				#DIV/0!
Total	2,384	1,533				2,450	1,660				#DIV/0!
Pass Rate	82%	78%				79%	78%				#DIV/0!

Non-Accred	Non-Accredited Program										
		Fiscal	Year 20	20/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22				Year →	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q2	Year Change
Pass	80	71				90	82				#DIV/0!
Fail	42	25				41	38				#DIV/0!
Total	122	96				131	120				#DIV/0!
Pass Rate	66%	74%				69%	68%				<del>-</del> 90%





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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 17

**Date:** 3/1/2022

Prepared for: PTBC Members

Prepared by: Sarah Conley

**Subject:** License Maintenance Services Report

#### Purpose:

To provide an update on the most recent activities and the state of the License Maintenance Services program.

Attachments: License Maintenance Statistics

#### **Data Format:**

The report includes year-to-date and quarter data comparisons between the current fiscal year and the previous fiscal years. The percentages included with the program statistics actual numbers represent a portion of the total number.

#### **Update:**

The licensee population and license maintenance requests continue to increase, but it is not at a rate beyond what existing resources is able to support. Otherwise, no significant program updates for FY 2021/22 Q1 and Q2.

#### **Action Requested:**

None.

Licens	e Mainten	ance Services	Report Pro	gram S	Statistics		
Licens	e Status C	Counts*					
2.00110			iscal Year 202 <sup>2</sup>	1/22 Q1			
		Current	Inactive		Delinguent		Retired
PT		28,216				4,659	408
PTA		7,933	•			1,396	123
Total		36,149	1,504			6,055	531
		F	iscal Year 2020	0/21 Q1			
		Current	Inactive		Delinquent		Retired
PT		27,586				4,193	372
PTA		7,728	31	1		1,247	120
Total		35,314	1,520	ס		5,440	492
*As of October 1, 2021							
Renew	als Proces	ssed		Name	Changes	s Proc	cessed
		21/22 YEAR TO	DATE				YEAR TO DATE
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT	3,554	3,168	89%	PT	93	91	98%
PTA	1,011	900	89%	PTA	27	25	93%
Total	4,565	4068	89%	Total	120	116	97%
Fis	scal Year 202	20/21 YEAR TO	DATE	Fisc	al Year 202	20/21	YEAR TO DATE
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT	3,397	2,956	87%	PT	57	51	89%
PTA	972	854	88%	PTA	13	11	84%
Total	4,369	3,810	87%	Total	70	62	89%
	Fiscal Y	ear 2021/22 Q1			Fiscal Y	ear 202	21/22 Q1
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT	3,554	3,168	89%	PT	93	91	98%
PTA	1,011	900	89%	PTA	27	25	93%
Total	4,565	4068	89%	Total	120	116	97%
		ear 2020/21 Q1				ear 20	20/21 Q1
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT A	3,397	2,956	87%	PT	57	51	89%
PTA	972	854	88%	PTA	13	11	84%
Total	4,369	3,810	87%	Total	70	62	89%

<b>Addres</b>	Address Changes Processed								
Fis	cal Year 202	21/22 YEAR 1	O DATE						
	Total	On	line						
PT	975	950	97%						
PTA	225	221	98%						
Total	1,200	1,171	98%						
Fiscal Year 2020/21 YEAR TO DATE									
	Total	On	line						
PT	1,102	1,062	96%						
PTA	275	257	93%						
Total	1,377	1,319	96%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 2021/22 (	21						
	Total	On	line						
PT	975	950	97%						
PTA	225	221	98%						
Total	1,200	1,171	98%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 2020/21 (	21						
	Total	On	line						
PT	1,102	1,062	96%						
PTA	275	257	93%						
Total	1,377	1,319	96%						

Duplicate Requests Processed								
			YEAR TO DATE					
	Total		Online					
PT	67	67	100%					
PTA	0	N/A	N/A					
Total	67	67	100%					
Fisc	al Year 202	20/21	YEAR TO DATE					
	Total		Online					
PT	25	14	56%					
PTA	3	3	100%					
Total	28	17	61%					
	Fiscal Y	ear 202	21/22 Q1					
	Total		Online					
PT	67	67	100%					
PTA	0	N/A	N/A					
Total	67	67	100%					
	Fiscal Y	ear 202	20/21 Q1					
	Total		Online					
PT	25	14	56%					
PTA	3	3	100%					
Total	28	17	61%					

Licens	e Mainten	ance Services	Report Pro	gram S	Statistics		
Licens	e Status C	Counts					
Licens	o otatas c		scal Year 2021/	22 Q2	*		
		Current	Inactive		Delinquent		Retired
PT		28,188	1,196			4,696	407
PTA		7,947		1		1,410	122
Total		36,135	1,504	6,106		6,106	529
		Fi	iscal Year 2020	/21 Q2	2		
		Current	Inactive		Delinquent		Retired
PT		27,646	·			4,398	383
PTA		7,699				1,318	122
Total		35,345	1,480			5,716	505
*As of Nov	vember 1, 2021						
Renew	als Proces	ssed		Name	<b>Changes</b>	s Proc	cessed
Fis	scal Year 202	21/22 YEAR TO I	DATE	Fisc	cal Year 202	21/22	YEAR TO DATE
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT	6,904	6,171	89%	PT	186	179	96%
PTA	1,902	1,689	89%	PTA	50	46	92%
Total	8,806	7,860	89%	Total	236	225	95%
Fis	scal Year 202	20/21 YEAR TO I	DATE	Fisc	cal Year 202	20/21	YEAR TO DATE
	Total	Online			Total		Online
PT	6,528	5,709	87%	PT	129	116	89%
PTA	1,841	1,641	89%	PTA	30	28	94%
Total	8,369	7,350	88%	Total	159	144	91%
		ear 2021/22 Q2			Fiscal Y	ear 202	
	Total	Online	222/		Total		Online
PT	3,350	3,003	90%	PT	93	88	95%
PTA	891	789	89%	PTA	23	21	91%
Total	4,241	3,792	89%	Total	116	109	94%
		ear 2020/21 Q2				ear 20	20/21 Q2
DT	Total	Online	000/	DT	Total	CF	Online
PT PTA	3,131 869	2,753 787	91%	PT PTA	72 17	65 17	91% 100%
Total	4,000	3,540	89%	Total	89	82	92%
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<b>Addres</b>	Address Changes Processed								
Fis	cal Year 202	21/22 YEAR 7	TO DATE						
	Total	On	line						
PT	1,768	1,727	98%						
PTA	427	418	98%						
Total	2,195	2,145	98%						
Fis	cal Year 202	20/21 YEAR	TO DATE						
	Total	On	line						
PT	2,004	1,934	97%						
PTA	503	479	95%						
Total	2,507	2,413	96%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 2021/22 (	<b>Q2</b>						
	Total	On	line						
PT	793	777	98%						
PTA	202	197	98%						
Total	995	974	98%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 2020/21 (	<b>Q2</b>						
	Total	On	line						
PT	902	872	97%						
PTA	228	222	97%						
Total	1,130	1,094	97%						

Duplio	<b>Duplicate Requests Processed</b>								
Fisc	al Year 202	21/22	YEAR TO DATE						
	Total		Online						
PT	133	133	100%						
PTA	0	N/A	N/A						
Total	133	133	100%						
Fisc	al Year 202	20/21	YEAR TO DATE						
	Total		Online						
PT	60	49	82%						
PTA	3	3	100%						
Total	63	52	83%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 202	1/22 Q2						
	Total		Online						
PT	66	66	100%						
PTA	0	N/A	N/A						
Total	66	66	100%						
	Fiscal Y	ear 202	0/21 Q2						
	Total		Online						
PT	35	35	100%						
PTA	0	N/A	N/A						
Total	35	35	100%						





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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 18

**Date:** 3/1/2022

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

Prepared by: Sarah Conley

Subject: Continuing Competency Services Report

#### Purpose:

To provide an update on the most recent activities and the state of the Continuing Competency Services program.

#### Background:

#### <u>Licensees</u>

Licensees are required to certify at the time of renewal that they complied with the continuing competency requirement for renewal set forth in Business and Professions Code section 2649. To ensure compliance, the PTBC is mandated to conduct random continuing competency audits. Audit samples are collected quarterly in keeping with the PTBC's overall statistical record keeping and reporting standard. The audit sample is pulled at the beginning of a quarter for licensees who renewed in the previous quarter. Audits are conducted, then the results are reported the following quarter. The whole audit process from sample collection to reporting results runs six months or two fiscal year quarters. Please note, however, this does not mean each audit takes six months to complete.

#### Recognized Approval Agencies

The PTBC does not directly approve continuing competency providers or courses. Instead, the PTBC recognizes approval agencies that approve providers and courses. In addition to licensees, the PTBC is also obligated to audit recognized continuing competency approval agencies to ensure sufficient compliance with the standards set forth in California Code of Regulation section 1399.95.

#### **Program Update:**

Staff previously reported a pause on continuing competency activities due to redirection of staff to support the Applications Services program. Now, the Application Services program has adequate resources allowing Continuing Competency staff that had been redirected to the Application Services program to return to the Continuing Competency program. Resources

have returned to the Continuing Competency program; however, a DCA COVID-19 waiver remains in place allowing licensees to complete continuing competency requirements through March 31, 2022. Therefore, the Continuing Competency program has initiated recognized approval agency (agency) outreach in preparation to audit these agencies. Staff is contacting each agency to introduce themselves, obtain updated contact information, review regulations, and notify them the PTBC is planning to begin agency audits in the near future. This campaign has already proven to be of benefit to both the agencies as well as the PTBC as information for both parties is being updated and clarified.

Staff will begin licensee audits upon expiration of the DCA COVID-19 waiver extending the time a licensee has to complete continuing competency.

None.



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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 19

Date: February 28, 2022

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Carole Phelps, Lead Enforcement Analyst

Subject: Consumer Protection Services Program (CPS)

**Purpose:** Update on Consumer Protection Services Program - FY 2021/22

Attachments: 1. CPS Statistics Report

2. Disciplinary Summary

#### **Update:**

After all of the changes that 2020 brought, 2021 was another year for adjustments and challenges. Teleworking continued, along with use of new technology to communicate and investigate cases remotely, including Microsoft Teams and WebEx for communication, meetings, and trainings, as well as new processes that allow staff to electronically submit cases to both the Division of Investigation and the Attorney General's Office.

Staff has continually met the challenges each step of the way, been flexible when needed, and they continue to efficiently investigate complaints, while navigating and learning new technology and processes.

#### **Attachment 1: CPS Statistics Report**

The number of consumer complaints and arrest/conviction reports received are reported in Performance Measure 1 (Complaint Intake) and have increased slightly compared to Q1 and Q2 of last fiscal year. These numbers fluctuate regularly.

For Performance Measures 3 (Investigation Cycle Time) and 4 (AG Case Cycle Time) case aging was higher both for investigation-only cases and for cases transmitted to the AG. These numbers fluctuate from year to year, and one or two very complicated cases can increase these numbers substantially. To illustrate this, note that 77% of investigation-only cases, a total of 81 cases, were completed within one (1) year, and only 9 investigation-only cases aged more than 2 years.

As in previous recent quarters, business closures and other pandemic-related issues continue to cause delays in many investigations, especially for facility inspections and interviews, as well as in the disciplinary filing and hearing processes.

#### **Attachment 2: Disciplinary Summary List**

Disciplinary Summary of formal discipline and citations issued for FY 2021-22, Q1 and Q2. Disciplinary actions are of public record and are available through the DCA License Search. https://search.dca.ca.gov/

Action Requested: No Action Required

## **Consumer Protection Services Statistics Report**

Complaint Intake							
	FY 2020/21			al Year 2			Year → Yea
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change
PM1: Complaints Received	117	66	60			126	<b>8</b> 9
PM1: Convictions/Arrest Received	75	45	41			86	159
PM1: Total Received	192	111	101			212	109
Intake							
Target: 9 Days	FY 2020/21	Q1	Fisca Q2	al Year 2 Q3	2 <b>021/22</b> Q4		Year → Yea
	YTD			QU	α.	YTD	Change
PM2: Intake/Avg. Days	4	3	3			3	<b>↓</b> -259
Investigations							
Tarana 00 Dana	FY 2020/21			al Year 2			Year → Yea
Target: 90 Days	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change
PM3: Cycle Time-Investigation	193	215	222			219	139
PM3a: Intake Only	3	3	3			3	<b>→</b> 0°
PM3b: Investigation Only	178	207	215			211	199
PM3c: Post Investigation Only	5	5	4			5	<del>-10</del> 9
nvestigations Aging							
	FY 2020/21	04		al Year 2			Year → Yea
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change
Up to 90 Days	52%	56	49			45%	<b>↓</b> -79
91 - 180 Days	13%	28	17			19%	<b>♠</b> 60
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	16%	15	15			13%	<del>-3</del> 9
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	13%	19	13			14%	19
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	6%	11	7			8%	<b>1</b> 20
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	1%	0	2			1%	<b>↓</b> 09
Citations							
	FY 2020/21			Year → Yea			
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change
Final Citations	12	17	8			25	1089
Average Days to Close	244	457	551			504.0	1079

Transmittals to Attorney General (AG)										
Target: 540 Days	FY 2020/21	Fiscal Year 2021/22 Year →								
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change			
PM4: AG Cases	807	995	830			913	<b>↑</b> 13%			
PM4a: Intake Only	3	2	2			2	<b>↓</b> -33%			
PM4b: Investigation Only	476	491	334			413	<b>↓</b> -13%			
PM4c: Pre-AG Transmittal	2	1	1			1	-50%			

PM4d: Post-AG Transmittal	310	501	480			491	1	58%
	FY 2020/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22					
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	С	hange
AG Cases Initiated	22	12	15			27	1	23%
AG Cases Pending	58	69	66			66	1	14%
SOIs Filed	0	1	0			1		-
Accusations Filed	13	8	8			16	1	23%

AG Transmittals								
	FY 2020/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22					
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Year → Year Change	
Total Closed After Transmission	15	8	8			16	7%	
Total Average Days to Complete	807	1081	934			1007.5	<b>25%</b>	

Total Orders Aging/Final Decision										
	FY 2020/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22							
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Year → Year Change			
Up to 90 Days	0%	0	0			0%	<del>→</del> 0%			
91 - 180 Days	0%	0	0			0%	→ 0%			
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	33%	0	0			0%	-33%			
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	27%	2	3			31%	4%			
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	7%	3	1			25%	<b>18%</b>			
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	33%	3	4			44%	<b>11%</b>			

Other Legal Actions										
	FY 2020/21		Fiscal Year 2021/22							
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Year → Year Change			
Interim Suspension or PC 23 Ordered	0	1	1			2	-			

**PM1: Volume -** Numbr of complaints received within the reference period.

**PM2: Cycle Time - Intake -** Average number of days from the date the complaint was received to the date the complaint was closed or assigned for investigation (assigned to staff).

**PM3: Cycle Time - Investigations** - Average number of days to complete the entire enforcement process for complaints not transmitted to the AG for formal discipline. (includes intake and investigation days)

**PM3a:** Intake Only - Of the cases included in PM3, the average number of days from the date the complaint was received to the date the complaint was assinged for investigation.

**PM3b: Investigation Only -** Of the cases included in PM3, the average number of days from the date the complaint was assigned for investigation to the date the investigation was completed. (without intake)

**PM3c:** Post Investigation Only - Of the cases included in PM3, the average number of days from the date the investigation was completed to the date of the case outcome or non-AG formal discipline effective date.

**PM4:Cycle Time-AG Transmittal -** Average number of days to complete the enforcement process for cases investigated and transmitted to the AG for formal discipline. (includes intake & investigation to final outcome of cases transmitted to the AG - includes withdraws, dismissals, etc.)

**PM4a: AG Transmittal - Intake Only -** Of the cases included in PM4, the average number of days from the date the complaint was received to the date the complaint was assigned for investigation.

**PM4b: AT Transmittal -** Investigation Only - Of the cases in PM4, the average number of days from the date the complaint was assigned for investigation to the date the investigation was completed.

**PM4c: AG Transmittal - Pre AG Transmittal -** Of the cases in PM4, the average number of days from the date the investigation was completed to the date the case was transmitted to the AG.

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**PM4d: AG Transmittal - Post AG Transmittal -** Of the cases in PM4, the average number of days from the date the case is transmitted to the AG to the date of the case outcome or formal discipline effective date. (AG days only)

## Disciplinary Summary Fiscal Year 2021-22 / Quarter 1 and 2

The following is a list of disciplinary actions taken by the Physical Therapy Board of California for the months of July 2021 through December 2021. Except for situations where the licensee has obtained a court ordered stay, Decisions become operative on the Effective Date. Stay orders do not occur in stipulated decisions, which are negotiated settlements waiving court appeals.

Copies of Accusations, Decisions, or Citations may be obtained by visiting our website at <a href="www.ptbc.ca.gov">www.ptbc.ca.gov</a>. In addition to obtaining this information from our website, you may also request by telephone, fax, or mail. Please address written request to:

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#### **July 2021**

#### **NAFZIGER, DAN RAY PT 10573**

<u>Violations:</u> Discipline, restriction, or limitation imposed by another state (sexual misconduct). Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order Effective 7/14/21, License Surrendered.

#### **MANZANO, ALISA PT 18465**

<u>Violations:</u> Dangerous use of alcohol; Conviction of a crime - DUI; General unprofessional conduct; Failure to report arrest and conviction to the board; Biological fluid testing, missed calls; and Biological fluid testing, providing diluted samples. Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order Effective 7/26/21, 3 years' Probation.

#### O NEILL, MARIA MEJIA PT 8430

<u>Violations:</u> Voluntarily surrendered in lieu of completing probation term. Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order Effective 7/28/21, License Surrendered.

#### **KYO. ALAN KUN-SEIN PT 25002**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; Repeated negligent acts; Repeated acts of clearly excessive treatment; Failure to maintain adequate and accurate records; Misrepresenting documentation of patient care; and Failure to document patient records as required in regulations. Proposed Decision and Order Effective 7/28/21, 3 years' Probation.

#### **HORNAK, TIMOTHY JAMES PT 11444**

<u>Violations:</u> Unprofessional conduct; Failure to main accurate patient records; Aiding and abetting unlawful practice of Physical Therapy; Not evaluating competencies of Physical Therapy aides; Permitting Physical Therapy aides to act beyond their documented competencies; and/or Failing to adequately supervise Physical Therapy aides; and failure to provide required notice to consumer. Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order Effective 7/30/21, 3 years' Probation.

#### **August 2021**

#### **ROBINSON, AMY MARIE PT 36375**

<u>Violations:</u> conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physical therapist [DUI]; use of alcohol to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to herself, other, or the public; violation of a provision or provisions of the medical practice act; and violation of a provision or provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice act. Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order Effective 8/13/21, License Surrendered.

#### **GERIAK, AMY GABRIELLE PT 25892**

<u>Violations:</u> Voluntarily surrendered in lieu of completing probation term. Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order Effective 8/13/21, License Surrendered.

#### **LAUDENSLAGER, ERIC J. PT 8450**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; failure to maintain adequate and accurate records; failure to document patient records as required in regulations; and violation of a provision or provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Stipulated Surrender of License and Order Effective 8/16/21, License Surrendered.

#### **BEKENDAM, JEFFREY T. PT 14201**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; excessive use of Physical Therapy aides; failure to maintain accurate and adequate records; and billing for services not rendered. Stipulated Settlement of License and Order Effective 8/16/21, 4 years' Probation.

#### **MUNAR, DAVID CAMPBELL PT 15493**

<u>Violations:</u> Conviction of a crime [DUI]; dangerous use of alcohol; and unprofessional conduct. Stipulated Surrender of License and Order Effective 8/20/21, License Surrendered.

#### **SEYFERT, HEATHER MARIE PT 33822**

<u>Violations:</u> Failure to maintain accurate patient records; gross negligence; falsifying patient records; failure to identify PT aide; and failure to timely provide complete patient records to the Board. Public Letter of Reprimand Issued 8/23/21, Reprimand Issued.

#### September 2021

#### **BARNETT, WESTON IRA PTA 50279**

<u>Violations:</u> Voluntarily surrendered in lieu of completing probation term. Default Decision and Order Effective 9/6/21, License Revoked.

#### **ZWETSLOOT, PAUL HENRY PT 20201**

<u>Violations:</u> Temporarily suspended pending the outcome of a criminal proceeding. Stipulation and Order Prohibiting Practice as a PT Effective 9/8/21, Interim Suspension issued.

#### CHONG, DAE-EIL T. PT 38707

<u>Violations:</u> Failure to maintain accurate patient records. Public Letter of Reprimand Issued 9/30/21, Reprimand Issued.

#### October 2021

#### SAGHEBRAI, MAHZAD SHIRAZI PTA 8651

<u>Violations:</u> License was temporarily suspended due to a criminal case [DUI]. Interim Suspension Order Effective 10/12/21, License Suspended.

#### **HEFFEL, JAMES JENSEN PTA 10625**

Violations: Violating terms of probation. Default Decision and Order Effective 10/14/21, License Revoked.

#### November 2021

#### **DAVIS, ALISON JANE PT 22155**

<u>Violations:</u> Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a Physical Therapist [DUI]; excessive use of alcohol; unprofessional conduct; violation of provision or provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act; and violation of a provision or provisions of the Medical Practice Act. Stipulated Settlement of License and Order Effective 11/8/21, 5 years' Probation.

#### **DUNCAN, BEN DAVID PT 27435**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; excessive use of Physical Therapy aides; billing for services not rendered; and failure to maintain accurate and adequate records. Stipulated Settlement of License and Order Effective 11/10/21, 35 months' Probation.

#### **JETTE, JUSTIN DAVID PT 43441**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; repeated acts of negligence; excessive use of PT aides; failure to maintain accurate and adequate records; and billing for services not rendered. Public Reproval Issued 11/10/21, Public Reproval Issued.

#### **WINBLAD, NATALIE MARIE PT 39658**

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; repeated acts of negligence; excessive use of PT aides; failure to maintain accurate and adequate records; and billing for services not rendered. Public Reproval Issued 11/10/21, Public Reproval Issued.

#### **BENNION, MATTHEW BOYD PT 42294**

<u>Violations:</u> Negligence; failure to maintain adequate and accurate records; failure to document patient records as required in regulations; failure to adequately supervise PT aides; failure to adequately supervise PT assistants; and failure to provide and post form NTC 12-01 as required in regulations. Stipulated Settlement of License and Order Effective 11/15/21, 4 years' Probation.

#### **GARCIA CAMEY, JOSE MIGUEL PTA 51152**

<u>Violations:</u> Voluntarily surrendered in lieu of completing probation term. Stipulated Surrender of License and Order Effective 11/20/21, License Surrendered.

#### December 2021

#### **KEROLS. THABET Y. PTA 8918**

<u>Violations:</u> Conviction of a substantially related crime [Wet Reckless]; failure to participate in board's investigation; failure to update address of record; and unprofessional conduct. Proposed Decision and Order Effective 12/8/21, 5 years' Probation.

#### HANG, JIMMY TANG PT 28952

<u>Violations:</u> Gross negligence; sexual misconduct; repeated negligent acts; and inadequate record keeping. Stipulated Settlement of License and Order Effective 12/8/21, 5 years' Probation.

#### **MULLER, JOHN MAURICE PT 8797**

<u>Violations:</u> Voluntarily surrendered in lieu of completing probation term. Stipulated Surrender of License and Order Effective 12/11/21, License Surrendered.

#### SAGHEBRAI, MAHZAD SHIRAZI PTA 8651

<u>Violations:</u> Unprofessional conduct; criminal convictions [multiple DUIs drugs/alcohol] and dangerous use of drugs or alcohol. Stipulated Surrender of License and Order Effective 12/24/21, License Surrendered.

#### **Glossary of Terms**

B & P Code – Business and Professions Code H & S Code – Health and Safety Code R & R – Rules and Regulations CCR – California Code of Regulations

Accusations: Charges filed against a licensee alleging violation(s) of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

Interim Suspension Order: An Order issued upon petition, suspending a licensee from all or specified part of their practice of, or assisting in the provision of, physical therapy.

<u>Petition to Revoke Probation</u>: Charges filed against a probationer seeking revocation of their physical therapy or physical therapy assistant license based upon violation(s) of probation.

<u>Probationary License:</u> Where good cause exists to deny a license, the licensing agency has the option to issue a conditional license subject to probationary terms and conditions.

<u>Public Letter of Reprimand:</u> In lieu of filing a formal accusation, the Board may, pursuant to BPC section 2660.3, upon stipulation or agreement by the licensee, issue a public letter of reprimand. If the licensee does not agree to the issuance of the letter, the Board shall not issue the letter and may proceed to file a formal accusation. A public letter of reprimand is considered disciplinary action.

<u>Statement of Issues Filed:</u> Charges filed against an applicant due to alleged violation(s) of the Physical Therapy Practice Act. If found to be true, the charges may result in discipline.

<u>Surrender of License</u>: The licensee surrenders their license to the Board, subject to acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board, and the licensee is prohibited from engaging in the practice, or assisting in the provision, of physical therapy.

Stipulated Decision: Negotiated settlements waiving court appeals.





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Briefing Paper Agenda Item 20(A)

Date: February 23, 2022

**Prepared for:** PTBC Members

**Prepared by:** Monny Martin, PTBC Probation Monitor

Subject: Probation Monitoring Program

**Purpose:** Update on Probation Monitoring Program for Q1 & Q2 - FY 2021-2022

Attachments: 1. Statistical Report

#### Background:

This is a report on the Board's Probation Monitoring Program for the first and second quarter of FY 2021-2022. Please refer to attachment (B) which contains the probation statistics for FY 2021-2022.

#### Analysis:

For the first quarter, there were 61 licensees on probation for various causes. Besides the 50 licensees on probation and in the state of California, there were an additional 11 probationers tolling (out of state) and not receiving credit toward the completion of probation. There were six licensees placed on probation in the quarter, and 1 licensee completed probation in the quarter.

Of the 50 licensees that were not tolling, 14 were enrolled and participating in the Board's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program at the end of the quarter, equaling about 28% of all licensees on probation that weren't tolling.

For the second quarter, there was no change in the number of licensees on probation. There are still 50 licensees on probation in the state of California, and 11 tolling out of state. Seven more licensees were placed on probation in the second quarter and four more licensees completed probation. There was also one Stipulation for Surrender of Probation due to a relapse and that participant being removed from the Board's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program and one Voluntary Surrender. Additionally, one licensee entered into the Board's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program and one licensee completed the program.

The Probation Monitoring Unit continues to operate utilizing Microsoft TEAMS but plans to start conducting face-to-face interviews in the near future. All probationers have adjusted to having

probation monitoring interviews via video conference and things have continued to operate smoothly. There have not been any disruptions to biological fluid testing and participants in the Board's Recovery Monitinoring Program continue to participate in 12-Step programs and Health Support Groups via video conference.

The new fiscal year has brought an increase of licensees being put on probation and entering into the Board's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program. It appears that the number of licensees being placed on probation is now starting to increase again as the state emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Action Requested:** No Action Required.

## **Probation Statistics Report**

Probation							
	FY 2020/21						
	YTD						r → Year hange
Entered Probationer	12	6	7	0	0	4	8%
Completed Probation	13	1	4	0	0	•	-62%
Probation Terminated (Revocation/Stip Sur	0	0	1	0	0	1	100%
Non-Compliant w/Probation	2	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>	-50%
Tolling (Out of State)	14	11	11	0	0	•	-21%
Surrenders (Voluntary)	2	1	2	0	0	1	50%
Total Probationers	57	61	61	0	0	1	7%

Maximus										
	FY 2020/21	Fiscal Yea	Year → Year							
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Change			
Entered Maximus	5	3	1	0	0	4	<del>-20</del> %			
Completed Maximus	2	0	1	0	0	1	<del>-50%</del>			
Total Maximus Participants	12	14	13	0	0	13	<b>№</b> 8%			
Determined To Be Clinically Inappropriate	5	0	0	0	0	0	<del>-20%</del>			
Terminated - Public Risk	1	1	0	0	0	1	→ 0%			
Terminated - Failure to Receive Benefit	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>100%</b>			
Withdrawn (Expense) - Post-Decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>→</b> 0%			
Withdrawn (Left State) - Post-Decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>→</b> 0%			
Withdrawn - Pre-Decision	1	0	0	0	0	0	<del>-100%</del>			
Withdrawn - Voluntary	0	0	1	0	0	1	<b>100%</b>			