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BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

MARCH 19, 2026
BOARD MEETING

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen St., Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95815

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Dayle Armstrong, M.S., P.T., D.P.T., PhD, *Vice President*

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Tonia McMillian, *Member*

Sam Qiu, *Member*

Vacant, *Professional Member*

Vacant, *Public Member*

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Sarah Conley, *Assistant Executive Officer*

Brooke Arneson, *Legislation and Regulation Manager*

Carole Phelps, *Consumer Protection Services Manager*

Liz Constancio, *Administrative Services Manager*

Valerie Kearney, *Licensing Manager*

MISSION

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

VISION

The Board is the standard of excellence in consumer protection.



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CONSUMER
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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

Dates & Times: March 19, 2026 9:00 a.m.

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) will meet in person and by teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 11123.2 at the above-noted dates and times, with the following physical location available for members of the Board and the public to physically attend and participate in the meeting:

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Agenda – Thursday; March 19, 2026

Discussion and Action may be taken on any agenda item.

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1. **Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.**
2. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum**
3. **Reading of the Board’s Mission Statement**
4. **Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the September 23-24, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Kim Rozakis
5. **Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the November 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Kim Rozakis
6. **Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the December 11-12, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Kim Rozakis
7. **President’s Report** – Karen Brandon
 - (A) Discussion of 2026 Adopted Meeting Calendar, and Possible Action to Modify Dates if Needed
 - (B) Discussion of 2027 Proposed Meeting Calendar, and Possible Action to Select 2027 Meeting Dates
 - (C) Committee Updates
8. **Executive Officer’s Report** – Jason Kaiser
 - (A) Executive Services
 - (B) Administrative Services
 - (C) Licensing Services
 - (D) Consumer Protection Services
9. **Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2025 Sunset Review Report** – Jason Kaiser
 - (A) Recommendation to increase the Board’s statutory fee caps as part of the Sunset Review process.
10. **Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental Relations Reports**
 - (A) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
 - (B) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)

(C) Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) – Executive Office

11. Executive Services Update

(A) Legislation Report – Brooke Arneson

2025/26 Legislative Session Summary, Discussion, and Possible Action to take a position on the following bills:

- 1) AB 2774 (Assembly Committee on Business and Professions):
Physical Therapy Board of CA
- 2) AB 2140 (Johnson) Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees

(B) Rulemaking Report – Brooke Arneson

2026 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations

- 1) Update and Discussion Regarding the Development of Possible Amendments to the Board's Continuing Competency Regulations

(C) Communication & Education Update – April Beauchamps

12. Administrative Services Update – Liz Constancio

- (A) Program Updates
- (B) Budget Report

13. Licensing Services Update – Valerie Kearney

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

14. Consumer Protection Services Update – Carole Phelps

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

15. Probation Monitoring Services Update – Monny Martin

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

16. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

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 decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7 (a).)

17. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

June 25-26, 2026
Sacramento, CA

18. 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

19. Adjournment

Informational Notes:

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For more information on this Board meeting, contact Kim Rozakis at (916) 561-8279, e-mail: Kimberlie.Rozakis@dca.ca.gov, or send a written request to the Physical Therapy Board of California, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2600, Sacramento, CA 95815

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ROLL CALL

**Thursday,
March 19, 2026**

	Present	Absent
Karen Brandon, P.T., DsC P.T., President		
Dayle Armstrong, Ph.D, PT, MS, DPT, Vice President		
Tala Khalaf, PT, DPT, OMPT		
Tonia McMillian		
Samuel Qiu		



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Board Members

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**Physical Therapy Board of California
 Draft Meeting Minutes**

September 23-24, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Loma Linda School of Medicine
 LLU Centennial Complex Damazo
 Amphitheater
 Centennial Complex
 24760 Stewart Street
 Loma Linda, CA 92354

Board Staff

Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer
 Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive
 Officer

Brooke Arneson, Specialist

Liz Constancio, Manager

Valerie Kearney, Manager

Carole Phelps, Manager

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

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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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 Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and recessed at 4:06 p.m.

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2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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Brandon – Present

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Qiu- Present

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Armstrong- Present

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Khalaf – Present

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McMillian - Absent

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All Members except for Ms. McMillian were present, and a quorum was
 established. Also present at the meeting were: Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer,
 Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel, Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive
 Officer; Brooke Arneson, Legislation and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps,
 Enforcement Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and Vincent Azar.

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28 **3. Reading of the Board’s Mission Statement**

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30 Mr. Qiu read the Board’s mission statement: To advance and protect the
31 interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the
32 Physical Therapy Practice Act.
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34 **4. Review and Approval of June 25-26, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

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36 Ms. Rozakis presented the draft meeting minutes for June 25-26, 2025. The
37 Board reviewed the minutes and made editorial changes.
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39 **MOTION:** Adopt the June 25-26,2025, Meeting Minutes.

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41 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu

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43 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
44 Qiu – Aye
45 Armstrong- Aye
46 Khalaf- Aye
47 McMillian - Absent
48 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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50 **5. President’s Report**

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52 (A) 2025 Adopted Meeting Calendar

53 Mr. Kaiser recommended a one-day workshop in the second or third week in
54 October and another one-day workshop in the second or third week in
55 November in Sacramento for Sunset and this will not be Webex or Webcasted
56 with a single agenda item.
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58 Dr. Brandon recommended the week of October 13, 2025, Mr. Kaiser
59 suggested October 15, 2025. Dr. Brandon recommended the week of
60 November 17, 2025, and Mr. Kaiser recommended November 19, 2025. The
61 members who were present confirmed both dates will work. Mr. Kaiser will
62 reach out to the member who is not present at the meeting.
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64 (B) 2026 Proposed Meeting Calendar
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66 Mr. Kaiser suggested moving the December 2026 meeting to December 8-9,
67 2025. The Board will vote on 2026 meeting dates at the December 2025
68 meeting.
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70 (C) Committee Updates

71 Mr. Qiu provided an update on the Exempt Position Review (EPR) Committee.
72 Mr. Qiu reported that the committee, consisting of himself and Ms. McMillian,
73 has met 3 times. During the most recent meeting the committee developed a
74 timeline and identified items related to the EPR submission.
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76 Mr. Qiu added that in November, the EPR Committee plans to prepare a draft
77 justification and submit it to the Office of Human Resources (OHR) for review.
78 OHR is expected to complete its review within one week of submission. At the
79 December Board meeting, the draft justification will be presented for the
80 Board's consideration, including a possible discussion of a salary adjustment
81 or level change. Final approval and a vote are anticipated at the March 2026
82 Board meeting.
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84 Dr. Brandon asked what the process is after the Board submits it to OHR. Mr.
85 Qiu said it will then be submitted to California Department of Human Resources
86 (CalHR) and the Governor's Office.
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88 Mr. Kanotz added CalHR is the representative of the Governor and CalHR has
89 to approve changes in all exempt positions all across state government.
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91 Dr. Armstrong provided an update on the Sunset Committee. She reported that
92 the Committee, consisting of Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Brandon, have been
93 reviewing the Sunset Report and making recommended changes on Microsoft
94 Teams. The Committee met on August 20, 2025, and September 10, 2025, and
95 will meet again in October 2025. Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Brandon have also met
96 virtually to discuss proposed new issues.
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98 Mr. Kaiser added that the Board has identified an inconsistency between the
99 petition fee and statement-of-issue authority for a former licensee and the
100 authority applied to new applicants. For new applicants, BPC section 2600.5
101 (Denial of a License in Specified Circumstances) requires the Board to deny a
102 Physical Therapist (PT) or Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) license to any
103 applicant required to register under Penal Code section 290. However, this
104 section does not apply to an applicant who must register solely because of a
105 misdemeanor conviction under Penal Code section 314.
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107 Mr. Kaiser added that if the Board revoked a license for a Section 290
108 registration offense or if an individual received a sex-registration-related
109 conviction after revocation for another reason that individual could still submit
110 a petition for reinstatement after 3 years. Even if they remain listed on Megan's
111 Law, the Board would still be required to process the petition. This creates what
112 the Board views as an inconsistency and an unnecessary administrative
113 burden, requiring staff to process the petition, conduct a background check,
114 and schedule the matter for a hearing, despite the individual's ongoing
115 registration status. If denied, the petitioner could reapply after one to two years
116 and begin the full process again.

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118 Mr. Kaiser stated that in such circumstances, the Board would like authority to
119 apply the same intent as section 2600.5 to petitioners who remain registered
120 sex offenders an authority that would require a legislative change.

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122 Mr. Kanotz added that some Boards have the authority, upon denying a
123 petition, to prohibit the former licensee from filing another petition for longer
124 than the standard one-year period.

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126 Dr. Armstrong identified potential new issues which were regulation of AI and
127 documentation in Physical Therapy, investigation of workforce data in
128 California, status of dry needling and requirements for foreign trained physical
129 therapists.

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131 Dr. Brandon added that the report should include a section directing staff to
132 explore models for evaluating patient consent specifically related to the use of
133 AI in physical therapy documentation.

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135 During public comment, Dr. Syms, PT license, asked where Megan's Law is.
136 Mr. Kaiser answered this is a proposal in amending the petition authority
137 language that's contained within the PT practice act to better have closer
138 alignment with the application authority that's contained with the same PT
139 practice act.

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141 **6. Overview of the Attorney General's Legal Process for Disciplinary Actions**

142 Mr. Gatschet. Deputy Attorney General from the Office of the Attorney General,
143 presented an overview of the Attorney General's Legal Process for Disciplinary
144 Actions.

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146 Mr. Qiu asked whether Board members could be considered biased given their
147 role in consumer protection. Mr. Gatschet responded that members are not
148 biased, as they do not hold preconceived notions about the facts of any case. If

149 a member does have a preconceived view about the facts, that member must
150 recuse themselves.

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152 Dr. Brandon asked about the difference in outcomes between a license
153 surrender and a revocation, and in what circumstances each might occur. Mr.
154 Gatschet explained that the outcome is effectively the same; whether a licensee
155 surrenders their license or it is revoked, they no longer hold a license. The only
156 path to relicensure is through a petition for reinstatement. Mr. Gatschet added
157 that a revocation follows a formal hearing process. An Administrative Law Judge
158 (ALJ) cannot impose a surrender but can impose a revocation.

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160 Mr. Gatschet also noted that the Board has legislative authority to send an
161 investigator, accompanied by an expert witness and a licensed physical
162 therapist, to conduct an on-site inspection early in the investigative process. This
163 must be done with strict attention to patient confidentiality and respect for the
164 licensee's practice environment, especially since a complaint may ultimately be
165 unfounded.

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167 Dr. Brandon asked how the Office of the Attorney General formulates its final
168 recommendations. Mr. Gatschet explained that each case is evaluated
169 individually. While every situation is unique, the Office relies on the Board's
170 disciplinary guidelines. Mr. Kaiser and Board staff provide the initial offer to the
171 Attorney General's Office, which then responds, negotiates with respondent's
172 counsel, and returns the negotiated proposal to the Board. When a hearing is
173 scheduled, an Attorney Law Judge (ALJ) sets an early settlement conference
174 and a mandatory settlement conference. At these conferences, the respondent
175 and their counsel, the assigned Deputy Attorney General (DAG), and Mr. Kaiser
176 (available by phone) participate. An ALJ not assigned to the case may act as a
177 settlement ALJ, and the parties may choose whether to accept their
178 participation.

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180 Mr. Kaiser asked what the most common reasons are for the Board to reject or
181 decline to adopt a proposed decision. Ms. Castro, Senior Assistant Attorney
182 General, responded that proposed decisions may be considered either too
183 lenient or too severe. The Board's mission of public protection requires
184 balancing those interests.

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186 Dr. Khalaf asked whether there is a statute of limitations for violations. Mr.
187 Gatschet stated that the Board does not have a statute of limitations for
188 disciplinary actions. The only legal doctrine that may apply is laches, which is
189 an equitable doctrine.

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191 During public comment, Dr. Syms, a licensed Physical Therapist, expressed
192 ongoing frustration regarding supervision issues. He noted that PTs have
193 observed these problems for months and that he has advised them to report
194 such concerns to the Board.

195 **7. Executive Officer's Report**

196 (A) Executive Services

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199 Mr. Kaiser shared the Board is looking at the fourth quarter of 2024/2025 end
200 of year report with 3-year statistical comparisons.

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202 Mr. Kaiser shared a 3-year comparison is not doable, but this year seems a lot
203 busier than the previous years, having the Executive Services Unit established
204 and fully operational has been beneficial to both himself and Ms. Conley, as
205 well as to the Board as a whole.

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207 Mr. Kaiser reported that outreach efforts are at a slight disadvantage for this
208 meeting. Ms. Beauchamps, along with other staff, attended the California
209 Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) Annual Conference, which was held on
210 September 20–21, 2025, and was therefore unable to attend the September
211 Board meeting. Due to the timing of both the CPTA conference and the Board
212 meeting, staff had to be split for cost-saving purposes.

213 (B) Administrative Services

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215 Mr. Kaiser reported the Board continues to operate under the Department of
216 Finance Budget letters 23-24 and 23-27, which anticipates a significant General
217 fund deficit in fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 and ongoing. These budget letters
218 requires the Board to take immediate action to reduce expenditure and identify
219 all possible operational savings.

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221 Mr. Kaiser is happy to report that the board was successful in staying within the
222 budget for FY 2024-2025. The Board was able to revert \$155,000 back to the
223 PT fund this fiscal year.

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225 Mr. Kaiser reported that Ms. Barlow from Administrative Services Unit received
226 a promotion from Office Technician to Staff Services Analyst. There is now one
227 Office Technician vacancy and anticipates filling this position in a month. Mr.
228 Kaiser thanked Ms. Thao, Board Liaison, for all her help in the recruitment
229 process.

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231 Mr. Kaiser gave a reminder to the Board of Executive Order N-22-25, which
232 requires all agencies and departments offering telework to implement a hybrid
233 telework policy with a default minimum of two in-person days per week. Mr.
234 Kaiser added that at the June 2025 meeting, staff were scheduled to return to
235 the office four days per week effective July 1, 2025, but collective bargaining
236 requirements have postponed that schedule for one year but will revisit the plan
237 in six months.

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239 Mr. Kaiser shared there are currently 2 board member vacancies, one a
240 professional member and one a public member. The Board is keeping a close
241 eye on those appointments and eager to see both of those vacancies filled as
242 soon as possible.

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244 Dr. Brandon asked whether there have been challenges in filling Board member
245 vacancies and whether those challenges relate to staffing changes in the
246 Governor's Office. Mr. Kaiser responded that a new Appointment Secretary
247 was appointed approximately six months ago. With the change in staffing, the
248 appointment process may be functioning differently. He added that the
249 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has vacancies in its Board and Bureau
250 Relations Unit, which has served as the Board's direct contact with the
251 Governor's Appointment Secretary. Those vacancies may also be contributing
252 to delays. Recently, a few appointments were made within the unit, including
253 both a deputy and assistant deputy. Mr. Kaiser stated he will attempt to contact
254 the Appointment Secretary directly to determine whether the Board can assist
255 in the process.

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257 (C) Licensing Services

258 Mr. Kaiser stated the profession continues to grow, as there has been an 8%
259 increase this year over last year.

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261 Mr. Kaiser thanked staff for maintaining their workload and always finding new
262 ways to do things more efficiently.

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264 (D) Consumer Protection Services

265 Mr. Kaiser reported there has been a slight increase in complaints received.
266 Mr. Kaiser, Ms. Phelps and staff will continue to keep an eye on those numbers
267 to see if they are a trend or just an anomaly.

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269 **8. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action on the Board's Sunset**
270 **Review Report**

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272 Mr. Kaiser shared that a committee was established consisting of Dr. Armstrong
273 and Dr. Brandon. The committee has met twice and collaborated closely with
274 staff. A Microsoft Teams channel was created to house the Sunset Draft Report,
275 allowing all staff members to access and work on the document simultaneously.

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277 Mr. Kaiser thanked Dr. Brandon, Dr. Armstrong, and all Board Members for their
278 willingness to participate and for their flexibility throughout the process.

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280 He added that one week before the October 15, 2025 meeting, a draft Sunset
281 Report will be distributed to all members for review, with the expectation that
282 edits will be discussed on October 15.

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284 Dr. Brandon asked Mr. Kaiser to share what questions differ from the previous
285 Sunset Review. Mr. Kaiser explained that the template questionnaire received
286 from the Business and Professions Committee is generally standard but varies
287 from one legislative session to another. This session's key differences include
288 questions related to workforce data. Mr. Kaiser noted that the Board has been
289 collecting workforce data for almost five years and that the creation of the Health
290 Care Infrastructure (HCI) workforce initiative reflects not just a California trend
291 but a national one.

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293 Mr. Kaiser added that the Board can also highlight its participation in the FSBPT
294 task force on workforce data collection, which allows workforce trends to be
295 compared across jurisdictions and will help inform the Sunset Report.

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297 **9. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding the Sunset Review**
298 **Subcommittee's Recommendation on Issues to be Identified in the Sunset**
299 **Review Report**

300 Dr. Brandon shared that the Board reviewed Sunset Reports from other
301 California boards as well as boards in other states, examining emerging areas
302 such as AI documentation, workforce representation, new treatment modalities
303 and their regulation, and barriers in the licensure process. Dr. Brandon stated
304 that nothing stood out as requiring immediate action, but the Board remains
305 open to information and well-justified ideas for identifying new issues particularly
306 those involving innovations in physical therapy related to safety and practical
307 implementation in California.

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309 Mr. Kaiser added that he and Board staff will continue identifying potential new

310 issues and will work with the committee to determine their placement in the
311 Sunset Draft Report. Currently, there is one staff-recommended new issue
312 included for the October 15, 2025 meeting, though additional items may be
313 added. Mr. Kaiser emphasized that when the Board identifies a new issue during
314 Sunset, it is typically something requiring legislative action or a statutory change.
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316 Dr. Brandon asked whether the new issue pertains to the cost of application fees
317 for petitioners or whether it involves giving the Board authority to decline
318 accepting a petition from someone who is currently on the Megan's Law registry.
319 Mr. Kaiser responded that the Board is seeking draft statutory language to clarify
320 that a petitioner for reinstatement who is also a Megan's Law registrant would
321 be ineligible to petition due to their ongoing registration status. He added that
322 staff are continuing to explore other recommendations.
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324 Mr. Kaiser also stated that the Board is considering whether a petitioner for
325 reinstatement should bear the same costs as a first-time applicant, including
326 application fees. Under this approach, the petitioner's first contribution to Board
327 administration following reinstatement would be the same as for an initial
328 applicant. Both of these concepts would require statutory changes and would
329 be identified as two separate new issues.
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331 Dr. Khalaf asked whether any unresolved issues from the 2022 Sunset Review
332 would need to be addressed in the current Sunset. Mr. Kaiser responded that a
333 few pending issues from 2022 will be included in the current draft. One
334 unresolved issue is that the Board has reached its statutory fee cap and does
335 not have the authority to increase fees.
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337 Mr. Kaiser stated from 2022 sunset issues that were resolved are identified as
338 clarifying revisions to the retired licensed status, addressed a cross reference
339 issue that occurred in previous legislation SP 198 references that were keyed
340 that were not corrected, English proficiency examination (TOFL), treatment plan
341 of care for children covered under the individuals with disabilities education act
342 (IDEA).
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344 Mr. Kaiser shared from 2022 sunset new issues that were identified and not
345 resolved are the Board asked the legislature to consider requiring of this Board
346 to provide a WebEx component to each and every public Board meeting that is
347 held, exempt position request (EPR) request and through direct access AB 1000
348 bill where there is 12 visits or 45 days and anytime after that to continue care
349 the person was required to have an in-person consultation, referral and
350 assessment of the practice and signed off by a physician or surgeon during the
351 pandemic this was difficult. The board through the Department of Consumer
352 Affairs and Governor Office a waiver and during sunset asked to take that waiver

353 and make it permanent which did was approved.
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355 **10. Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental**
356 **Relations Reports**

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

358 Mr. Kaiser shared information about the Federation of State Boards of
359 Physical Therapy (FSBPT), a private organization and an association
360 representing 53 physical therapy jurisdictions, including California. FSBPT
361 develops and administers the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)
362 and provides model practice guidelines and recommendations for physical
363 therapy boards across the United States in collaboration with the American
364 Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

365 Mr. Kaiser added that California participates actively in FSBPT activities. One
366 of the committees the Board is currently involved with is the Sexual
367 Misconduct and Professional Boundaries Committee, which has developed
368 resources specifically tailored for students.

369 The Board viewed three educational videos addressing; how to communicate
370 thoroughly to patients and expectations and informed consent, Sexual
371 Misconduct in the workplace and power imbalance between a PT and a patient
372 ensuring communication is clear.

373 Mr. Kaiser shared a representative from FSBPT will at the December 2025
374 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

375 Ms. Atlas, physical therapist, and President of the Animal Physical Therapy
376 Coalition (APTC), made public comment looking forward to discussing more
377 details of the regulation of animal physical therapy at the December 2025 Board
378 meeting.

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

381 Ms. Allen, Legislative Analyst with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA),
382 shared that on March 3, 2025, Governor Newsom issued an executive order
383 requiring all state agencies and departments to update their hybrid telework
384 policies, increasing the required in-office days from two to four per week
385 beginning July 1, 2025. At the end of June, however, agreements with several
386 labor unions postponed the four-day requirement by one year for most
387 employees.

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389 Ms. Allen also reminded the Board that on June 9, 2025, the Department of
390 Finance issued guidance for out-of-state travel for the upcoming fiscal year.
391 Travel outside California will be limited to essential, mission-critical activities
392 necessary for state business. On June 16, 2025, DCA distributed a memo
393 outlining the criteria for mission-critical travel, which include but are not limited
394 to; enforcement actions, revenue collection, statutory requirements, auditing,
395 and litigation. All travel requests must be submitted to DCA's Budget Office eight
396 weeks in advance to allow sufficient time for review by DCA leadership and the
397 Governor's Office.

398 Ms. Allen encouraged members and staff to minimize costs to the state through
399 responsible travel planning, including evaluating whether a rental car is
400 necessary, considering rideshare options, and carpooling when possible. She
401 also reminded everyone to retain receipts for reimbursement.

402 Ms. Allen thanked Board staff for their efforts and contributions on behalf of the
403 Director. She noted that the DCA Annual Report is published on the DCA
404 website each summer and contains extensive information documenting the work
405 accomplished across the Department. Members are encouraged to review the
406 report and use it as a resource.

407 Dr. Brandon asked whether staff have flexibility in their schedules and whether
408 adjustments were made related to return-to-office requirements. Mr. Kaiser
409 shared that when the return-to-office order was announced, staff were already
410 working in the office two days per week. Planning was underway to implement
411 the four-day schedule when, one day before implementation, the Board learned
412 that staff would continue with two in-office days. As a result, the change caused
413 minimal disruption. Due to collective bargaining, the four-day requirement is
414 delayed for one year, and will revisit the matter in six months.

415 Dr. Brandon also asked whether the Board has made travel decisions in
416 response to DCA's travel requirements. Mr. Kaiser confirmed that adjustments
417 have been made. For example, this meeting was part of a five-day travel
418 sequence that included the CPTA Annual Conference on September 20–21,
419 2025, expert consultant training on September 22, 2026, and the September
420 Board meeting on September 23–24, 2025. Normally, the full travel team would
421 attend the entire Board meeting; however, due to the length of the travel period,
422 staff were divided, with some attending the CPTA conference and others
423 attending the expert consultant training and Board meeting all in an effort to
424 reduce costs.

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426 (C) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)

427 Dr. Syms, representative for the California Physical Therapy Association
428 (CPTA), shared that the prior authorization bill AB 574 is currently on the
429 Governor's desk awaiting signature. He thanked the Board for its letter of
430 support and asked whether the Board could send an additional letter directly to
431 the Governor urging him to sign the bill. Dr. Syms also thanked the Board for its
432 support of AB 1009, the teacher credentialing bill, and similarly asked whether
433 a letter could be sent to the Governor.

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435 Dr. Syms added that Title 22 has continued to be an issue CPTA is working on,
436 noting it is a statutory matter. Title 22 governs the behavior of healthcare
437 providers in inpatient hospital settings but has not been updated to align with
438 more recent statutory changes.

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440 Dr. Syms reported that CPTA's recent annual conference had 688 attendees,
441 surpassing its goal of 500 attendees. He also shared that CPTA supports the
442 animal physical therapy bill.

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444 Dr. Brandon asked what the process is for AB 574 and AB 1009 once the bills
445 reach the Governor's desk, especially when the Board has already submitted
446 letters of support. Mr. Kaiser explained that the Governor's Office has access to
447 all letters submitted to the Legislature during the committee process. However,
448 the Board may still send a direct letter of support to the Governor for any
449 legislation it deems appropriate. Mr. Kaiser added that the letters would need to
450 be updated and tailored to the Governor's Office before submission.

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452 **11. Executive Services Update**

453 **(A) Legislation Report**

454 2024/25 Legislative Session Summary

455 Ms. Arneson reported that as the first year of the 2025/2026 legislative
456 session concludes, several key milestones are approaching. The deadline
457 for bills to pass out of their house of origin was September 13, 2025, and
458 the Governor has until October 14, 2025 to take action on the bills currently
459 on his desk. Unless designated as urgency measures, all bills signed into
460 law will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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462 Ms. Arneson noted that the meeting materials include a comparison chart
463 highlighting the July 6, 2025 house-of-origin deadline a significant
464 legislative benchmark that typically results in modest attrition. This year, 11
465 bills missed the cutoff, compared to 18 in 2023 and 73 in 2021, reflecting a
466 consistent trend across sessions.

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Ms. Arneson shared Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) has taken support positions on three bills this session: AB 574: Prior authorization reform for physical therapy, AB 1009: Credentialing pathway for OT/PTs in school administration and SB 470: Teleconferencing flexibility under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Ms. Arneson added this legislative report outlines key 2025/2026 legislation affecting PTBC, organized into two categories: PTBC Legislation: bills that have a Direct impact on physical therapy practice or board operations and Department-Wide Legislation: Broader measures with potential administrative effects on PTBC.

During public comment, Dr. Syms, PT license, asked the Board to write a letter of support to the governor in support of AB 574 and AB 1009.

Ms. Atlas, physical therapist and President of the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (APTC), commented on the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development informational hearing held in August 2025 and encouraged the Board to review it. Ms. Atlas added that Mr. Kaiser provided an excellent overview of PTBC's regulatory structure and expressed his view that animal physical therapists should be regulated by the Veterinary Medical Board, not PTBC.

AB 224 (Bonta) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits

Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled on September 10, 2025 and it updates California's Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan starting January 1, 2027, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. AB 224 updates the Insurance Code applying to plans regulated by the California Department of Insurance. It expands required coverage to include hearing aids, infertility treatment, and durable medical equipment (DME).

For physical therapy, this means DME such as walkers, braces, splints, resistance bands, and neuromuscular stimulators would be covered when medically necessary and prescribed by a licensed physical therapist or physician. This coverage applies to both short-term rehabilitation and long-term functional support, depending on clinical need. While health plans may still apply reasonable utilization controls like quantity limits or prior authorization, they can no longer impose blanket exclusions.

This bill is a companion bill to SB 62, which updates the Health and Safety Code to ensure consistency across regulatory frameworks.

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511 **AB 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters:**
512 **Artificial Intelligence**

513 Ms. Arneson shared this bill that was enrolled and presented to the
514 Governor on September 10th, 2025, and expands existing laws against
515 deceptive health care titles to include AI and GenAI technologies. It prohibits
516 AI systems from using protected titles (e.g., DPT, MD, Dr.) without licensed
517 oversight, requires disclaimers and provider contact info for patient-facing
518 GenAI content, and treats each misuse as a separate violation. Recent
519 amendments clarified enforcement authority which made unauthorized use
520 of a protected term or credential a separate violation enforceable by the
521 appropriate healing arts board, and strengthened disclaimer requirements,
522 and aligned provisions with California's advertising and competition laws.

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524 Dr. Brandon asked if there is an instance where this bill would be supportive
525 of protection or a physical therapist utilizing AI for component of their care.
526 Mr. Kaiser answered that the terms and letters for AI is geared more toward
527 institutions or corporations that are creating models to replace licenses.

528 **AB 574 (González) Prior Authorization: Physical Therapy**

529 Ms. Arneson added PTBC does have a support position on this bill, and it
530 was enrolled and presented to the Governor on Sept 9, 2025. This bill
531 prohibits health care service plans and health insurers from requiring prior
532 authorization for the initial 12 physical therapy treatment visits associated
533 with a new episode of care. The bill is designed to reduce delays in access
534 to medically necessary Physical Therapy (PT) services and streamline
535 administrative processes for providers. This bill was amended on June 16,
536 2025 in the Senate and some of those amendments included clarifying that
537 the bill only applies to new episodes of care and adding language around
538 recurring conditions; it also strengthened patient protection provisions by
539 requiring written cost disclosures and consent and it also specified that the
540 bill does not apply to Medi-Cal managed care contracts.

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542 **AB 667 (Solache) Professions and Vocations: License Examinations:**
543 **Interpreters**

544 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was Enrolled and presented to the Governor
545 on September 10, 2025. This bill does not apply to healing art boards. It
546 requires, beginning July 1, 2026, that each non-healing arts board under

547 DCA allow applicants who cannot read, speak, or write in English to use an
548 interpreter when taking a license examination.

549 Mr. Kanotz clarified this bill did not pass the senate. Ms. Arneson added this
550 bill was ordered to enact to file at the request of Senator Durazo on
551 September 11, 2025.

552 **AB 742 (Elhawary) DCA: Licensing: Applicants Who Are**
553 **Descendants of Slaves**

554 Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
555 September 22, 2025. This bill will require each licensing board under DCA,
556 to expedite licensure applications for individuals who are certified as
557 descendants of American slaves. This bill defines expedited as prioritizing
558 application review and reducing administrative delays. The bill is contingent
559 on the enactment of SB 518 which would establish the Bureau for
560 Descendants of American Slavery to oversee the certification process.

561 **AB 1009 (Blanca Rubio) Teacher Credentialing: Administrative**
562 **Services Credential: Occupational and Physical Therapists**

563 Ms. Arneson shared PTBC took a support position on this bill at its June
564 2025 meeting. This bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
565 September 9, 2025. This bill allows licensed school-based occupational
566 and physical therapists to qualify for a preliminary administrative services
567 credential by meeting basic skills requirements and having relevant
568 experience. The recent amendments increased the required experience
569 from three to five years, while permitting districts, County Office of
570 Education, or charter schools to request a waiver of up to two years for
571 qualified candidates. In addition, the amendments clarified that the
572 credential applies to school-based experience only and specified that the
573 credential does not alter scope of practice under PTBC or Occupational
574 Therapy (OT) licensure. The bill also clarifies that credential holders may
575 not supervise or evaluate teachers unless they meet additional criteria.

576 **AB 1186 (Patel) Data Collection: Race and Ethnicity: Minimum**
577 **Categories**

578 Ms. Arneson shared this bill which was enrolled and presented to the
579 Governor on September 10, 2025. This bill establishes standardized
580 minimum race and ethnicity categories for demographic data collection by
581 state boards, including those under DCA. By January 1, 2029, California
582 agencies must use seven minimum race and ethnicity categories- Asian,

583 Black, or African, American, Latino or Hispanic, White, American Indian or
584 Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern
585 or North African. Agencies must also collect data on the six to nine largest
586 subgroups within each category and include write-in options to ensure
587 inclusive representation. This bill applies to new and existing data collection
588 efforts used for licensure, enforcement, workforce analysis, or public
589 transparency. This bill was amended in August 2025 and Clarified that
590 boards may collect additional subcategories beyond the required nine;
591 language was added to ensure compatibility with federal and state data
592 standards and provided implementation flexibility for boards with limited
593 data infrastructure.

594 **AB 1458 (Wallis) Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine: Animal**
595 **Physical Therapy**

596 Ms. Arneson reported this bill would allow licensed pts with advanced
597 certification to provide animal rehabilitation services under a veterinarian's
598 supervision or referral. As of April 24, 2025, the Assembly B&P committee
599 postponed the hearing, and it may be reconsidered when the Legislature
600 reconvenes in 2026 for the second year of session.
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602 **SB 62 (Menjivar) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits**

603 Ms. Areson shared this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
604 September 10, 2025. This bill updates California's Essential Health
605 Benefits benchmark plan to include additional coverage categories
606 beginning January 1, 2027, contingent upon approval by the U.S.
607 Department of Health and Human Services. SB 62 is a companion bill to
608 AB 224 Essential Health Benefit. Both of these bills are focused on updating
609 the state's essential health benefits benchmark plan. AB 224 updates the
610 Insurance Code applying to plans regulated by the California Dept of
611 Insurance. This bill, SB 62 updates the Health and Safety Code applying
612 to plans regulated by the Dept of Managed Health Care.
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614 Additionally, SB 62 expands required health plan coverage to include
615 hearing aids, infertility treatment, and durable medical equipment (DME)
616 such as walkers, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. It mandates coverage
617 of medically necessary mobility devices used in rehabilitation, with the most
618 recent August 2025 amendments clarifying federal approval requirements,
619 defining DME, and specifying implementation timelines.
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621 **SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing**

622 Ms. Arneson reported the Board has a support position on this bill and it
623 was enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 10, 2025. SB
624 470 extends the sunset date for teleconferencing provisions under the
625 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2030.
626 These provisions allow state bodies, including PTBC, to hold public
627 meetings via teleconference under specified conditions, improving
628 accessibility and operational flexibility.

629 **SB 518 (Pierson) Descendants of Enslaved Persons: Reparations**

630 Ms. Arneson added this bill was enrolled and presented to the Governor on
631 Sept 22, 2025. This bill establishes the Bureau for Descendants of
632 American Slavery within the California's Civil Rights Department. This bill
633 creates divisions for Genealogy, education and outreach and Legal Affairs
634 to verify descendant status, support access to state authorized benefits and
635 safeguard personal and genetic data.

636 **SB 641 (Ashby) DCA and Department of Real Estate: States of
637 Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions**

638 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was enrolled and sent to the Governor on
639 September 10, 2025. This bill grants the Department of Real Estate (DRE)
640 and DCA boards the authority to offer regulatory relief to licensees affected
641 by declared emergencies. It allows waivers for exam deadlines, fees, and
642 continuing education, mandates clear waiver procedures, bans unsolicited
643 property offers in disaster zones, and supports debris removal coordination.
644 August 2025 amendments clarified waiver authority, added transparency
645 reporting, strengthened consumer protection, and enhanced coordination
646 with emergency agencies.

647 **(B) Rulemaking Report – Brooke Arneson**

648 2025 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations

649 1) Update Regarding the Development of Possible Amendments to
650 the Board's Continuing Competency Regulations

651 Ms. Arneson provided an update on the continuing competency regulations.
652 She reported that staff are currently in the first stage of the regulatory
653 process, known as the concept phase, during which proposed regulatory
654 language is being explored and roughly drafted. In this phase, the Board is
655 actively researching and collecting workforce and program data to support
656 the development of two regulatory packages; amendments to existing
657 continuing competency regulations and a new package addressing
658 approval agency fees.

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660 Ms. Arneson added that the Board is collaborating with the Office of
661 Professional Exam Services to complete the occupational analysis for the
662 California Law Exam. To date, the Board has completed four of the six
663 scheduled sessions. She thanked Mr. Calvert from the Office of
664 Professional Exam Services for his support in facilitating the workshops and
665 surveys that are part of the occupational analysis.
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667 **(C) Communication & Education Update**

668 Mr. Kaiser presented the outreach report, included in the meeting materials on
669 pages 60–64. He reported that in Quarter 4 (Q4) of FY 2024/2025, the Board
670 delivered 5 virtual outreach presentations to PT and PTA programs and
671 conducted a total of 30 school program outreach workshops.

672 Mr. Kaiser shared that the Board has also begun outreach to consumers,
673 attending two health fair events in September 2025, with additional events
674 planned for FY 2025/2026.

675 Dr. Khalaf asked whether the Board is targeting specific age groups. Mr. Kaiser
676 responded that no budget has been allocated for targeting demographic data;
677 currently, the Board relies on social media as a free advertising tool.

678 Dr. Brandon asked how the Board ensures that all areas of California have
679 equal access to outreach opportunities. Mr. Kaiser explained that while the
680 Board can reach out to programs, its reach is limited by the programs
681 willingness to participate. Due to travel restrictions, the Board has
682 increasingly relied on tele-outreach methods. He added that local consumer
683 outreach has been expanded to include skilled nursing facilities, high schools,
684 and health care fairs.

685 **12. Student Q&A – Loma Linda**

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687 Mr. Kaiser shared Loma Linda School of Medicine has broken the record for
688 attendance for student Q&A and thanked them for attending.
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690 Students from Loma Linda School of Medicine asked questions, which ranged
691 from specific roles of PT aids in clinics and what they are allowed to do and what
692 happens to a PT Aid if they are the one who performs a sexual misconduct, what
693 can providers do to protect themselves if a clinic without the PT's knowledge is
694 billing extra units and what the process is after passing the Board exam and

695 being able to start working.

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697 During public comment, Dr. Syms, a licensed PT, highlighted that the students
698 are fortunate to have Dr. Brandon, a graduate of Loma Linda School of
699 Medicine, serving as President of the Physical Therapy Board, and thanked her
700 for her service to the profession.

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702 Mr. Kaiser encouraged the students to consider ways to contribute to the
703 profession, such as volunteerism. He noted that the role of Board Members in
704 governing the profession provides an opportunity for future applicants to give
705 back to the State and the field of physical therapy.

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707 **13. Closed Session**

708 The Board had no closed session

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710 **14. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

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712 The Board requested public comment on items no on the agenda, and there
713 was no public comment.

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715 **15. Recess**

716 The Board recessed at 4:06 p.m.

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718 **Wednesday; September 24, 2025**

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720 **16. Call to Order**

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722 The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
723 by President Dr. Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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725 **17. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

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727 Brandon – Present

728 Qiu- Present

729 Armstrong- Present

730 Khalaf – Present

731 McMillian - Absent

732 All Members were present except Ms. McMillian, and a quorum was established.
733 Also present at the meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason
734 Kaiser, Executive Officer; Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke
735 Arneson, Legislation and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps, Enforcement
736 Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and Vincent Azar.

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18. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement

739 Dr. Armstrong read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the
740 interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the
741 Physical Therapy Practice Act.

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19. Administrative Services Update – Liz Constancio

- 743 (A) Program Updates
- 744 (B) Statistical Updates

746 Mr. Kaiser shared the Board was able to revert \$155,000 back to the fund. The
747 total expenditure was over \$7,000,000 with budget allocation of \$7,179,000
748 with revenue of \$7,674,000.

749 Mr. Kaiser gave a reminder to the members of completing training and being
750 aware of training deadlines, timeliness of submission of per diem and travel
751 claims.

20. Licensing Services Update

- 753 (A) Program Updates
- 754 (B) Statistical Updates
- 755 (C) Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Continuing
756 Competency Approval Agency Recognition

757 Ms. Conley, Assistant Executive Officer, shared with the Board Physical
758 Therapy Assistant (PTA) applications have increased as expected with the
759 addition of new programs.

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761 Ms. Conley added in collaboration with Continuing Competency staff,
762 Executive Services Unit IT, Mr. Azar, and DCA, the Board is working toward
763 Strategic Plan Goal 5, which includes objectives to clarify continuing
764 competency guidelines, evaluate program effectiveness, and implement a fee
765 structure for approval agencies.

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767 Dr. Brandon asked why California is so specific regarding continuing education
768 requirements. Mr. Kaiser explained that in order to enforce continuing

769 education compliance, the Board must have clear oversight of available course
770 content. Continuing competency courses must relate to physical therapy
771 services or patient-client relationships, and recognized approval agencies can
772 accredit these courses and determine the number of contact hours. He added
773 that some states are much more restrictive, deferring solely to national or local
774 association accrediting bodies for continuing education approval.
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776 Dr. Khalaf asked about earning credits through alternate pathways. Mr. Kaiser
777 responded that the Board offers alternate pathway options, which are outlined
778 on the Board's website and in the California Code of Regulations. There are 17
779 different alternate pathways with specified hour caps. Licensees must retain
780 proof of attendance and completion of continuing competency hours for five
781 years in case of audit.
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783 1. ARC Seminars
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785 **MOTION:** Remove ARC Seminars from continuing competency
786 recognition.
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788 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu
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790 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
791 Qiu – Aye
792 Armstrong- Aye
793 Khalaf- Aye
794 McMillian - Absent
795 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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797 2. BackProject Corporation
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799 **MOTION:** Remove BackProject Corporation from continuing
800 competency recognition.
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802 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong
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804 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
805 Qiu – Aye
806 Armstrong- Aye
807 Khalaf- Aye
808 McMillian - Absent
809 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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811 3. Canyon Ridge Physical Therapy
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813 **MOTION:** Remove Canyon Ridge Physical Therapy from continuing
814 competency recognition.

815 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon
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817 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
818 Qiu – Aye
819 Armstrong- Aye
820 Khalaf- Aye
821 McMillian - Absent
822 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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824 4. Contemporary Forums
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826 **MOTION:** Remove Contemporary Forums from continuing competency
827 recognition.
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829 **M/S:** Armstrong/Khalaf
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831 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
832 Qiu – Aye
833 Armstrong- Aye
834 Khalaf- Aye
835 McMillian - Absent
836 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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838 5. Intercollegiate Academic Clinical Coordinators Council (IACCC)
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840 **MOTION:** Remove Intercollegiate Academic Clinical Coordinator
841 Council (IACCC) from continuing competency recognition.
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843 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon
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845 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
846 Qiu – Aye
847 Armstrong- Aye
848 Khalaf- Aye
849 McMillian - Absent
850 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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852 6. Innovative Healthcare Partners, LLC
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854 **MOTION:** Remove Innovative Healthcare Partners, LLC from continuing
855 competency recognition.

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857 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong

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859 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
860 Qiu – Aye
861 Armstrong- Aye
862 Khalaf- Aye
863 McMillian - Absent
864 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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866 7. Institute for Brain Potential

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868 **MOTION:** Remove Institute for Brain Potential from continuing
869 competency recognition.

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871 **M/S:** Armstrong/Qiu

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873 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
874 Qiu – Aye
875 Armstrong- Aye
876 Khalaf- Aye
877 McMillian - Absent
878 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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880 8. Marian Regional Medical Center

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882 **MOTION:** Remove Marian Regional Medical Center from continuing
883 competency recognition.

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885 **M/S:** Qiu/Brandon

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887 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
888 Qiu – Aye
889 Armstrong- Aye
890 Khalaf- Aye
891 McMillian - Absent
892 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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894 9. Memorial Medical Center

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896 **MOTION:** Remove Memorial Medical Center from continuing
897 competency recognition.
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899 **M/S:** Armstrong/Brandon
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901 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
902 Qiu – Aye
903 Armstrong- Aye
904 Khalaf- Aye
905 McMillian - Absent
906 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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908 10. Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association (NDTA)
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910 **MOTION:** Remove Neuro-Developmental treatment Association
911 (NDTA) from continuing competency recognition.
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913 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong
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915 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
916 Qiu – Aye
917 Armstrong- Aye
918 Khalaf- Aye
919 McMillian – Absent
920 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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922 11. Promedica
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924 **MOTION:** Remove Promedica from continuing competency recognition.
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926 **M/S:** Armstrong/Brandon
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928 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
929 Qiu – Aye
930 Armstrong- Aye
931 Khalaf- Aye
932 McMillian - Absent
933 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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935 12. Providence Home Health Orange County
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937 **MOTION:** Remove Providence Home Health Orange County from
938 continuing competency recognition.

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940 **M/S:** Khalaf/Armstrong

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942 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
943 Qiu – Aye
944 Armstrong- Aye
945 Khalaf- Aye
946 McMillian - Absent
947 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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949 13. Rancho Physical Therapy
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951 **MOTION:** Remove Rancho Physical Therapy from continuing
952 competency recognition.

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954 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong

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956 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
957 Qiu – Aye
958 Armstrong- Aye
959 Khalaf- Aye
960 McMillian - Absent
961 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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963 14. Sharp Home Health
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965 **MOTION:** Remove Sharp Home Health from continuing competency
966 recognition.

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968 **M/S:** Armstrong/Khalaf

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970 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
971 Qiu – Aye
972 Armstrong- Aye
973 Khalaf- Aye
974 McMillian - Absent
975 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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977 15. The Brain Cell
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1021 **MOTION:** Remove World Cares Gurus, LLC from continuing
1022 competency recognition.
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1024 **M/S:** Qiu/Armstrong
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1026 **VOTE:** Brandon – Aye
1027 Qiu – Aye
1028 Armstrong- Aye
1029 Khalaf- Aye
1030 McMillian - Absent
1031 4-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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1034 **21. Consumer Protection Services Update**

- 1035 (A) Program Updates
1036 (B) Statistical Updates
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1038 Ms. Phelps, Consumer Protection Services (CPS) Manager, shared that in
1039 Quarter 4 (Q4) of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025, the CPS Unit continued to
1040 utilize the SharePoint platform extensively. The CPS SharePoint page
1041 provides daily updates of disciplinary actions, replacing previous email
1042 notifications. CPS staff also use new SharePoint forms to submit request for
1043 case initiation to open new complaint cases and expert consultant task
1044 orders, submits documents to PTBC Executive Officer for review and
1045 approval which prior was submitted via e-mail or in writing where the approver
1046 would have a difficult time keeping track of various requests but not with
1047 SharePoint this makes it easier for the approver to see and complete all
1048 outstanding requests or send feedback to the analysts.

1049 Ms. Phelps shared that CPS management and staff spent significant time in
1050 Q4 reviewing annual statistics for FY 2023/2024 and FY 2024/2025, updating
1051 the BreeZe database, and revising written enforcement procedures. These
1052 updates support DCA's efforts to create streamlined department-wide
1053 statistical reports. In some cases, the Board revised its procedures to align with
1054 DCA report parameters, and in others, DCA tailored its reports to accommodate
1055 PTBC's unique circumstances.
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1057 Ms. Phelps stated that the CPS Unit and Board management continue to hold
1058 quarterly meetings with the Division of Investigation (DOI) and the Attorney
1059 General's Office (AG) to discuss outstanding issues and collaborate on
1060 effective case and program management. In coordination with the AG and DAG

1061 Liaison John Gatschet, the Board conducted an in-person expert consultant
1062 training on September 22, 2025, attended by 8 new experts, 14 current experts,
1063 and several Board members. The Board's goal is to expand the pool of expert
1064 consultants by recruiting and training new experts while providing continuing
1065 education for existing consultants.

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1067 The CPS report can be found in the meeting materials on pages 101–106.
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1069 Dr. Brandon asked about the total number of actively utilized experts. Ms.
1070 Phelps answered that with the 8 new experts, the Board currently has
1071 approximately 50 active experts. Dr. Brandon asked about the need for
1072 additional experts. Ms. Phelps replied that needs vary by location. When asked
1073 about subspecialty coverage, including pediatrics, pelvic health, and neurology,
1074 Ms. Phelps noted that the Board is collecting detailed information from experts
1075 and currently has specialists in various areas.

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1077 Dr. Brandon inquired how frequently experts are utilized each year. Ms. Phelps
1078 responded that utilization varies by subspecialty and location, with each expert
1079 handling an average of 2–5 cases per year.

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1081 Dr. Khalaf asked how experts are compensated. Ms. Phelps explained that
1082 experts are paid \$100 per hour, with each case estimated to require 6–15
1083 hours.

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1085 Mr. Kaiser asked whether the reimbursement rate increases if experts are
1086 called to testify at a hearing. Ms. Phelps confirmed that experts are paid \$150
1087 per hour for time spent preparing for or attending a hearing, in addition to
1088 compensation for travel time and mileage.

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1091 **22. Probation Monitoring Services Update**

- 1092 (A) Program Updates
- 1093 (B) Statistical Updates

1094 Ms. Phelps reported during Q4 FY 2024/2025 the number of licensees on
1095 probation decreased from 66 to 61 licensees on probation, which includes
1096 probationers actively serving their probation term and those tolling for various
1097 reasons.

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1099 Ms. Phelps shared as of June 30, 2025 there were 44 probationers actively
1100 working in the state of California. 6 probationers tolling meaning they were not
1101 receiving credit towards completion of probation and located out of state and

1102 11 probationers tolling located in state. The instate tollers were tolling due to
1103 unemployment or underemployment due to physical therapy.

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1105 Ms. Phelps stated 2 licenses were placed on probation in the quarter and initial
1106 probationary license was issued 3 probationers completed probation and 0
1107 probationers had their probation revoked or exercised their option to voluntarily
1108 surrender their license to the board.

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1110 Ms. Phelps added of the 44 licenses actively serving their probation term, as of
1111 June 30, 2025 10 were enrolled and participating in the Board's Substance
1112 Abuse Rehabilitation Program (Premier) which represents 23% of all licenses
1113 on probation that weren't tolling. 1 licensee enrolled in the Board's Substance
1114 Abuse Rehabilitation Program in the quarter, and 1 licensee completed the
1115 program.

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1117 Ms. Phelps shared there were 3 instances of Non-Compliance with probation
1118 in the quarter, all were minor violations for not being available for quarterly
1119 interviews with the probation monitor.

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1121 Ms. Phelps shared over the last 3 years the number of licensees on probation
1122 have steadily decreased from 80 to 61 due to the decrease tolling probationers
1123 whose license is canceled due to non-renewal and concerted efforts by the
1124 Board to identify, contact, and offer voluntary surrender of license to
1125 probationers who do not have any plan or desire to return to California. Ms.
1126 Phelps added Board disciplinary guidelines were updated in 2022. Previously,
1127 probationers were not required to maintain a valid license while on probation,
1128 so tolling with a delinquent license was not considered a violation. Additionally,
1129 the number of probationers successfully completing probation has increased
1130 from 9 in FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 to 15 in FY 2024/2025.

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1132 Lastly, Ms. Phelps explained that the increase in non-compliance with probation
1133 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2023/2024 reflects the Board's concentrated effort to
1134 enforce quarterly reporting requirements for long-term tolling probationers.
1135 Effective 2023, tolling probationers are required to submit quarterly reports and
1136 participate in quarterly monitoring interviews. Consequently, most instances of
1137 non-compliance were minor, such as failing to attend an interview or submit
1138 paperwork on time.

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1140 **23. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

1141 During public comment Mr. McCarthy of the California Acupuncture Coalition
1142 (CAC) expressed concerns about the potential addition of dry needling in the
1143 scope of physical therapy and worries about patient care could be compromised

1144 by allowing other professions to practice acupuncture treatment without the
1145 same level of education that is required to become a licensed acupuncture in
1146 California.

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1148 Mr. McCarthy shared as fellow health care professionals, they are happy to
1149 collaborate on care methods for chronically injured patients, but allowing people
1150 to practice needle medicine without proper training is dangerous for all involved.

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1152 **24. Agenda for Future Meeting** December 11-12, 2025
1153 Location: Department of Consumer
1154 Affair, Sacramento, CA
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1156 Mr. Kaiser shared at the December 2025 meeting there will be a discussion on
1157 animal rehabilitation.

1158 **25. Closed Session**
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1160 (A) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will convene
1161 to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be Reached in
1162 Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings
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1165 **26. Adjournment**
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1167 The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. on September 24, 2025

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**Physical Therapy Board of California
Draft Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen St., Lake Tahoe Room
Sacramento, CA 95815

Board Staff

Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer

Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive

Officer

Brooke Arneson, Specialist

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Carole Phelps, Manager

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3 order on the agenda in these minutes though some agenda items may have been taken
4 out of order during the meeting.
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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
by President Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

- Brandon – Present
- Qiu- Present
- Armstrong- Present
- Khalaf – Absent
- McMillian – Present

All Members except for Ms. Khalaf were present, and a quorum was established.
Also present at the meeting were: Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer, Michael
Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel, Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive Officer;
Carole Phelps, Enforcement Manager; and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and April
Beauchamps.

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28 **3. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement**

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30 Mr. Qiu read the Board's mission statement: To advance and protect the
31 interests of the people of California by the effective administration of the
32 Physical Therapy Practice Act.
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34 **4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

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36 During public comment Ms. DeFoe, Executive Director for California Physical
37 Therapy Association (CPTA), shared Physical therapists with advanced training
38 in animal rehabilitation are well qualified to treat movement related conditions in
39 animals using proven techniques from human physical therapy. In many
40 jurisdictions, veterinary and physical therapy regulations already work together
41 to ensure safe, effective animal care. Establishing a clear legislative framework
42 in which veterinarians determine appropriate supervision would provide
43 oversight, consistency, and clarity for professionals. Allowing physical therapists
44 to participate in animal rehabilitation under this collaborative model would
45 expand access to care, protect animal welfare, and benefit both professions as
46 well as the people and animals of California.
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48 Ms. Atlas, a physical therapist and President of the Animal Physical Therapy
49 Coalition (APTC), requests that the Board include Animal Physical Therapy in
50 the Sunset Report and propose to the Legislature a statutory amendment
51 authorizing qualified physical therapists to provide physical therapy services to
52 animals under the clearance and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
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54 Ms. Atlas added APTC requests that the Board include APTC in its Sunset
55 Review Report by acknowledging the lack of regulatory clarity in California,
56 recommending legislative amendments to authorize qualified physical therapists
57 to treat animals under veterinary supervision, and supporting adoption of The
58 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Model Regulations for
59 Animal Physical Therapy as California's regulatory framework.

60 **5. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action to Approve or Make Edits to**
61 **the Draft of the Board's Sunset Review Report - Jason Kaiser**

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63 The Board provided edits throughout the Sunset Review Report which were made
64 during the meeting.
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66 **6. Agenda for Future Meeting** December 11-12, 2025

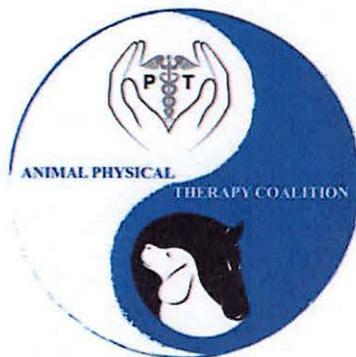
67 Location: Department of Consumer
68 Affair, Sacramento, CA

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70 No one proposed future agenda items.

71 **7. Adjournment**

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73 The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on November 19, 2025.

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Public comment as read by Karen Atlas, President of Animal Physical Therapy Coalition to the Physical Therapy Board of California at the November 19, 2025 Board meeting as it related to the draft Sunset Review Report to the Legislature.

November 19, 2025

President Brandon and distinguished members of the Board,

My name is Karen Atlas, a physical therapist licensed in California for nearly 30 years and President of the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (APTC).

The APTC is a multi-stakeholder coalition of physical therapists, veterinarians, RVTs, working dog handlers—including law enforcement, search-and-rescue, and military—and consumers. We are supported by major animal welfare organizations, rescue groups, and veterinary general and specialty practices statewide. Our mission is to ensure safe, accessible, high-quality rehabilitation care for California's animals.

It is important to note that many veterinarians in California do not share the position of their trade association, the CVMA. While the CVMA supports a strictly hierarchical model requiring direct, onsite vet supervision for all rehabilitation, most veterinarians want the flexibility and choice to refer to and collaborate with qualified animal PTs under their indirect supervision. The APTC brings these collaborative voices together.

For more than two decades, California has struggled to regulate animal physical therapy and veterinary rehabilitation. Stakeholder's Task forces, decades of PT and Vet Board discussions, multiple legislative bill runs, and most recently, the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee hosted an Informational Hearing on this issue have attempted to clarify a practice that has long been delivered safely. Yet the regulatory gap persists—and has recently deepened.

In 2022, the Veterinary Medical Board required that an *unlicensed assistant*—the category assigned to licensed PTs treating animals—may only provide rehabilitation under direct, on site veterinary supervision. Previously, PTs could work under direct or indirect supervision. This shift pushed previously legal PT-owned practices out of compliance, reduced consumer access, and essentially created a monopoly on animal healthcare in an area where other non-vet licensees are qualified to perform. The deleterious regulations created unnecessary barriers for qualified professionals and limited access to needed rehabilitative care for animals.

Today, through the Sunset Review process, this Board can correct that. Specifically, page 83, item 59 of the draft report asks to describe any barriers to licensure and/or employment the board believes exists. The PTBC says it has not identified any barriers to licensure or employment.

We respectfully request that the Board include Animal Physical Therapy in its Sunset Review Report to address these specific barriers to practice and recommend a statutory amendment authorizing qualified physical therapists to treat animals under veterinary clearance and supervision.

This request is fully supported by national regulatory leaders. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) recognizes that PTs may work with animals when appropriately trained, and released Model Regulations in 2025 that provide adoptable language for safe, interprofessional collaboration.

Here in California, the PT Practice Act applies only to human patients, even though FSBPT defines animal PT as the practice of physical therapy. And that is where the current Sunset draft lacks inclusion. Including this issue into the Sunset Report could be appropriate in two areas within the current draft document—either within item 59 on page 83 or under Section 10 in New Issues not previously discussed in this report.

We respectfully request that the Board specifically include the following into its Sunset Review Report:

- 1. Acknowledge Animal Physical Therapy as a growing practice area needing regulatory clarity.**
- 2. Recommend statutory authority for this Board to regulate qualified PTs treating animals with defined training and veterinary oversight. This would provide the authority to remedy those barriers to licensure to allow for the safe practice for qualified licensees.**
- 3. Endorse FSBPT's 2025 Model Regulations as the framework for California.**

These steps align California with national best practices and preserve veterinarian authority within a workable, collaborative model.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Karen Atlas

Public comment as read by Dr. Jenny Moe, Treasurer of the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (and Vice President of the American Physical Therapy Association's Animal Physical Therapy Group) to the Physical Therapy Board of California at the November 19, 2025 Board meeting as it related to the draft Sunset Review Report to the Legislature.

Good morning President Brandon and members of the Board, and thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Dr. Jenny Moe, and I am speaking on behalf of the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition.

Today, I respectfully request that the Board include Animal Physical Therapy within its Sunset Review Report, and recommend that the Legislature provide this Board with explicit statutory authority to regulate animal physical therapy performed by qualified physical therapists under the supervision and clearance of licensed veterinarians.

This request is simple, reasonable, and overdue. Most importantly, it provides **transparency and accountability** for the public. Pet owners deserve to know that their providers are licensed, trained, and operating within a clear regulatory framework.

This is not merely a professional issue—it is an access-to-care issue for Californians.

I have been a licensed PT in California for nearly 23 years and certified to work with animals for 15. I have held the office of vice president of the APTA Animal Physical Therapy Special Interest Group since 2020. I initially worked in a specialty veterinary practice alongside brilliant and supportive surgeons, neurologists, and other specialists. Collaboration on cases for the benefit of the patient was welcome and easy. Veterinarians in the community quickly found value in the expertise of a physical therapist for their patients. I stayed for over 10 years, but left in search of my own practice. This was unattainable in California, so I moved to Tahoe.

I opened my own practice in Stateline, Nevada, holding licenses from both the PT and veterinary board. Business should have been easy due to the Nevada practice guidelines, but was complicated by veterinarians' inability in South Lake Tahoe to refer directly to me. Patients instead had to be evaluated and referred by a Nevada veterinarian, often doubling the cost for clients and delaying access to services.

I moved back to San Francisco and have since been unable to freely practice animal physical therapy unless I work for a veterinarian. Clients openly express the need for home-based services, but PTs cannot help them under the current veterinary practice act's language. There is a gap in rehabilitation services that could be uniquely filled by physical therapists. Our expertise in neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation, manual therapy, and so much more is complimentary to the services rehabilitation veterinarians provide.

The average wait time to get a rehab evaluation is 3 months in the San Francisco Bay Area. This excessive wait may be detrimental to animals and their caregivers. The condition or disability may

worsen, which could lead to declining quality of life and ability of the family to care for a disabled pet. It is physically and emotionally taxing for caregivers to juggle a struggling pet with family, work, and expenses. At the worst, animals may face a shortened life span due to lack of access to rehabilitation services. Veterinarians who want their patients to get better cannot find available providers, and clients to search high and low to find help. They may turn to online resources which may not provide accurate or safe recommendations for their pet's condition.

From my experience, veterinarians very much want to collaborate with appropriately certified PTs such as myself. I have heard time and again how much knowledge and expertise we bring to the field of animal rehabilitation, and how much their patients benefit from our services.

California can—and should—lead in protecting both consumers and animals.

The APTC is ready to support the Board with model language, training outlines, and national comparisons at any time. We deeply value your leadership and your thoughtful consideration of this important public protection issue.

Thank you for your time and your service.

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November 19, 2025

PT Board Sunset Review Meeting – Animal Physical Therapy Comments

Physical therapists are experts in rehabilitation for movement-related dysfunctions. Animals often develop injuries and medical conditions that can be effectively addressed with many of the same techniques used in human physical therapy. Physical therapists with advanced training in animal rehabilitation are among the most qualified professionals to provide this care.

In many jurisdictions, both the veterinary and physical therapy board practice acts and regulations work together to establish and enforce requirements for the practice of animal physical therapy, demonstrating that a shared regulatory framework can effectively protect animals while expanding access to care.

A framework in which veterinarians determine the appropriate level of supervision for each case appropriately balances professional expertise, liability considerations, and the veterinarian's clinical judgment. However, clear legislative action is needed to formally establish this collaborative model, ensure consistent standards, and provide clarity for all professionals involved.

Allowing physical therapists to participate in animal rehabilitation under a clear, collaborative legislative framework would provide the appropriate level of oversight necessary to ensure safe treatment of animals, just as has been performed in other states. It very effectively increases access to care for more animals needing these essential and specialized services. Improving veterinary and physical therapy collaboration will benefit both professions, but most importantly, will benefit the people and animals of California.

Stacy DeFoe
Executive Director
California Physical Therapy Association



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**Physical Therapy Board of California
Draft Meeting Minutes**

December 11-12, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs
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3 order on the agenda in these minutes though some agenda items may have been taken
4 out of order during the meeting.
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Thursday, December 11, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
by President Brandon at 9:00 a.m. and recessed at 3:48 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Brandon – Present

Qiu- Present

Armstrong- Present

Khalaf – Present

McMillian - Present

All Members were present, and a quorum was established. Also present at the
meeting were: Jason Kaiser, Executive Officer, Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal
Counsel, Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke Arneson,
Legislation and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps, Enforcement Manager;
and Board staff: Kim Rozakis, and April Beauchamps.

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28 **3. Reading of the Board's Mission Statement**

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30 Dr. Khalaf read the Board's mission statement: To protect the people of
31 California by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.
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33 **4. Special Order of Business**

34 (A) Petition for Modification/Termination of Probation – Scott Wai-Ho
35 Kwan, PT
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37 After submission of the matter, the Board convened in CLOSED
38 SESSION to deliberate on the petition pursuant to Government Code
39 section 11126(c)(3)

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41 **5. Review and Approval of September 23-24, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

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43 This matter was tabled. The September 23-24, 2025 meeting minutes will be
44 reviewed and approved at the March 2026 meeting.
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46 **6. President's Report**

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48 (A) 2025 Adopted Meeting Calendar
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50 Dr. Brandon thanked Mr. Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel, for his flexibility
51 in supporting the Board while serving several boards throughout
52 Northern and Southern California.
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54 Dr. Brandon also thanked Board members for their availability, both for
55 phone calls and for participating in committee meetings via Zoom.
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57 (B) 2026 Proposed Meeting Calendar

58 **MOTION:** Adopt the proposed 2026 Meeting Calendar

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60 **M/S:** Dr. Brandon/Mr. Qiu

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62 **VOTE:** Brandon- Aye
63 Qiu- Aye
64 Armstrong- Aye
65 Khalaf-Aye

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McMillian - Aye
5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

(C) Committee Updates

Mr. Qiu provided an update on the Exempt Position Review (EPR) process, noting that it is ongoing. The committee is working with the Office of Human Resources (OHR) to collect information and has begun developing the justification and plan for submission to the Board for approval in March 2026.

Dr. Armstrong provided an update on the Sunset Committee. On November 19, 2025, the Board met to review and revise the Sunset Report, allowing for collaborative input from Board members and the public.

7. Executive Officer's Report

(A) Executive Services

Mr. Kaiser reported that Quarter 1 (Q1) has been busy with outreach efforts. There were eight outreach presentations conducted statewide for PT and PTA programs, along with two consumer outreach events held in September 2025. September 2025 also included a five-day series of activities consisting of the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) Annual Conference, Expert Consultant training, and a Board meeting. Mr. Kaiser thanked Ms. Beauchamps, Ms. Arneson, Mr. Azar, Ms. Conley, and Ms. Rozakis for their contributions to a successful five-day meeting.

Mr. Kaiser further reported that the student Q&A held during the September 2025 Board meeting at Loma Linda University was very successful. He thanked Dr. Brandon for being an excellent host and for helping to achieve a record level of student attendance.

(B) Administrative Services

Mr. Kaiser stated he will be reporting the Administrative Services report later in the agenda.

102 (C) Licensing Services
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104 Mr. Kaiser reported that the Board continues to see an increase in licensure
105 applications. In Quarter 1 (Q1), applications were up approximately 5%
106 compared to the previous year; however, in 2025, the increase was 10%. This
107 increase is largely attributable to a 25% rise in PTA applications.
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109 Mr. Kaiser added that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025, for U.S. graduate
110 applicants, the average time from application received to license issuance was
111 73 days for PTs and 95 days for PTAs. He noted that the fixed-date testing
112 schedule affects these timelines, as exams are offered approximately every 80
113 to 95 days. Exam failures can add an additional 80 to 95 days to the process,
114 along with potential delays related to criminal history disclosures and other
115 common application deficiencies.
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117 Mr. Kaiser shared that, on average, approximately 30 days of the licensure
118 process are within the Board's control. For PT applicants, 27 days are under
119 Board control and 46 days are within the applicant's control, for a total average
120 processing time of 73 days. For PTA applicants, 35 days are under Board
121 control and 60 days are within the applicant's control, for a total average
122 processing time of 95 days. Mr. Kaiser clarified that time within the applicant's
123 control may also include waiting for the next available examination date.
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125 Mr. Kaiser added that, with the influx of new PTA programs and the increase in
126 PTA applications, the Board is at a point where it must consider additional
127 staffing resources to process PTA applications at the same rate as PT
128 applications.
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130 Mr. Kaiser shared application processing time statistics, reporting that 29% of
131 applications were issued within 30 days, and an additional 39% were issued
132 within 60 days, meaning that 68% of applications were processed within 60
133 days. An additional 12% were issued within 90 days, and 8% were issued within
134 120 days. The remaining 12% were issued after more than 120 days. Mr.
135 Kaiser noted that applications issued after 120 days were often due to
136 applicants not passing the examination on the first attempt or not sitting for the
137 first available examination date.
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139 Mr. Kaiser added that for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 PT license issuances,
140 25% of PT applicants received Physical Therapist License Applicant (PTLA)

141 status, and 35% of PTA applicants received PTLA status. The average number
142 of days from PTLA status being granted to license issuance was 67 days for
143 PT applicants and 59 days for PTA applicants.
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145 Dr. Khalaf asked about the target turnaround time from when an applicant
146 submits a license application to when the license is issued. Mr. Kaiser
147 responded that the Board has internal turnaround time goals of 45 days for one
148 category and 90 days for the other. He explained that these categories are
149 measured based on the timeframes within the Board's control versus
150 timeframes requiring applicant action to address deficiencies or other
151 requirements.
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153 Dr. Brandon asked how many analysts are dedicated to processing foreign-
154 educated applications. Mr. Kaiser responded that there is one Associate
155 Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) assigned to foreign-educated
156 applications. He explained that these applications involve a separate and more
157 in-depth review process, as foreign applicants are often required to complete a
158 9-month clinical component, which impacts overall processing timeframes.
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160 (D) Consumer Protection Services

161 Mr. Kaiser shared that the new SharePoint workflow has been efficient,
162 allowing him to review and complete outstanding requests and provide
163 feedback to analysts directly within SharePoint.

164 Mr. Kaiser thanked Mr. Azar for a successful transition to SharePoint and for
165 his willingness to work closely and collaboratively with staff.

166 **8. Discussion and Possible Board Action Regarding the Sunset Review**
167 **Subcommittee's Recommendation on Issues to be Identified in the Sunset**
168 **Review Report**

169 PTBC staff presented the issues to be addressed in the draft Sunset Review
170 Report to the Board for further review. The Board provided edits and feedback
171 throughout the Sunset Review Report Issues Section which were made during
172 the meeting.
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174 **9. Review, Discussion and Possible Board Action on the Board's Sunset**
175 **Review Report**

176 PTBC staff presented the draft Sunset Review Report to the Board for review.

177 Mr. Kaiser thanked the Sunset Committee for their feedback. The Board
178 provided edits throughout the Sunset Review Report which were made during
179 the meeting.

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181 Dr. Armstrong thanked Mr. Kaiser, Ms. Conley and Mr. Azar for all their work on
182 the edits.
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184 **MOTION:** Approve the 2026 Sunset Review Report of the
185 Physical Therapy Board of California, as revised
186 on December 11, 2025; authorize the Executive
187 Officer to make any technical or substantive
188 edits to the package; and direct the Executive
189 Officer to submit the report to the California
190 Legislature at the appropriate time and to
191 respond to legislative inquiries regarding the
192 report.
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194 **M/S:** Armstrong/Khalaf

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196 **VOTE:** Brandon- Aye
197 Qiu- Aye
198 Armstrong- Aye
199 Khalaf-Aye
200 McMillian - Aye
201 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried
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203 **10. Executive Services Update**
204 **(A) Legislation Report**
205 2025/26 Legislative Session Summary
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207 Ms. Arneson reported that the Board concluded the 2025 legislative year,
208 marking the first half of the two-year legislative session. The Legislature
209 adjourned on September 12, 2025, with October 12, 2025, as the deadline
210 for the Governor to act on bills. Laws enacted during this session will take
211 effect on January 1, 2026, and the Legislature will reconvene on January
212 5, 2026.

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214 Ms. Arneson noted that legislative activity in California has remained
215 steady and consistent. In 2025, the Governor signed 794 bills and vetoed
216 123 bills, maintaining an approximate 15 percent veto rate. This aligns

217 with trends observed over the past four years, during which veto rates
218 generally ranged between 14 and 16 percent, with the exception of 2023,
219 when the rate dipped to approximately 7–8 percent.

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221 Ms. Arneson shared that the Board took support positions on three bills
222 during the session. Two bills were signed into law: AB 1009 (Teacher
223 Credentialing for OTs and PTs) and SB 470 (Teleconferencing). One bill,
224 AB 574 (Prior Authorization for PT), was vetoed.

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226 **AB 224 (Bonta) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits**

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228 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was signed into law as Chapter 680. Beginning
229 in 2027, California’s benchmark plan will expand to include infertility
230 services, hearing aids, and durable medical equipment such as walkers,
231 wheelchairs, and scooters. For physical therapy services, this expansion is
232 significant because it improves patient access to mobility devices and
233 related equipment, reducing barriers to rehabilitation and supporting better
234 therapy outcomes.

235 This bill is a companion bill to SB 62.

236 **AB 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters:**
237 **Artificial Intelligence**

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239 Ms. Arneson added this bill was signed into law as Chapter 615. This bill
240 prohibits AI systems from misrepresenting themselves as licensed
241 healthcare professionals. This measure is intended to protect patients
242 from confusion or potential harm by ensuring that only qualified providers
243 deliver health care services.

244 **AB 574 (González) Prior Authorization: Physical Therapy**

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246 Ms. Arneson added the Board does have a support position on this bill and
247 was vetoed. The Governor vetoed this bill noting that he had already signed
248 SB 306, which establishes a broader, data-driven reform of prior
249 authorization across all health services. The Governor explained that it
250 would be premature to create a specific exemption for physical therapy until
251 SB 306 is fully implemented.

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253 **AB 742 (Elhawary) DCA: Licensing: Applicants Who Are**
254 **Descendants of Slaves**

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256 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was vetoed and would have required boards
257 under DCA; including PTBC, to prioritize licensure for descendants of
258 American slaves. The Governor expressed concerns about fairness in
259 implementation and the potential resource impacts of creating a new
260 licensing pathway.

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262 **AB 1009 (Blanca Rubio) Teacher Credentialing: Administrative**
263 **Services Credential: Occupational and Physical Therapists**
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265 Ms. Arneson shared the Board took a support position on this bill, which
266 was signed into law as Chapter 629. This bill authorizes licensed
267 occupational and physical therapists with at least three years of
268 school-based experience to qualify for a preliminary services credential in
269 administration.

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271 **SB 62 (Menjivar) Health Care Coverage: Essential Health Benefits**
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273 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was signed into law as Chapter 680. Beginning
274 in 2027, California's benchmark plan will expand to include infertility
275 services, hearing aids, and durable medical equipment such as walkers,
276 wheelchairs, and scooters. For physical therapy services, this expansion is
277 significant because it improves patient access to mobility devices and
278 related equipment, reducing barriers to rehabilitation and supporting better
279 therapy outcomes.

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281 This bill is a companion bill to AB 224.

282 **SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing**
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284 Ms. Arneson added this bill was supported by the Board and signed into law
285 as Chapter 222, this measure extends teleconference authority for state
286 boards and commissions until 2030. It provides continued flexibility for
287 public meetings, improving access and participation.

288 **SB 518 (Pierson) Descendants of Enslaved Persons: Reparations**
289

290 Ms. Arneson shared this bill was signed into law as Chapter 586, and this
291 measure establishes a new bureau within the Department of Justice to
292 advance reparations and equity initiatives for descendants of American
293 slavery.

294 **SB 641 (Ashby) DCA and Department of Real Estate: States of**
295 **Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions**

296 Ms. Arneson added this bill was vetoed by the Governor. It would have
297 authorized DCA boards, including Physical Therapy Board of California
298 (PTBC), to waive certain licensing requirements during declared states of
299 emergency. In his veto message, the Governor noted that the proposal was
300 overly broad and not sufficiently tailored to specific emergency
301 circumstances.
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303 **(B) Legislation Report**

304 **Rulemaking Report – Brooke Arneson**

305 2025 Rulemaking Update for Pending or Proposed Regulations

- 306 (1) Update Regarding the Development of Possible
307 Amendments to the Board's Continuing Competency
308 Regulations
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310 Ms. Arneson provided an update on the Continuing Competency regulation
311 proposals, which would amend California Code of Regulations (CCR)
312 sections 1399.90–1399.99 to strengthen compliance with continuing
313 competency requirements. She reported that staff is in the initial phase of
314 development and is gathering workforce and program data to support the
315 creation of two separate regulatory packages: one focusing on continuing
316 competency program requirements and compliance standards, and a
317 second package establishing a per-course fee structure for approval
318 agencies.
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320 Ms. Arneson added that Continuing Competency staff are currently
321 conducting a fee study in collaboration with the Department of Consumer
322 Affairs (DCA) to establish a per-course fee for approval agencies, ensuring
323 the program is adequately supported.
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325 **(C) Discussion and Possible Board Action on the 2026 Rulemaking**
326 **Calendar**

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328 Ms. Arneson reported that the Board will not be submitting any proposed
329 rulemaking under Schedule A.
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331 Ms. Arneson stated that the Board intends to move forward with the
332 Continuing Competency regulations and anticipates developing two
333 separate regulatory packages under Schedule B.
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335 She explained that the first package will address program requirements and
336 compliance standards, and the second package will establish approval
337 agency fees. Both packages are planned for Board adoption in December

338 2026, with a projected public notice date of March 2027 and a projected
339 Office of Administrative Law (OAL) review date of September 2027.

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341 Ms. Arneson noted that these projected dates are estimates and are subject
342 to change.

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344 **MOTION:** Adopt 2026 Rulemaking Calendar
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346 **M/S:** Armstrong/Brandon
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348 **VOTE:** Brandon- Aye
349 Qiu- Aye
350 Armstrong- Aye
351 Khalaf-Aye
352 McMillian - Aye
353 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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355 **(D) Communication & Education Update**
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357 Ms. Beauchamps presented the Outreach Report. She reported that during
358 Quarter 1 (Q1) of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026, the Board conducted 8 virtual
359 and in-person workshops for physical therapist (PT) and physical therapist
360 assistant (PTA) programs and expanded its outreach efforts to consumer-
361 focused events. The Board attended 2 health events hosted by Placer
362 Protect in Roseville, California, on September 11, 2025, and a Senior Health
363 Fair in Sacramento, California, on September 13, 2025. Additionally, the
364 Board attended the Annual California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)
365 Conference in Palm Springs, California, held from September 20 through
366 September 21, 2025.

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368 Dr. Khalaf asked why there was a decrease in overall social media activity.
369 Ms. Beauchamps responded that fluctuations depend on the activities
370 occurring during that time of year compared to the same period in the prior
371 year.
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373 **11. Administrative Services Update – Liz Constancio**

- 374 (A) Program Updates
375 (B) Statistical Updates
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377 Mr. Kaiser reported that during Quarter 1 (Q1), the Board expended \$2,264,393,
378 compared to \$2,159,836 during the same period in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025.
379 During Q1, the Board collected \$2,249,673 in revenue, reflecting a 12.1%
380 decrease from the FY 2024/2025 total of \$2,557,953.

381
382 Mr. Kaiser added that he anticipates a need for additional staffing in both
383 Application Licensing Services and Consumer Protection Services. He noted
384 that discussions regarding increasing the statutory caps are timely and have
385 become more apparent each fiscal year.

386
387 Ms. Kaiser stated that over the past five years, the Board has operated within
388 its means and has consistently collected more revenue than it has spent.

389
390 Dr. Brandon asked why the cite and fine line item had increased. Mr. Kaiser
391 responded that while the Board does not issue citations in high volume, some
392 citations carry significant fines. In prior years, citations may not have been paid
393 timely; however, this year citations may have been paid and collected within the
394 same issuance year.

395
396 Dr. Brandon also asked why fingerprint costs had doubled. Mr. Kaiser explained
397 that fingerprint costs are paid directly by applicants, but the Board maintains a
398 budgetary buffer in the event that application volume is insufficient to cover
399 Department of Justice costs, allowing the Board to pay any remaining balance
400 from that allocation.

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402 **12. Licensing Services Update**

403 (A) Program Updates

404 (B) Statistical Updates

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406 Mr. Row, Applications Licensing Services Lead, reported that initial license
407 applications received increased by 8% from Quarter 1 (Q1) of Fiscal Year (FY)
408 2024/2025 to Q1 of FY 2025/2026. Physical Therapist (PT) initial applications
409 increased by 3%, while Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) applications
410 increased by 23% compared to Q1 of the prior fiscal year. U.S.-educated PT
411 applications increased by 2 %, and U.S.-educated PTA applications increased
412 by 25% over Q1 of FY 2024/2025.

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414 Mr. Row added that foreign-educated applications received during Q1 of FY
415 2025/2026 increased by 9%, and endorsement applications increased by 20%

416 during the same period. Military applications received decreased by 19%
417 compared to Q1 of FY 2024/2025.

418
419 Mr. Row shared that of the 896 initial applications received, 94% were from
420 U.S.-educated applicants, with 70% applying by examination and 30% applying
421 by endorsement. Foreign-educated and military applications accounted for 6%
422 and 2%, respectively. Average processing times for initial license applications
423 were 22 days for U.S.-educated applicants, 62 days for foreign-educated
424 applicants, and 5 days for military applicants. The target turnaround time for
425 complete applications is 45 days for applications by endorsement and 90 days
426 for new graduate applications.

427
428 Mr. Row also reported that License Maintenance received and completed 18
429 retired status requests during Q1 of FY 2025/2026, with an average processing
430 time of one day. This reflects no percentage change, as 18 retired status
431 requests were also received during Q1 of FY 2024/2025.

432
433 Mr. Argento, Analyst with the Continuing Competency Program, reported that
434 during Q1 of FY 2025/2026, the Continuing Competency Program audited 107
435 PT licensees, resulting in a 91% pass rate, a slight decrease from the 94%
436 pass rate during the same period in FY 2024/2025. For PTAs, 29 licensees
437 were audited in Q1 of FY 2025/2026, achieving a 93% pass rate, an
438 improvement from the 85% pass rate during Q1 of FY 2024/2025.

439
440 Mr. Argento added that staff completed the Approval Agency information
441 reconciliation that began in May 2025. Following the removal of inactive
442 agencies and the addition of two new agencies, the Board now has 124
443 Approval Agencies. Staff anticipates initiating Approval Agency audits on July
444 1, 2026.

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446 Lastly, Mr. Argento shared that in preparation for the upcoming Continuing
447 Competency Approval Agency fee regulatory proposal, Board staff have been
448 working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to conduct a workload
449 study. The study will establish the program's actual operating costs, and the
450 proposed fee will not exceed those costs.

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452 **13. Consumer Protection Services Update**

- 453 (A) Program Updates
- 454 (B) Statistical Updates

455 Ms. Phelps, Consumer Protection Services (CPS) Manager, reported that in
456 Quarter 1 (Q1) of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026, the CPS Unit continues to benefit
457 from tools available through the SharePoint platform, which assist staff in
458 performing their duties and improving efficiency.

459 Ms. Phelps shared that CPS management and staff continue to work this quarter
460 to review annual statistics and update Breeze case entries and written
461 enforcement procedures to assist the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) in
462 its efforts to develop streamlined, department-wide statistical reports. In some
463 instances, the Board revised its procedures to align with DCA reporting
464 parameters while accounting for PTBC's unique circumstances.

465 Ms. Phelps stated that the CPS Unit and Board management continue to hold
466 quarterly meetings with the Division of Investigation (DOI) and the Attorney
467 General's Office (AG) to discuss outstanding issues and collaborate on effective
468 case and program management. In coordination with the AG's Office and
469 Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Liaison John Gatschet, the Board conducted
470 Expert Consultant Training on September 22, 2025. The training was held in
471 person at Loma Linda University in conjunction with the September 2025 Board
472 meeting. 8 expert consultant applicants and 14 current expert consultants
473 attended the training. The Board's goal is to increase the frequency of expert
474 consultant trainings to expand its pool of consultants and promote greater
475 consistency in expert consultant report writing.

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477 **14. Probation Monitoring Services Update**

- 478 (A) Program Updates
479 (B) Statistical Updates

480 Mr. Martin, Probation Monitoring Compliance Monitor for Consumer Protection
481 Services, reported that during Quarter 1 (Q1) of FY 2025/2026, the number of
482 licensees on probation decreased from 61 to 59. This total includes probationers
483 actively serving their probation terms as well as those whose probation is
484 currently tolled for various reasons.

485 There were 43 probationers actively working in the State of California. In
486 addition, 5 probationers were tolling while located out of state, meaning they
487 were not receiving credit toward completion of their probation, and 11
488 probationers were tolling while located within California due to unemployment
489 or underemployment.

490 Mr. Martin stated that during the quarter, 2 licenses were placed on probation
491 and 1 initial probationary license was issued. Additionally, 2 licensees

492 successfully completed probation. No probationers had their licenses revoked,
493 1 probationer exercised their option to voluntarily surrender their licenses to the
494 Board. There was also 1 licensee whose license was cancelled after they failed
495 to renew it for 5 years.

496 Mr. Martin added that of the probationers 11 licensees were enrolled and
497 actively participating in the Board's Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program
498 (Premier). This represents 26% of licensees on probation who were not tolling.
499 During the quarter, 3 licensees enrolled in the Premier program, and no
500 licensees completed the program.

501 Mr. Martin reported that there were 3 instances of non-compliance with
502 probation during the quarter. All were minor violations related to probationers
503 not being available for their required quarterly interviews with the probation
504 monitor.

505 Lastly, Mr. Martin shared that there is a error in the Probation Statistics Report
506 and that the total number of probationers at the end of Fiscal Year (FY)
507 2024/2025 should be 61, not 71.

508 **15. Closed Session**

509 The Board had no closed session.

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511 **16. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

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

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516 **17. Recess**

517 The Board recessed at 3:48 p.m.

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521 **Friday, December 12, 2025**

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523 **18. Call to Order**

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525 The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting was called to order
526 by President Dr. Brandon at 9:06 a.m. and adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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528 **19. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

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530 Brandon – Present

531 Qiu- Present

532 Armstrong- Present

533 Khalaf – Present

534 McMillian - Present

535 All Members were present, and a quorum was established. Also present at the
536 meeting were: Michael Kanotz, PTBC Legal Counsel; Jason Kaiser, Executive
537 Officer; Sarah Conley, Assistant Executive Officer; Brooke Arneson, Legislation
538 and Regulation Manager; Carole Phelps, Enforcement Manager; and Board
539 staff: Kim Rozakis, April Beauchamps.

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541 **20. Reading of the Board’s Mission Statement**

542 Mr. Qiu read the Board’s mission statement: To protect the people of California
543 by the effective administration of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

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545 **21. Presentation of the Use of Physical Therapy on Animals**

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

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548 Ms. Adrian, PT, Director of Professional Standards for the Federation of State
549 Boards of Physical Therapy, presented an overview of animal physical therapy,
550 including current statutes and regulations across the country.

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552 Mr. Kanotz asked whether the physical therapy board or the veterinary board
553 is responsible for discipline when an individual provides animal physical
554 therapy. Ms. Adrian responded that in Nevada, disciplinary authority rests with
555 the veterinary board because a specific certification is issued through that
556 board. In Colorado and Utah, because animal physical therapy is addressed
557 directly in the physical therapy statute, disciplinary authority lies with the
558 physical therapy board. In Nebraska, the credential is issued by the veterinary
559 board. Ms. Adrian added that the national trend is toward requiring an additional
560 credential layered onto the physical therapist license; however, Utah does not
561 follow this model.

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563 Dr. Brandon asked whether task force materials indicated that responsibility for
564 the physical therapy intervention should rest with the physical therapist, noting
565 that supervision levels were not addressed. Ms. Adrian explained that because
566 animal physical therapy is not an entry-level area of practice, the task force was

567 cautious about defining the role of physical therapist assistants. She noted
568 there is currently limited data to support specific supervision standards.

569
570 Dr. Brandon further asked about supervision issues between veterinarians and
571 physical therapists. Ms. Adrian responded that once a referral is made, the
572 relationship is similar to that of a physician referring a patient to a physical
573 therapist.

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575 Dr. Khalaf requested clarification regarding differences between Colorado and
576 Utah. Ms. Adrian explained that both states require, at minimum, medical
577 clearance from a veterinarian, and Utah additionally requires a formal referral.

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579 Dr. Khalaf asked who is responsible for making the diagnosis. Ms. Adrian
580 stated that diagnosis of the disease or condition is made by the veterinarian
581 and then communicated to the physical therapist.

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583 (B) Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (APTC)

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585 Ms. Atlas, a physical therapist and President of the Animal Physical Therapy
586 Coalition (APTC), presented an overview addressing a more than 20-year
587 regulatory conundrum that has prevented safe and lawful animal physical
588 therapy practice in California. She explained why prior regulatory approaches
589 under the Veterinary Medical Board have failed, outlined a cost-effective and
590 practical public-protection framework aligned with national standards, and
591 described how California could readily adopt this model. Ms. Atlas also
592 highlighted the Board's potential role in addressing the issue through the 2026
593 Sunset Review process.

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595 Dr. Khalaf asked what obstacle the Board was presenting in resolving the issue.
596 Ms. Atlas responded that the Board has not recognized animal physical therapy
597 as falling within the practice of physical therapy. She further noted that Mr.
598 Kaiser stated during Senate informational hearings in August 2025 that he
599 believed animal physical therapy should instead fall under the Veterinary
600 Practice Act. Mr. Kanotz added that such a shift would require legislative action.

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602 Dr. Moe, a licensed animal physical therapist in Nevada, presented her
603 personal experience practicing animal physical therapy in both Nevada and
604 California. Dr. Moe requested that animal physical therapy be included in the
605 Board's 2026 Sunset Review and recommended statutory authority granting
606 the Board the ability to regulate qualified physical therapists who provide animal
607 physical therapy under veterinary medical clearance.

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609 (C) Representative from the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy and the
610 Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners
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612 Ms. Shane, Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners,
613 informed the Board that Kentucky currently licenses allied animal health
614 professional (AAHP) providers only in the areas of animal chiropractic and, as
615 of 2025, just added equine dental providers. Licensure prerequisites include
616 completion of a board-approved educational program, review of a national
617 examination, and passage of a state jurisprudence examination. The Kentucky
618 Legislature also authorized a limited legacy pathway with a defined application
619 window, requiring letters of reference and proof of employment in the field, 10
620 years for animal chiropractors and 5 years for equine dental providers.
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622 Ms. Shane emphasized that licensed providers operate under a strictly limited
623 scope of practice. Prohibited activities include the use of devices such as
624 lasers, shockwave, ultrasound, electrotherapy, and rehabilitation modalities, no
625 medical imaging, surgery, prescribing, diagnosis, prognosis, and
626 recommendations regarding diet or supplements. Equine dental providers are
627 subject to additional restrictions related to work within the horse's mouth. All
628 licensed providers are required to maintain medical records, comply with record
629 retention, access, and privacy requirements, report changes to the Board, and
630 are subject to compliance monitoring and disciplinary action.
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632 Ms. Shane explained that communication with veterinarians is required. While
633 the Veterinary Board recommends attempting pre-service communication with
634 the veterinarian holding the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR),
635 services are not prohibited if the veterinarian is non-responsive. However, post-
636 service communication is required within 3 days for animal chiropractors. There
637 is no supervisory requirement for animal chiropractors, while equine dental
638 providers are subject to indirect veterinary supervision related to drug sedation.
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640 Ms. Shane further stated that disciplinary actions in Kentucky are supported by
641 an advisory committee structure modeled after Texas. Separate advisory
642 committees exist for each provider type and are composed of one veterinarian
643 with expertise in the specialty area and two allied animal health providers.
644 These committees review legacy applications, grievance cases, and provide
645 policy recommendations, including suggested statutory or regulatory changes.
646

647 Ms. Shane noted that since 2020 the Kentucky Board has explored the
648 inclusion of animal massage therapy providers. Meetings have occurred
649 separately with the Kentucky Physical Therapy Board and with professional
650 associations; however, no joint stakeholder process has been initiated. She

651 stated that the Kentucky Legislature would expect coordinated stakeholder
652 engagement prior to moving forward.

653
654 Ms. Shane added that a national trend toward regulating allied animal health
655 professions under veterinary boards is driven in part by reducing consumer
656 confusion regarding where to file complaints. She stated that veterinarians are
657 subject-matter experts on animal health, and veterinary boards provide a single
658 regulatory authority with consistent scope-of-practice limitations.

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660 Mr. Curley, Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy,
661 stated that Kentucky's Physical Therapy Practice Act explicitly defines physical
662 therapy as services provided to individuals, individuals are determined to be
663 human beings and therefore animal physical therapy is not permitted under
664 Kentucky law.

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666 During public comment, Mr. Miller, a veterinarian and Director of Regulatory
667 Affairs for the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), stated that
668 CVMA represents more than 12,500 licensed veterinarians in California. He
669 expressed CVMA's opposition to legislation or regulatory action expanding the
670 physical therapy scope of practice to include animals without direct veterinary
671 supervision. He stated that this opposition is based on a minimal and limited
672 certification course.

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674 Mr. Miller further stated that existing certification programs focus primarily on
675 dogs, while proponents assert competency across approximately 735 animal
676 species treated by veterinarians. He noted that animal training is not included
677 in the standardized physical therapy licensing curriculum and asserted that
678 certification courses alone are insufficient to support independent practice on
679 animals without veterinary supervision.

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681 Mr. Miller stated that CVMA believes existing law in the California Code of
682 Regulations, Title 16, Section 2038.5, appropriately allows physical therapists
683 to work collaboratively with veterinarians under direct supervision on registered
684 veterinary premises or, in range settings, when the veterinarian is in the general
685 vicinity. He emphasized that because there is no emergency medical system
686 equivalent to 911 for animals, veterinarians must be available to provide
687 immediate medical intervention, including the administration of drugs, if
688 needed.

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690 Mr. Miller added that CVMA has been receptive to discussions regarding
691 statutory pathways for physical therapists to provide services to animals but
692 maintains that direct veterinary supervision is necessary to ensure adequate

693 consumer and animal protection. He stated that both the Legislature and the
694 Veterinary Medical Board have previously reached similar conclusions.

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696 During public comment, Ms. Adrian, a physical therapist practicing animal
697 physical therapy in Colorado, described Colorado's model, which permits
698 physical therapists to treat animals following veterinary medical clearance. She
699 explained that veterinarians diagnose and medically clear the animal, after
700 which licensed physical therapists with additional animal-specific training
701 conduct physical therapy evaluations, develop plans of care, and provide
702 interventions based on animal anatomy, physiology, and behavior.

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704 Ms. Adrian stated that the model functions effectively due to clearly defined and
705 complementary scopes of practice. She reported that there have been no
706 documented cases of harm or negligence involving physical therapists treating
707 animals under this framework. She further stated that veterinary medical
708 clearance allows animals to access care more quickly, particularly in areas with
709 veterinary workforce shortages, and that most animal physical therapy
710 providers in Colorado are small business owners, many of whom are women.
711 She added that the model has not increased regulatory burden or licensure
712 fees.

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714 Ms. Adrian described the training pathway she developed through K9 IQ, which
715 includes veterinary-taught coursework, comparative anatomy, red-flag
716 screening, neurologic and orthopedic education, documentation standards,
717 and a hands-on module taught jointly with board-certified veterinarians and
718 veterinary technicians. She stated that the program is based on Colorado's
719 American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) animal physical therapy
720 special interest group standards and the 2019 published clinical practice
721 standards.

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723 Ms. Adrian concluded that Colorado's veterinary medical clearance model has
724 demonstrated that a collaborative approach can be safe, effective, and
725 protective of animal welfare while expanding access to care.

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727 During public comment, Ms. Island, Executive Associate with the California
728 Physical Therapy Association (CPTA), stated that physical therapists are
729 experts in rehabilitation for movement-related dysfunctions and that animals
730 often experience injuries and conditions that can be effectively treated using
731 many of the same principles applied in human physical therapy. She stated that
732 physical therapists with advanced training in animal rehabilitation are among
733 the most qualified professionals to provide this care.

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735 Ms. Island emphasized that a collaborative framework that determines
736 appropriate levels of veterinary oversight on a case-by-case basis would
737 balance professional expertise, liability considerations, and veterinary clinical
738 judgment. She stated that clear legislative action is necessary to establish
739 consistent standards and regulatory clarity. Ms. Island concluded that allowing
740 physical therapists to participate in animal rehabilitation under a defined
741 collaborative framework would increase access to care while maintaining
742 appropriate oversight and would benefit veterinarians, physical therapists,
743 animal owners, and animals throughout California.

745 **22. Consumer and Professional Associations and Intergovernmental**
746 **Relations Reports**

747 (A) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
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749 Ms. Sigmund-Gains, Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Physical
750 Therapy, presented to the Board on changes to the Educational Testing Service
751 (ETS) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). She reported that the
752 TOEFL score scale is changing from a 0–120 point scale to a 1–6 scale in half-
753 point increments. The new scoring system will take effect on January 21, 2026,
754 and will include a two-year transition period. She further noted that a Federation
755 of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) task force will review standards
756 and assessments in 2026 and provide updates to member boards.

757 Ms. Sigmund-Gains also shared information on a new resource for health
758 professionals, the Healthcare Regulatory Research Institute (HRRI) Health
759 Practice Resource. All ten modules are available online at WWW.HRRI.org and
760 are free and confidential. Users may optionally enter minimal identifying
761 information to allow the system to track completion and generate certificates.
762 Each completed module may qualify for up to one hour of Continuing Education
763 (CE).

764 Dr. Khalaf asked how long each module takes to complete. Ms. Sigmund-Gains
765 responded that each module is approximately one hour in length, although
766 completion time may vary by individual.

767 During public comment, Ms. Bell, Chair of the Quality Practice Committee and
768 a board member of the California Chapter, expressed appreciation for the
769 Board's work and suggested that students be provided additional information
770 when receiving test scores, noting that scores are not final until confirmed by
771 FSBPT. Ms. Sigmund-Gains responded that changes have been made to the
772 notification process, whereby boards receive score information first and

773 candidates are notified approximately one day later. She noted that while some
774 exams may occasionally require validation, this is not a standard process.

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

776 Ms. Saldivar, Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations with the
777 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), shared that she was appointed by
778 Governor Newsom in October 2025 to serve as Deputy Director of Board and
779 Bureau Relations. Prior to this appointment, she worked in the State Legislature,
780 most recently serving as Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Lisa Calderone.
781 Previously, Ms. Saldivar served as an Assembly Fellow and Legislative
782 Assistant in the office of Assemblymember Jackie Irwin. Ms. Saldivar is an
783 alumna of the Hope Leadership Institute program and a member of the
784 California Latino Capitol Association Foundation.

785 Ms. Saldivar added that Ms. Jones was appointed by Governor Newsom as
786 Assistant Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, bringing 29 years of
787 experience. Ms. Jones has been with DCA since 2015, serving in various roles
788 within Board and Bureau Relations, DCA SOLID, and Organizational
789 Improvement offices. Prior to joining DCA, Ms. Jones held multiple roles with
790 the Juvenile Parole Board at the California Department of Corrections.

791 Ms. Saldivar recommended that Board members review the list of required
792 trainings to ensure continued compliance. Sexual Harassment Prevention
793 Training is mandated within 30 days of appointment to the Board and every two
794 years thereafter. On October 27, 2025, DCA launched its new Sexual
795 Harassment Prevention Training in the Learning Management System (LMS).
796 For individuals who completed the training during FY 2024/2025, the LMS will
797 automatically assign the training two months prior to the two-year renewal date.
798 For those who had not previously completed the training, the course was
799 assigned on October 27, 2025. Going forward, the deadline will be either two
800 years from the most recent completion date or December 27 for those who did
801 not complete the training previously.

802 Ms. Saldivar also shared that DCA is honored to participate in two annual
803 charitable campaigns: the Our Promise California State Employees Giving at
804 Work campaign and the State Employee Food Drive. Through the Our Promise
805 California campaign, which includes Board members, participants may support
806 nonprofit causes through payroll deductions or one-time donations. The State
807 Employee Food Drive is a collective statewide effort supporting food banks, with
808 nonperishable food collection boxes available at five Sacramento-area DCA

809 offices. Individuals not located in the area may support food banks online
810 through the State Employee Food Drive website.

811 Lastly, Ms. Saldivar shared that after 36 years of dedicated service with DCA,
812 Director Ms. Kirchmeyer announced her retirement effective at the end of 2025.
813 Director Kirchmeyer began her career at DCA as a student assistant in 1989
814 and was appointed by Governor Newsom as DCA Director in 2019. During her
815 first six months as Deputy Director, she navigated multiple wildfires and the
816 onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, including transitioning approximately 3,500
817 employees to telework.

818 Director Kirchmeyer thanked Board members for their dedication to consumer
819 protection and stated it has been an honor to serve as Director of DCA. She
820 expressed gratitude to Governor Newsom for her appointment and appreciation
821 for DCA staff, including Mr. Kaiser and Ms. Conley, and noted her pride in DCA's
822 consumer protection mission.

823 Mr. Kaiser and Dr. Brandon presented Director Kirchmeyer with a recognition
824 certificate signed by the current composition of the Board, along with a
825 commemorative jersey poster displaying Director Kirchmeyer's Department of
826 Consumer Affairs CASS system number.

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828 (C) California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)

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830 Ms. Island, Executive Associate with the California Physical Therapy
831 Association (CPTA), congratulated the Board on a successful 2025 year and
832 stated she looks forward to collaborating with the Board on consumer-focused
833 initiatives in 2026.

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835 **23. Student Q&A – Institute of Technology**

836 Students from the Institute of Technology, Modesto asked several questions
837 covering a range of topics. These included what policy or regulatory changes
838 the Board anticipates for the physical therapy profession over the next five to
839 ten years; how the Board incorporates patient feedback into its regulatory and
840 enforcement decisions; the most common mistakes or challenges faced by
841 newly graduated physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and strategies to avoid
842 them; and the potential consequences for licensees who engage in fraudulent
843 or unethical conduct.

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845 **24. Board Member Elections**
846 (A) President

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848 **NOMINATION:** Dr. Armstrong nominated Dr. Brandon as Board
849 President
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851 **NOMINEE:** Dr. Brandon
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853 **MOTION:** To elect Dr. Brandon as Board President
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855 **M/S:** Armstrong/McMillian
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857 **VOTE:** Brandon- Aye
858 Qiu- Aye
859 Armstrong- Aye
860 Khalaf-Aye
861 McMillian – Aye
862 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

863 (B) Vice-President

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865 **NOMINATION:** Dr. Brandon nominated Dr. Armstrong as Board Vice
866 President
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868 **NOMINEE:** Dr. Armstrong
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870 **MOTION:** To elect Dr. Armstrong as Vice President
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872 **M/S:** Brandon/Qiu
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874 **VOTE:** Brandon - Aye
875 Qiu- Aye
876 Armstrong - Aye
877 Khalaf-Aye
878 McMillian - Aye
879 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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881 (C) FSBPT Delegate

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883 **NOMINATION:**
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885 **NOMINEE:** Dr. Khalaf nominated Mr. Qiu as FSBPT Delegate
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887 **MOTION:** To elect Mr. Qiu as FSBPT Delegate

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889 **M/S:** Khalaf/Armstrong
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891 **VOTE:** Brandon- Aye
892 Qiu- Aye
893 Armstrong - Aye
894 Khalaf-Aye
895 McMillian - Aye
896 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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900 (D) FSBPT Alternate Delegate
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902 **NOMINATION:** Dr. Khalaf nominated herself as FSBPT Alternate
903 Delegate
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905 **NOMINEE:** Dr. Khalaf
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907 **MOTION:** To elect Dr. Khalaf as FSBPT Alternate Delegate
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909 **M/S:** Dr. Khalaf/Dr. Brandon
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911 **VOTE:** Brandon - Aye
912 Qiu- Aye
913 Armstrong - Aye
914 Khalaf-Aye
915 McMillian - Aye
916 5-0 Ayes, Motion Carried

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919 (E) FSBPT Back-Up Delegate
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921 The Board established back-up alternate delegates in A-Z order by the last
922 name of each Board member.
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924 **25. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**
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926 The Board requested public comment on items not on the agenda, and there
927 was no public comment.

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- 26. Agenda for Future Meeting** March 18-19, 2025
San Jose, CA

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- 27. Closed Session**
- (A) Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board convened to Deliberate on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings

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- 28. Adjournment**
- The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m. on December 12, 2025.

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Physical Therapy Board of California 2026 Meeting Calendar

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6-7	PTA NPTE						12-14	APTA Sections Anaheim, CA						31	César Chávez Day						7-8	PTA NPTE					
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19-20	CPTA Annual Meeting San Jose, CA						22-24	FSBPT Annual Education Meeting Greenville, South Carolina																			
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Physical Therapy Board of California Proposed 2027 Meeting Calendar

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TBD CPTA Annual Meeting							Education Meeting																						
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Issue Paper

Agenda Item 9(A)

Date: 2/25/2026

Prepared for: PTBC Members

Prepared by: Sarah Conley

Subject: Fee Cap Increase

Purpose:

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) is pursuing a statutory fee cap increase, which would grant the Board the authority to raise fees in the future if necessary. This proposal does not increase any fees at this time. Instead, it ensures the Board has the flexibility to make fee adjustments through the regulatory process should future operational needs, workload demands, or fiscal conditions require it in order to maintain the Board's consumer protection responsibilities.

Issue:

Why a Fee Cap Increase Is Needed

Over the past decade, the Board's workload and operating costs have grown significantly; the Board's annual budget has grown from \$4 million in 2015–16 to \$7 million in 2025–26. Fees have remained the same during this time, and the statutory fee caps have remained unchanged since 2009. The number of licensed Physical Therapists (PTs) and Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) increased from approximately 36,000 to 50,000, which is nearly 40% growth. This expansion drives increased demand for licensing services, consumer protection oversight, and enforcement activities. At the same time, required operating costs such as staff wages, enforcement, and shared services continue to rise.

The Board has also made critical structural improvements in recent years, including increasing staffing capacity, stabilizing temporary classifications, onboarding new leadership, and relocating to a larger office to support

increased workload. These operational enhancements strengthen the Board's ability to serve consumers, applicants, and licensees but also increase baseline costs.

Responsible Fiscal Management

The current fee caps were set before many of today's demands existed. The last fee increase occurred in 2016, when the Board's fund reserve had fallen to 3.3 months. That adjustment restored financial stability. Today, the Board again faces a similar fund condition, driven by ongoing cost pressures and statewide budget directives that limit spending even for special fund programs such as the Board.

Without an increase to statutory fee caps, the Board risks being unable to adjust fees in a timely manner should future conditions require it. Increasing the cap now ensures the Board can maintain financial stability without committing to any immediate fee changes.

What This Means for Applicants and Licensees

This proposal does not raise fees. Instead, it positions the Board to respond prudently to future fiscal needs through a transparent, public regulatory process if and when an increase becomes necessary. Stakeholders will have multiple opportunities for input, and the Board will continue to report publicly on fund conditions, administrative costs, and program needs.

Conclusion

The proposed fee cap increase is a proactive, responsible step to preserve the Board's ability to protect consumers, support a modern and growing profession, and ensure long term fiscal stability. It offers flexibility and strengthens the Board's capacity to adapt to future demands while upholding transparency and accountability.

Action Requested:

Approve fee cap increase proposal.



Briefing Paper

Agenda Item 11C

Date: 2/12/2026
Prepared for: PTBC Members
Prepared by: April Beauchamps
Subject: Outreach Report

Purpose: To provide PTBC's Outreach activities and statistics for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 (Q2).

Attachments:

1. [Website Statistics](#)
2. [Social Media Statistics](#)
3. [2026 Outreach Calendar](#)

Background:

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

Update and Analysis:

During Quarter 2 (Q2) PTBC provided 11 outreach presentations to PT and PTA programs in California. The PTBC provided Outreach program presentations to Mount St. Mary's on 10/1/2025; Western University on 10/2/2025; Chaffey College on 10/9/2025; CSU Long Beach on 10/15/2025; Unitek College on 10/21/2025; CSU Sacramento on 10/31/2025, 11/7/2025, 11/14/2025, and 11/21/25; Western University on 12/1/2025; and Chapman University on 12/4/2025.

Website – The PTBC had 21,186 web-hits through its web page tabs, resulting in an 8% decrease over last fiscal year Q2. The Publications, Forms, and Consumers Tab had the most significant increase of traffic this Q2.

Social Media¹:

Facebook – The PTBC received 33 “likes” this fiscal year Q2. In comparison to last fiscal year Q2, there was an increase of 4% in page visits and an increase of 65% in page reach/impressions which is the number of people who saw any content from the PTBC Facebook page.

Instagram – Instagram had a 2% increase in page reach and a 6% decrease in profile visits in comparison to last fiscal year Q2. Instagram also had 34 new followers.

Tik Tok – Tik Tok stats for this fiscal year 2025-26 Q2, PTBC had 840 new video views/impressions resulting in a 16% decrease from last fiscal year Q2. Tik Tok had 28 likes resulting in a 40% increase compared to last fiscal year Q2. Tik Tok also gained 34 new followers this fiscal year Q2.

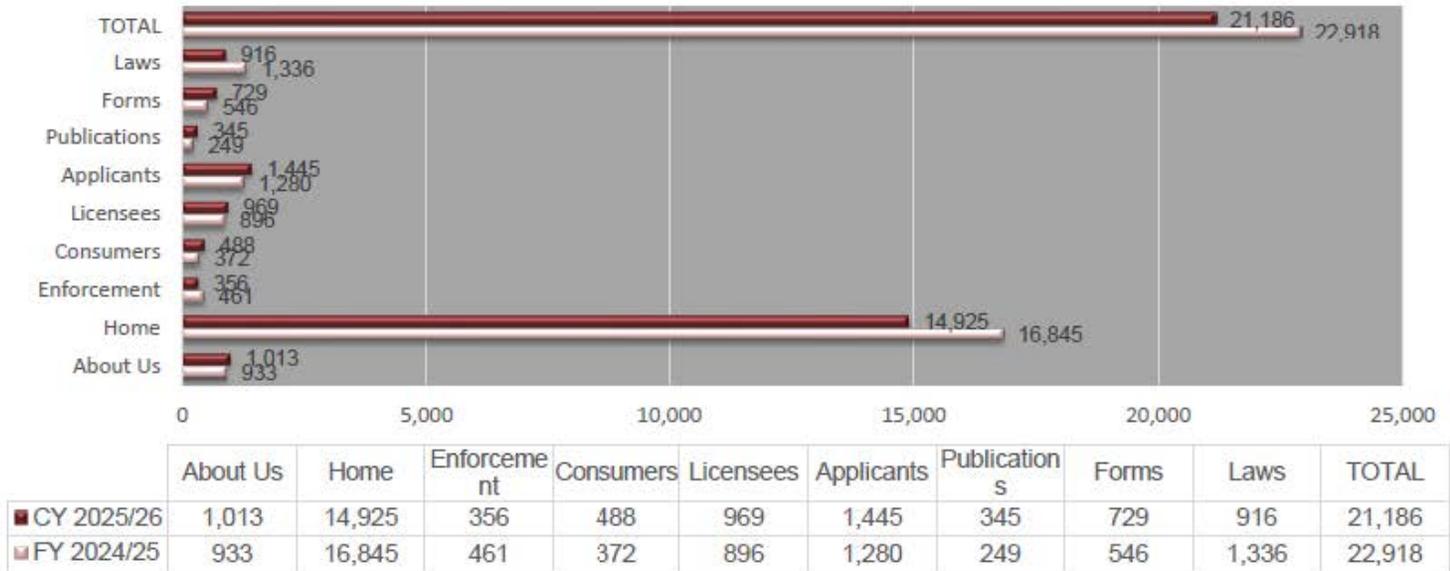
¹ **Insights Definitions:** **Likes**-Number of people who have liked the page. **Reach/Impressions**-The number of people who have had any content from your page enter their screen. **Engagements**-Number of people who interacted with your page.

X (Twitter) – X stats for this FY 2025-26, the PTBC had a decrease of people reached by 2% and a 200% increase of page engagements compared to last fiscal year Q2. X also gained 1 new follower this fiscal year Q2.

LinkedIn – LinkedIn stats for this FY 2025-26 Q2 the PTBC had 2,495 impressions resulting in a 30% increase, 65 page visits resulting in a 10% decrease, and 64 engagements resulting in a 5% increase.

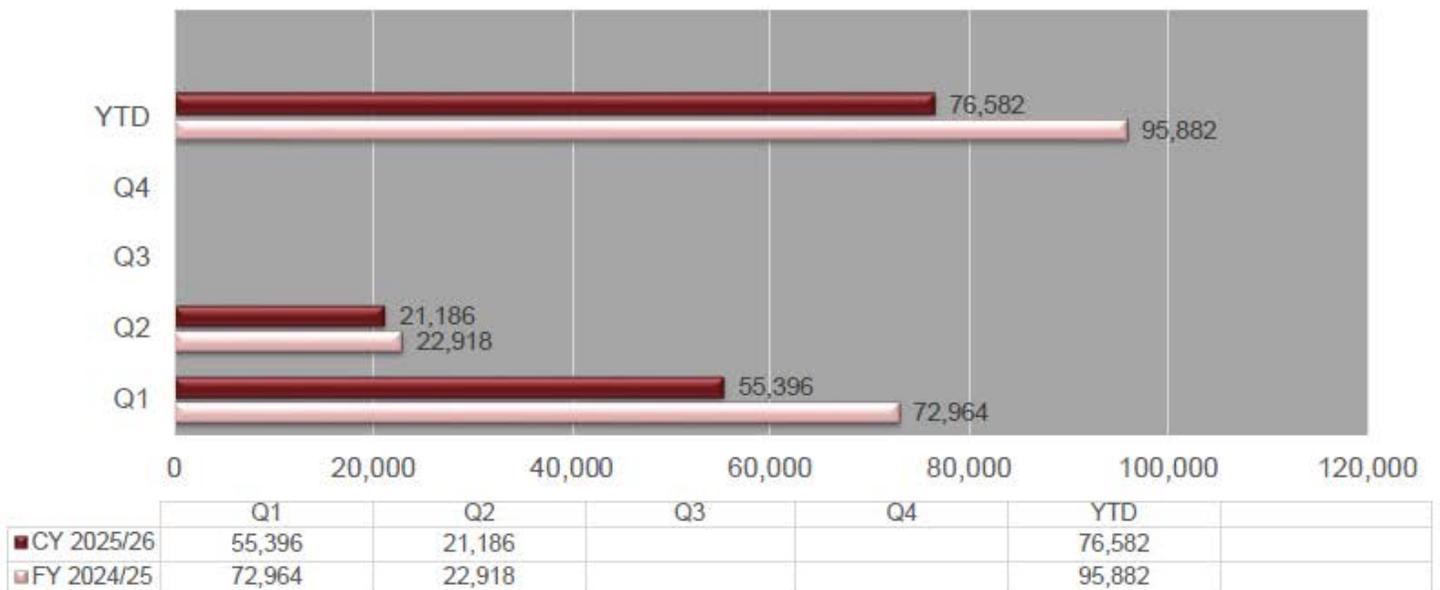
Action: No action is requested on presentation of the outreach report.

Website Activity
 Q2 (Oct - Dec)



This chart reflects a 8% decrease in traffic over last Q2 (FY 2024/25).

Website Activity
 (Year-to-date)



This chart reflects a 20% decrease this YTD compared to last FY 2024/25.

Social Media Statistical Reports

Facebook								
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26						Year → Year Change
	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q2	
Page Reach/Impressions	3,216	10,411	9,105			19,516	9,105	↑ 65%
Page Visits	1,039	1,251	1,080			2,331	1,080	↑ 4%
New Followers (Likes)	31	26	33			59	33	↑ 6%
Instagram								
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26						Year → Year Change
	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q2	
Page Reach/Impressions	620	398	630			1,028	630	↑ 2%
Profile Visits	195	179	184			363	184	↓ -6%
New Followers	56	50	34			84	34	↓ -39%
Tik Tok								
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26						Year → Year Change
	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q2	
New Video Views (Impressions)	997	1,515	840			2,355	840	↓ -16%
New Likes	20	54	28			82	28	↑ 40%
New Followers	32	58	34			92	34	↑ 6%
X (Twitter)								
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26						Year → Year Change
	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q2	
Page Reach/Impressions	579	364	567			931	567	↓ -2%
Page Engagements	4	1	12			13	12	↑ 200%
New Followers	1	5	1			6	1	→ 0%
LinkedIn								
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26						Year → Year Change
	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q2	
Page Reach/Impressions	1,923	1,591	2,495			4,086	2,495	↑ 30%
Page Visits	72	35	65			100	65	↓ -10%
Reactions to Content (Engagement)	61	64	64			128	64	↑ 5%

Page Reach/Impressions is the number of people who saw any content from the PTBC's social media pages.

Engagements is the number of interactions (likes, comments, and/or any action done) on your page.

Physical Therapy Board of California 2026 Outreach Calendar

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1	New Year's Day						5	USC						6	Sacramento City						2	Chapman University					
6	Gurnick San Jose						6	CSU Northridge						19	PTBC Meeting						5	Easter					
16	Fresno State						16	President's Day						25	San Diego Mesa												
20	Martin Luther King Jr.													31	César Chávez Day												
21	UCSF/SFSU																										
28	University of Pacific																										
29	Burbank HS Career																										
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19-20	CPTA Annual Meeting													27	Thanksgiving						25	Christmas					
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23-24	PTBC Meeting																										



Briefing Paper

Agenda Item 12(A)

Date: February 27, 2026
Prepared for: PTBC Members
Prepared by: Anastasia Stokes, Lead Budget/Contracts Analyst
Subject: Budget Report

Purpose: To provide an update on the PTBC's Budget activities and statistics for Quarter Two, FY25-26.

Attachments: [1. Expenditure Report](#)
[2. Expenditure Measures Report](#)
[3. Revenue Report](#)
[4. Revenue Measures Report](#)
[5. Fund Condition](#)

Background:

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

For FY 2025–26, the PTBC's working budget is \$7,393,000, which includes funding for personnel services, operating expenses, and equipment, as well as 29.1 positions to support program requirements. The PTBC's Operating Expenses (Personnel Services, Operating Expenses, and Equipment) budget increased by \$214,000 compared to the previous fiscal year's (FY 2024–25) allotment of \$7,179,000. The PTBC's fund is projected to have a reserve of 8.0 months by year-end and 7.3 months by FY 2026–27.

Analysis:

PTBC spent \$1,942,700 during Q2, representing a 6.39% increase compared to the previous fiscal year (PY 2024–25) Q2 expenditures of \$1,823,544. The increase was primarily driven by higher Personnel costs, which rose by \$95,143, and Enforcement Costs, which increased by \$46,009. These increases were partially offset by decreases in Departmental Services (\$8,346) and General Services (\$13,651).

Also, expenditures for Attorney General (AG) and Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) are trending above budget. Costs billed by the AG total \$570,000, representing 61% of the allocated AG budget, while OAH costs total \$64,000, or 58% of the OAH budget. The PTBC projects to exceed its AG/OAH budget allotment and will work with the DCA, Budget Office, on inquiring about an AG/OAH one-time augmentation.

During the same period, PTBC collected \$2,331,532 in revenue, reflecting a 27.78% increase from the PY 2024–25 Q2 total of \$1,824,701. Revenue changes varied by category, with increases in Other Regulatory Fees: \$11,355, Licenses and Certifications: \$49,498, License Renewal: \$481,500, Delinquent License Renewal: \$2,225, and Scheduled Reimbursements: \$5,814. These gains were partially offset by declines in Other Revenue (\$2,877) and Unscheduled Reimbursements (\$40,684), resulting in an overall Q2 revenue increase of \$506,831.

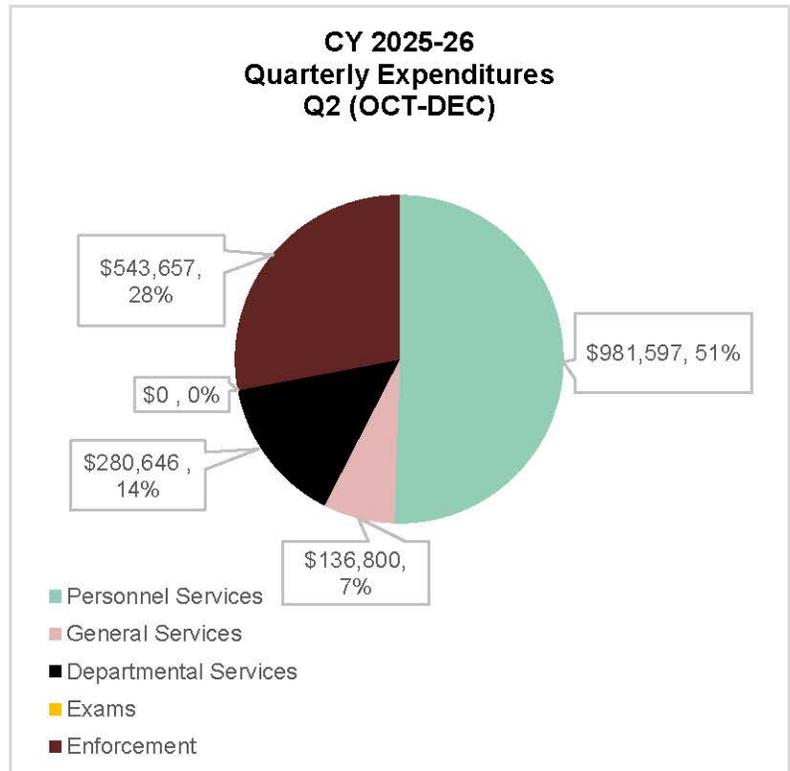
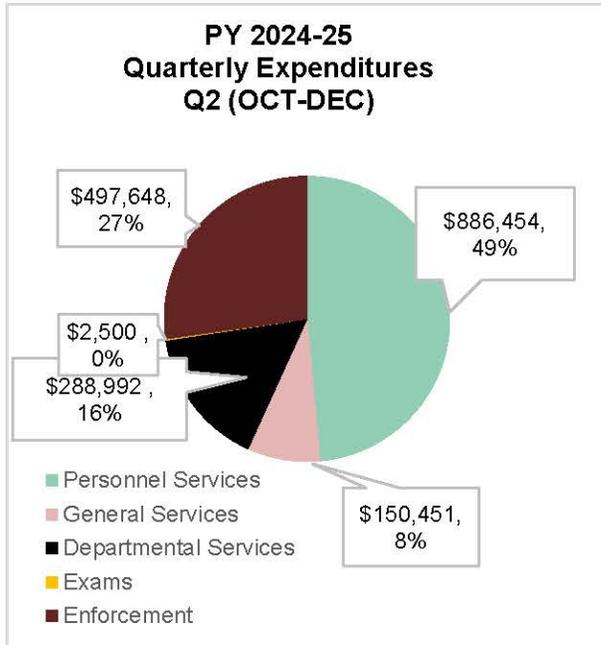
No Action is being requested.

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 Expenditure Statistics Report
 CY 2025-26 (Q2)

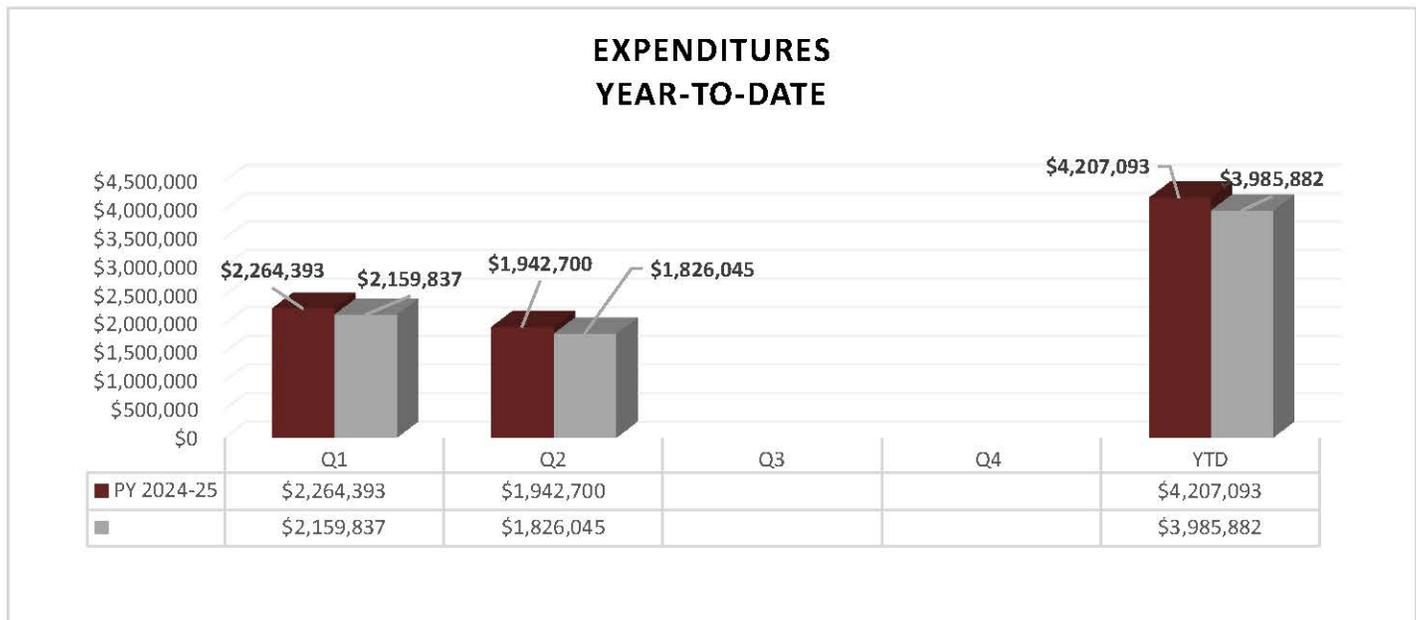
Expenditure Statistics Report

Budget Line Items	PY (2024-25)			CY (2025-26)			Percent Budget Spent	Balance
	Authorized Budget	Q2 Oct - Dec	YTD (As of 12/31/24)	Authorized Budget	Q2 Oct - Dec	YTD (As of 12/31/25)		
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
Permanent Positions	2,286,000	545,114	1,096,416	2,333,000	578,566	1,154,295	49%	1,178,705
Temporary Positions	0	5,632	5,632	0	12,307	20,496		(20,496)
Per Diem, Overtime, Lump Sums	12,000	10,974	19,713	12,000	15,500	23,200	193%	(11,200)
Staff Benefits	1,347,000	324,734	656,333	1,430,000	375,224	748,837	52%	681,163
TOTAL PERS SVS	3,645,000	886,454	1,778,095	3,775,000	981,597	1,946,828	52%	1,828,172
OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT								
General Services Totals	538,000	150,452	237,871	459,000	136,800	223,577	49%	235,423
General Expenses	42,000	8,688	12,988	42,000	11,663	17,638	42%	24,362
Office Supplies-Misc	0	1,560	2,561					
Subscriptions	0	2,988	2,988					
Other Special Items of Expense	0	462	462					
Printing	22,000	7,972	7,972	22,000	1,724	2,064	9%	19,936
Communications	20,000	1,012	1,166	20,000	2,963	3,281	16%	16,719
Postage	11,000	2,531	2,531	11,000	2,372	4,723	43%	6,277
Travel	20,000	6,123	7,474	20,000	15,421	16,522	83%	3,478
Training	5,000	850	850	5,000	0	0	0%	5,000
Facilities Operations	275,000	66,956	129,582	275,000	68,212	132,232	48%	142,768
Equipment	8,000	51,540	51,540	0	2,405	4,076	-	(4,076)
C&P SRVS Internal	12,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	0%	6,000
C&P SRVS External	123,000	4,780	23,768	58,000	32,040	43,041	74%	14,959
Departmental Services Totals	1,188,000	288,992	853,842	1,172,000	280,646	843,490	72%	328,510
Consumer Client Services (ProRata)	1,121,000	282,250	846,750	1,105,000	279,250	837,750	76%	267,250
Departmental Services	25,000	6,267	6,267	25,000	397	473	2%	24,527
Consolidated Data Center	26,000	0	0	26,000	0	0	0%	26,000
Information Technology	16,000	475	825	16,000	999	5,267	33%	10,733
Exams Totals	15,000	2,500	2,500	15,000	0	0	0%	15,000
Exam Admin External -FSBPT	15,000	2,500	2,500	15,000	0	0	0%	15,000
Enforcement Totals	1,945,000	497,648	1,113,574	2,071,000	543,657	1,193,198	58%	877,802
Attorney General	851,000	180,620	336,126	794,000	246,271	403,312	51%	390,688
Office of Admin Hearings	146,000	61,262	61,262	110,000	51,136	51,136	46%	58,864
Evidence/Witness (SME)	100,000	26,105	31,155	100,000	0	0	0%	100,000
Court Reporters	0	3,160	5,530	0	0	0	-	-
DOI Investigation (ProRata)	848,000	226,500	679,500	1,067,000	246,250	738,750	69%	328,250
TOTAL OE & E	3,587,000	939,591	2,207,786	3,717,000	961,103	2,260,265	61%	1,456,735
Reimbursements	-99,000			-99,000				
TOTAL PERS SVS/OE&E	7,232,000	1,826,045	3,985,882	7,393,000	1,942,700	4,207,093	57%	3,185,907

*The PTBC is authorized to allocate \$99k of its revenues collected from scheduled/unscheduled reimbursements towards CY expenditures. Revenues over \$99k are transferred/ deposited directly to fund (year-end). *Estimated adjustments made through galley (development of FY25/26 budget).



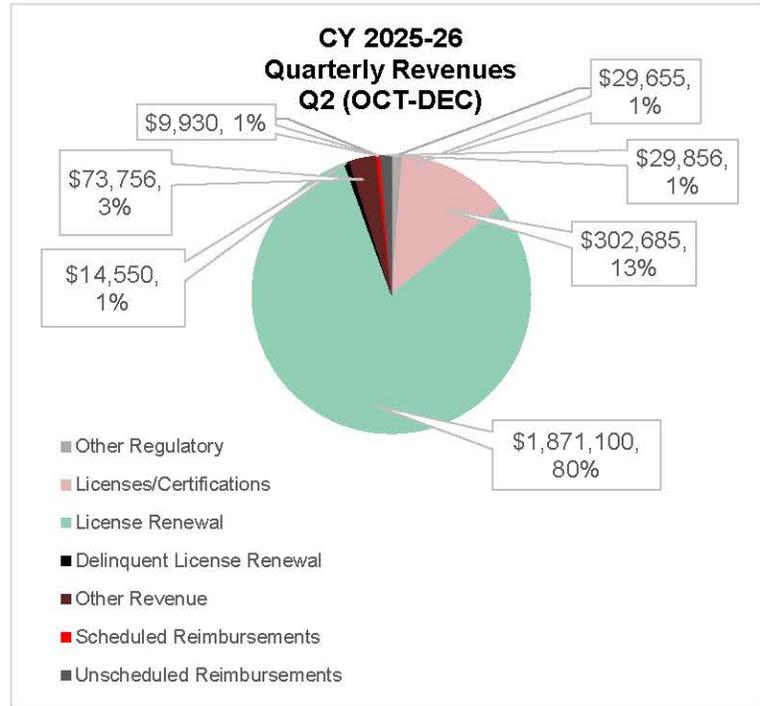
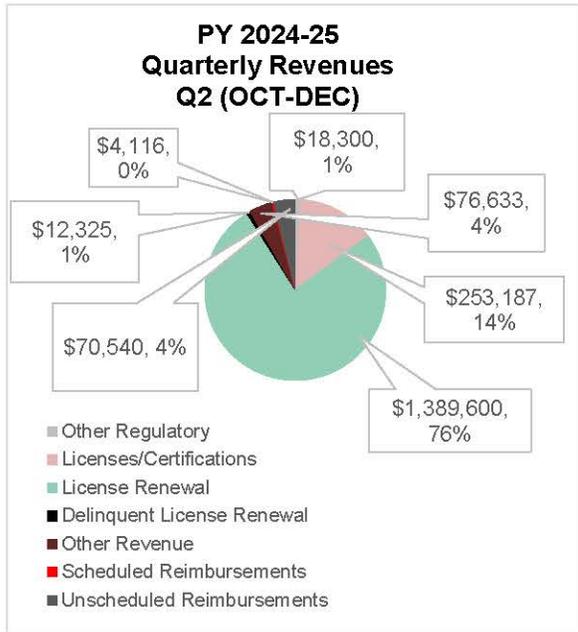
The chart shows a total increase of \$116,655 in costs compared to Q2 of the previous fiscal year. Personnel expenses increased by \$95,143, and Enforcement costs increased by \$46,009, while General Services decreased by \$13,651 and Departmental Services decreased by \$8,346.



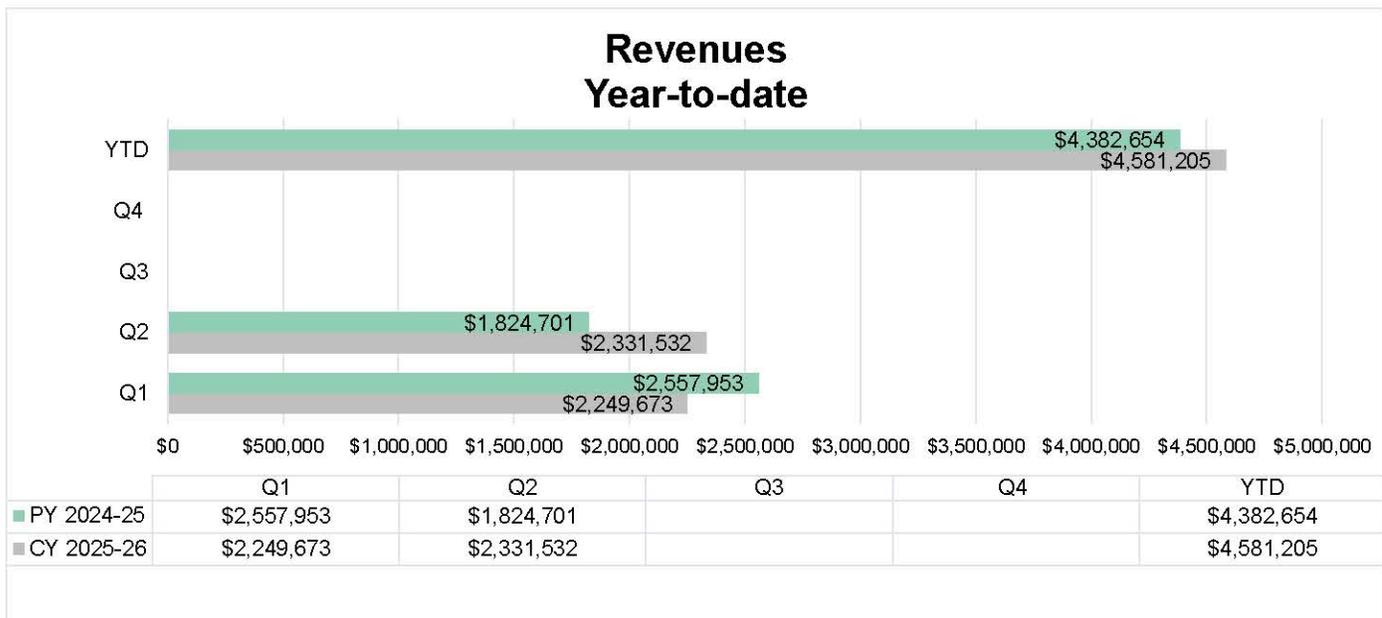
The chart shows a \$116,655 increase—equivalent to a 6.39% rise in year-to-date expenditures compared to the same period last year.

Physical Therapy Board of California
Budget Revenue Statistics Report
CY 2025-26 (Q2)

Revenue Statistics Report				
Revenue Line Items	PY 2024-25		CY 2025-26	
	Q2	YTD	Q2	YTD
	Oct-Dec	As of 12/31/24	Oct-Dec	As of 12/31/25
OTHER REGULATORY				
Cite and Fine (Citations)	\$ 3,250	\$ 6,850	\$ 10,400	\$ 24,000
Endorsement (License Verification)	\$ 11,100	\$ 28,620	\$ 11,580	\$ 26,160
Duplicate License / Certificate	\$ 2,650	\$ 6,150	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,450
Retired License App PT	\$ 900	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,600
Ftb Cite Fine Collection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,825	\$ 1,825
Retired License App PTA	\$ 400	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ 700
TOTALS	\$ 18,300	\$ 44,420	\$ 29,655	\$ 60,735
LICENSES / CERTIFICATIONS				
ENMG Exam Fee	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
ENMG Application Fee	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
KEMG Exam Fee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
KEMG Application Fee	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
PTA Application & Initial License Fee	\$ 56,400	\$ 114,605	\$ 55,200	\$ 129,300
FPTA Application & Initial License Fee	\$ 2,400	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
PT Application Fee	\$ 120,600	\$ 297,000	\$ 152,400	\$ 332,400
PT Initial License Fee	\$ 64,699	\$ 158,198	\$ 82,050	\$ 177,698
FPT Application Fee	\$ 8,700	\$ 19,699	\$ 11,700	\$ 22,849
<i>Ajustments - Various</i>				
TOTALS	\$ 253,187	\$ 597,438	\$ 302,685	\$ 666,883
LICENSE RENEWAL				
ENMG Renewal Fee	\$ 50	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 300
KEMG Renewal Fee	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 150	\$ 200
PTA Renewal Fee	\$ 309,300	\$ 779,700	\$ 420,900	\$ 820,500
PT Renewal Fee	\$ 1,080,150	\$ 2,703,343	\$ 1,449,950	\$ 2,854,850
TOTALS	\$ 1,389,600	\$ 3,483,643	\$ 1,871,100	\$ 3,675,850
DELINQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL				
ENMG Delinquent Fee	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -
KEMG Delinquent Fee	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
PTA Delinquent Fee	\$ 3,300	\$ 5,850	\$ 4,200	\$ 8,700
PT Delinquent Fee	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,150	\$ 10,350	\$ 19,500
TOTALS	\$ 12,325	\$ 24,075	\$ 14,550	\$ 28,200
OTHER REVENUE				
Surplus Money Investments	\$ 76,283	\$ 76,283	\$ 72,256	\$ 72,256
Unclaimed/Cancelled Warrants	\$ 300	\$ 949	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
Dishonored Check Fees	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 25
TOTALS	\$ 76,633	\$ 77,332	\$ 73,756	\$ 74,781
SCHEDULED /UNSCHEDULED REIMBURSEMENTS				
Fingerprint Reports	\$ 4,116	\$ 8,063	\$ 9,930	\$ 16,545
Cost Recovery - Investigations	\$ 62,890	\$ 135,383	\$ 19,656	\$ 42,661
Cost Recovery - Probation Monitoring	\$ 7,650	\$ 12,300	\$ 10,200	\$ 15,550
TOTALS	\$ 74,656	\$ 155,746	\$ 39,786	\$ 74,756
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,824,701	\$ 4,382,654	\$ 2,331,532	\$ 4,581,205



The chart shows that license renewal fees were the largest source of revenue, followed by licenses/certifications and other revenue. Overall revenue increased by \$506,831, representing a 27.78% rise compared to Q2 of the previous fiscal year.



The chart shows a year-to-date revenue increase of \$198,551 or 4.53%, compared to the previous fiscal year.

Agenda Item 12(A) Attachment 5

**0759 - Physical Therapy Analysis of Fund Condition
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Prepared 2.24.2026

2026-27 Governor's Budget With FM 6 Projections

w_AG and OAH Augmentation

	Actual 2024-25	CY 2025-26	BY 2026-27	BY +1 2027-28	BY +2 2028-29
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,589	\$ 5,786	\$ 5,099	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,109
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 5,681	\$ 5,786	\$ 5,099	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,109
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS					
Revenues					
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 50	\$ 51	\$ 49	\$ 49	\$ 49
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 5,779	\$ 5,970	\$ 6,158	\$ 6,158	\$ 6,158
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 96	\$ 103	\$ 98	\$ 98	\$ 98
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 289	\$ 192	\$ 159	\$ 61	\$ 47
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Revenues	\$ 7,371	\$ 7,469	\$ 7,627	\$ 7,529	\$ 7,515
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 7,371	\$ 7,469	\$ 7,627	\$ 7,529	\$ 7,515
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 13,052	\$ 13,255	\$ 12,726	\$ 12,293	\$ 11,624
Expenditures:					
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	\$ 6,771	\$ 7,393	\$ 7,410	\$ 7,632	\$ 7,861
Estimate Current Year AG Augmentation	\$ -	\$ 183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estimate Current Year OAH Augmentation	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 474	\$ 556	\$ 552	\$ 552	\$ 552
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 7,266	\$ 8,156	\$ 7,962	\$ 8,184	\$ 8,413
FUND BALANCE					
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 5,786	\$ 5,099	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,109	\$ 3,210
Months in Reserve	8.5	7.7	7.0	5.9	4.6

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.



Briefing Report

Agenda Item 13

Date: February 20, 2026

Prepared for: PTBC Members

Prepared by: Valerie Kearney

Subject: Licensing Services Report

Purpose:

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

Attachments: [Initial License Application Statistics](#)
[Application Processing Times](#)
[Examination Statistics](#)
[License Maintenance Statistics](#)
[Continuing Competency Statistics](#)

Data Format:

The format of the reports displays year-to-date comparisons of the current fiscal year and the previous fiscal year as well as data for each quarter of the current fiscal year.

Licensing Services Update:

Applications Unit

Application Services initial license applications received increased by 13% from FY 2024/25 Q1/Q2 to Q1/Q2 for FY 2025/26. Physical Therapist (PT) initial applications received increased by 12% and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) applications were up 14% from Q1/Q2 the previous fiscal year. U.S. Educated PT applications received increased 12% while U.S. Educated PTA applications received increased 14% over both Quarters for FY 2024-25.

Foreign Educated applications received for the Q1 and Q2 of FY 2025/26 increased by 19% and Endorsement Applications received for the same period increased by 25%. Military applications received Q1/Q1 of this fiscal year decreased by 5% compared to Q1/Q2 of FY 2024/2025.

Of the 1,640 initial applications received, 93% were U.S. educated with 68% Exam applicants and 32% were by Endorsement; Foreign-educated and Military applications were 6% and 2% respectively. Initial license application processing times (application receipt to license

issued or application closed) for U.S. graduates averaged 22 days while foreign educated applications processing times averaged 58 days. Military applications averaged 5 days. This data is for applications completed during this timeframe. The target turnaround time to license issuance for U.S. graduate complete applications is 45 days for applications by endorsement and 90 days for new graduate applications.

License Maintenance

License Maintenance received and completed 42 Retired Status requests for Q1 and Q2 of FY 2025/26 with an average processing time of 1 day. This is a 40% increase from the 30 Retired Status requests received Q1/Q2 in FY 2024/2025.

Continuing Competency and Approval Agencies

During the first and second quarters of FY 2025/26, the Continuing Competency Program audited 115 Physical Therapist (PT) licensees, achieving a 94% pass rate. This reflects a slight decrease from the 97% pass rate recorded during the same period in FY 2024/25. For Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs), 34 licensees were audited in Q1/Q2 FY2025/26, resulting in a 94% pass rate which is a significant improvement from the 81% pass rate achieved in Q1/Q2 the previous fiscal year.

PTBC-recognized Approval Agencies for Q1/Q2 FY 2025/26 at 124 is unchanged from Q1 of this fiscal year. Staff have continued developing the audit process to evaluate Approval Agency compliance with CCR 1399.95 and plan to begin audits in June 2026 with a goal of auditing five agencies per month. Five agencies per month would allow for all current agencies to be audited over an approximate two-year period. However, this number may be adjusted after assessing the time and resources required to complete each audit.

Staff continued to collaborate with DCA on a workload study in preparation for the upcoming Continuing Competency Approval Agency fee regulatory proposal. The study has concluded and the next step is to meet with regulatory attorneys to discuss the proposed fees.

Application Services Data Summary:

Endorsement	32%
Exam	68%
U.S. Educated	94%
Foreign Educated	6%
Military	2%

License Maintenance Data Summary:

Current Licensees	56%
Inactive	2%
Delinquent	10%
Retired	1%

** 31% includes non-renewable license statuses such as cancelled, revoked, deceased, etc.*

Action Requested:
None.

Application Services Statistics Report

Licenses Issued							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	1,222	714	529			1,243	2%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	487	242	236			478	-2%
Total	1,709	956	765			1,721	1%

Total Applications Received							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	1,052	639	543			1,182	12%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	403	256	202			458	14%
Total	1,455	895	745			1,640	13%

U.S. Educated Applications Received							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	985	599	502			1,101	12%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	385	245	193			438	14%
Total	1,370	844	695			1,539	12%

Foreign Educated Applications Received							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	67	40	41			81	21%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	18	11	9			20	11%
Total	85	51	50			101	19%

Endorsement Applications Received							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	367	228	226			454	24%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	57	38	37			75	32%
Total	424	266	263			529	25%

Military Applications Received							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	21	7	8			15	-29%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	20	14	10			24	20%
Total	41	21	18			39	-5%

Total Applications Processing Times							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	27	24	23	0	0	23	-15%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	35	24	21	0	0	23	-36%
Total	30	24	22	0	0	23	-23%

* Processing Times are provided in the average number of days. Values of 0 are shown for any averages less than 1 day.

U.S. Educated Applications Processing Times							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	26	21	22	0	0	21	-18%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	35	24	20	0	0	22	-36%
Total	29	22	21	0	0	22	-25%

Foreign Educated Applications Processing Times							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	53	64	53	0	0	60	15%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	39	43	41	0	0	42	6%
Total	50	62	50	0	0	58	17%

Endorsement Applications Processing Times							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	16	30	29	0	0	29	88%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	13	24	27	0	0	25	95%
Total	15	29	28	0	0	29	89%

Military Applications Processing Times							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	5	5	4	0	0	4	-6%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	10	5	6	0	0	6	-44%
Total	8	5	5	0	0	5	-32%

Application Services Report - Examination Statistics

National PT and PTA Examination - California Statistics

Accredited PT Program

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	510	282			792	481	315			796	↑ 1%
Fail	96	128			224	99	101			200	↓ -11%
Total	606	410			1,016	580	416			996	↓ -2%
Pass Rate	84%	69%			76%	83%	76%			79%	↑ 4%

Non-Accredited PT Program

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	10	7			17	8	8			16	↓ -6%
Fail	16	20			36	15	15			30	↓ -17%
Total	26	27			53	23	23			46	↓ -13%
Pass Rate	38%	26%			32%	35%	35%			35%	↑ 8%

Accredited PTA Program

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	227	193			420	205	189			394	↓ -6%
Fail	106	99			205	86	88			174	↓ -15%
Total	333	292			625	291	277			568	↓ -9%
Pass Rate	68%	66%			67%	70%	68%			69%	↑ 3%

Non-Accredited PTA Program

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	5	7			12	2	3			5	↓ -58%
Fail	8	7			15	6	7			13	↓ -13%
Total	13	14			27	8	10			18	↓ -33%
Pass Rate	38%	50%			44%	25%	30%			28%	↓ -38%

CA Law Exam (CLE) / CA Jurisprudence Assessment Module (CAL-JAM)

Accredited Program

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	1,162	661			1,823	894	650			1,544	↓ -15%
Fail	21	11			32	8	4			12	↓ -63%
Total	1,183	672			1,855	902	654			1,556	↓ -16%
Pass Rate	98%	98%			98%	99%	99%			99%	↑ 1%

Non-Accredited Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	72	40			112	49	40			89	↓-21%
Fail	4	2			6	3	2			5	↓-17%
Total	76	42			118	52	42			94	↓-20%
Pass Rate	95%	95%			95%	94%	95%			95%	↓0%

National PT and PTA Examination - National Statistics											
Accredited PT Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	5,123	2,028			7,151	4,834	2,285			7,119	↓0%
Fail	921	908			1,829	1,233	840			2,073	↑13%
Total	6,044	2,936			8,980	6,067	3,125			9,192	↑2%
Pass Rate	85%	69%			77%	80%	73%			76%	↓-1%

Non-Accredited PT Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	293	296			589	176	229			405	↓-31%
Fail	473	602			1,075	439	379			818	↓-24%
Total	766	898			1,664	615	608			1,223	↓-27%
Pass Rate	38%	33%			36%	29%	38%			33%	↓-7%

Accredited PTA Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	2,056	1,087			3,143	2,142	1,052			3,194	↑2%
Fail	930	602			1,532	775	629			1,404	↓-8%
Total	2,986	1,689			4,675	2,917	1,681			4,598	↓-2%
Pass Rate	69%	64%			67%	73%	63%			68%	↑2%

Non-Accredited PTA Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	87	114			201	120	117			237	↑18%
Fail	66	69			135	112	134			246	↑82%
Total	153	183			336	232	251			483	↑44%
Pass Rate	57%	62%			60%	52%	47%			49%	↓-17%

Jurisprudence Exam (LAW) - National Statistics

Accredited Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	994	688			1,682	828	686			1,514	↓ -10%
Fail	200	184			384	191	196			387	↑ 1%
Total	1,194	872			2,066	1,019	882			1,901	↓ -8%
Pass Rate	83%	79%			81%	81%	78%			80%	↓ -2%

Non-Accredited Program

Non-Accredited Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	46	35			81	23	27			50	↓ -38%
Fail	11	5			16	6	13			19	↑ 19%
Total	57	40			97	29	40			69	↓ -29%
Pass Rate	81%	88%			84%	79%	68%			73%	↓ -13%

Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) - National Statistics

Accredited Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	6,623	8,644			15,267	7,767	14,252			22,019	↑ 44%
Fail	97	1,608			1,705	527	571			1,098	↓ -36%
Total	6,720	10,252			16,972	8,294	14,823			23,117	↑ 36%
Pass Rate	99%	84%			91%	94%	96%			95%	↑ 4%

Non-Accredited Program

Non-Accredited Program											
	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Pass	594	558			1,152	680	1,334			2,014	↑ 75%
Fail	10	26			36	19	33			52	↑ 44%
Total	604	584			1,188	699	1,367			2,066	↑ 74%
Pass Rate	98%	96%			97%	97%	98%			97%	↑ 1%

License Maintenance Statistics Report

License Status Count

	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Current	Inactive	Delinquent	Retired	Cancelled
Physical Therapist (PT)	31672	1194	5902	450	17537
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	9545	326	1770	100	4671
Total	41217	1520	7672	550	22208

Renewals Received

	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Physical Therapist (PT)	7,305	3,935	3,826			7,761	6%
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)	2,165	1,185	1,091			2,276	5%
Total	9,470	5,120	4,917			10,037	6%

Other License Maintenance Requests Received

	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Address Changes	1,596	880	715			1,595	0%
Duplicates <i>(PT Wall Certificates)</i>	116	33	68			101	-13%
License Verifications	429	233	154			387	-10%
Name Changes	219	131	120			251	15%
Retired	30	18	24			42	40%

License Maintenance Requests Processing Times

	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year to Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Address Changes	0	0	0			0	460%
Duplicates <i>(PT Wall Certificates)</i>	0	0	0			0	-100%
License Verifications	6	17	14			16	161%
Name Changes	5	15	10			12	137%
Renewals	3	2	3			2	-15%
Retired	0	1	0			1	1,510%

* Processing Times are provided in the average number of days. Values of 0 are shown for any averages less than 1 day.

Continuing Competency Audit Statistics

Physical Therapist

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q4	
Pass	63	67			130	97	108			205	↑ 58%
Fail	4	2			6	10	7			17	↑ 183%
Total	67	69	0	0	136	107	115	0	0	222	↑ 63%
Pass Rate	94%	97%			96%	91%	94%			92%	↓ -3%

Physical Therapist Assistant

	Fiscal Year 2024/25					Fiscal Year 2025/26					Year → Year Change
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD through Q4	
Pass	17	17			34	27	32			59	↑ 74%
Fail	3	4			7	2	2			4	↓ -43%
Total	20	21	0	0	41	29	34	0	0	63	↑ 54%
Pass Rate	85%	81%			83%	93%	94%			94%	↑ 13%

Approval Agencies and Courses

Approval Agencies	124
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Briefing Paper

Agenda Item 14

Date: February 18, 2026

Prepared for: PTBC Members

Prepared by: Carole Phelps, Enforcement Manager

Subject: Consumer Protection Services (CPS) Program

Purpose: Update on Consumer Protection Services Program
FY 2025/2026, Quarter 2

Attachments: [A. CPS Statistics Report for FY 25/26, Q2](#)
[B. Disciplinary Summary for FY 25/26, Q2](#)

Update:

In the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, CPS Manager and Staff worked to finalize data entry and process clean-up in response to the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) efforts to improve and streamline department-wide annual report statistics collection. Information for the 2024-2025 fiscal year Annual Report was finalized in this quarter.

The CPS Unit and PTBC Management continue to hold frequent meetings with our contacts at the Division of Investigation (DOI) and the Attorney General's Office (AG) to discuss outstanding issues and collaborate to ensure effective case and program management.

Attachment A: CPS Statistics Report for FY 2025/2026, Quarter 2

Performance Measure 1 (Complaint Intake) shows that the PTBC received and opened a total of 161 cases this quarter, including 121 consumer complaints, and 40 reports of arrest or conviction. PTBC has received 7% more complaint cases this fiscal quarter compared to the same quarter last fiscal year.

Performance Measure 2 (Complaint Intake) measures the average number of days after receipt until the PTBC initiates a case and sends an acknowledgement letter to the Complainant. This quarter's average is 3 days, well under the target of 9 days. While the CPS Unit has consistently met this target in the past, new processes within SharePoint have made it easier for staff to forward complaints to the CPS Unit to be initiated, while ensuring the Intake Analyst has all the information necessary to initiate a case.

Performance Measures 3 (Investigations) shows the average case age in days for all cases that did not result in a referral to the Attorney General's Office for formal discipline. The average case age was 187 days for this quarter, which is 10% higher compared to last year. These numbers are known to fluctuate greatly, as they reflect the average of all cases, and encompass entire investigative process that involves the timelines, workloads, and response times of not only Enforcement staff, but of all involved parties/agencies. PTBC's target for this Performance Measure is 180 days, so we were just outside of the target for the quarter, although 68% of cases were closed within the target.

Performance Measure 4 (AG/Formal Discipline) captures the average case age in days for cases that were referred to the Attorney General's Office for formal discipline. Ten (10) cases were finalized at the AG's office this quarter, taking an average of 876 days from receipt of complaint to case closure. This is a significant increase over the average last fiscal year to date, however with the small number of cases involved, and the complexity that can be involved in cases that result in discipline, most of the cases closed this quarter took 2 years or more to complete, well beyond our target of 540 days (18 months). In addition, this Performance Measure includes the involvement of not only Enforcement staff, but of all involved parties and agencies, such as the reporting party, the licensee, involved healthcare facilities, the Division of Investigation, the Attorney General's Office, and the Office of Administrative Hearing.

In summary for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, staff initiated 161 new cases, issued 14 citations, completed 145 desk investigations, referred 19 cases to the Attorney General's Office, and closed 10 cases after referral to the AG's Office.

Attachment B: Disciplinary Summary

Disciplinary Summary of all formal discipline issued for Quarter 2 of FY 2025-2026. In this quarter, five (5) licensees were issued Public Letters of Reprimand, two (2) licensees were placed on probation, and one (1) licensee lost their privilege to practice physical therapy by revocation order. Disciplinary actions are 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

Complaints Received

	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
PM1: Complaints Received	188	110	121			231	↑ 23%
PM1: Convictions/Arrest Received	104	40	40			80	↓ -23%
PM1: Total Received	292	150	161			311	↑ 7%

Intake

Target: 9 Days	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
PM2: Intake/Avg. Days	3	3	3			3	→ 0%

Investigations

Target: 180 Days	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
PM3: Cycle Time-Investigation	169	184	187			186	↑ 10%
PM3a: Intake Only	3	2	3			3	↓ -17%
PM3b: Investigation Only	164	179	179			179	↑ 9%
PM3c: Post Investigation Only	2	3	5			4	↑ 100%

Investigation Case Aging

	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Up to 90 Days	56%	66	62			46%	↓ -10%
91 - 180 Days	13%	27	34			22%	↑ 9%
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	15%	14	26			14%	↓ -1%
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	14%	18	17			13%	↓ -1%
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	2%	4	5			3%	↑ 1%
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	1%	2	1			1%	↑ 0%

Transmittals to Attorney General (AG)

Target: 540 Days	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
PM4: AG Cases	660	981	876			929	↑ 41%
PM4a: Intake Only	4	1	3			2	↓ -50%
PM4b: Investigation Only	314	565	422			494	↑ 57%
PM4c: Pre-AG Transmittal	4	7	1			4	→ 0%
PM4d: Post-AG Transmittal	340	408	450			429	↑ 26%

AG Case Aging

	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Up to 90 Days	0%	0	0			0%	→ 0%
91 - 180 Days	5%	0	0			0%	↓ -5%
181 Days - 1 Year (365)	18%	2	0			10%	↓ -8%
1 to 2 Years (366-730)	36%	1	3			20%	↓ -16%
2 to 3 Years (731-1092)	27%	3	6			45%	↑ 18%
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	14%	4	1			25%	↑ 11%

AG Transmittals							
	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
AG Cases Initiated	29	7	19			26	↓ -10%
AG Cases Pending	47	62	69			69	↑ 47%
AG Cases Closed	22	10	10			20	↓ -9%

Actions							
	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Citations	14	8	14			22	↑ 57%
Public Letters of Reprimand	4	2	5			7	↑ 75%
Statements of Issues Filed	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
License Denials	2	1	1			2	→ 0%
Accusations Filed	10	7	7			14	↑ 40%
Petition to Revoke Probation	3	1	0			1	↓ -67%
Public Reprimands	3	0	0			0	↓ -100%
Probation	8	1	2			3	↓ -63%
Disciplinary Surrender	1	2	0			2	↑ 100%
Revocation	6	2	1			3	↓ -50%

Other Legal Actions							
	FY 24/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026					Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	
Interim Suspension Ordered	1	0	0			0	↓ -1
PC 23 Ordered	2	0	0			0	↓ -2

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 assigned 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: AG 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.

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.

**Disciplinary Summary
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 / Quarter 2**

The following is a list of disciplinary actions taken by the Physical Therapy Board of California for the months of October 2025 through December 2025. 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 www.ptbc.ca.gov. In addition to obtaining this information from our website, you may also request it by telephone, fax, or mail. Please address your written request to:

Physical Therapy Board of California
Consumer Protection Services
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2600
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 561-8200 / FAX (916) 263-2560

October 2025

ROLLINS, TODD STEVEN PT 34403

Violations: Conviction of a crime; Unprofessional Conduct. Order Effective 10/03/2025, Public Letter of Reprimand

FLORENTE, RICHARD BLANCO PTA 10721

Violations: Failure to report disciplinary or criminal action to the Board; Conviction of a crime; Unprofessional Conduct. Order Effective 10/22/2025, Public Letter of Reprimand

OTTULICH, MATTHEW TYLER PT 41891

Violations: Failure to report disciplinary or criminal action to the board; Prescribing or administering to self, use of dangerous drugs or alcohol; Conviction of a crime; Unprofessional conduct; Violating the PT Practice Act or Medical Practice Act. Order Effective 10/31/2025, Revoked, Stayed, 5 Years' Probation

November 2025

BIRCHFIELD, AYRON THOMAS PTA 11147

Violations: Requirements for supervision of a PTA. Order Effective 11/04/2025, Public Letter of Reprimand

MORRIS, CHAD R PT 23338

Violations: Failure to maintain adequate and accurate patient records; Misrepresenting documentation of patient care or deliberately falsifying patient records; Commission of fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act; Aide, applicant and student identification requirements; Requirement for supervision of a PTA; Unlicensed practice of a PTA; Requirement to disclose name and license status; Charging a fee for services not performed; Patient record documentation requirements; Unprofessional conduct. Order Effective 11/04/2025, Public Letter of Reprimand

HARTENSTEIN, DREW STANTON PT 17364

Violations: Aiding or abetting any person to engage in the unlawful practice of physical therapy; Requirements for use of aides; Charging a fee for services not performed; Patient record documentation requirements; Unprofessional conduct. Order Effective 11/19/2025, Public Letter of Reprimand

KAMINSKY, ILYA PT 19092

Violations: Failure to maintain adequate and accurate patient records; Misrepresenting documentation of patient care or deliberately falsifying patient records; Aiding or abetting any person to engage in the unlawful practice of physical therapy; Gross negligence or repeated acts of negligence; Requirement for supervision of a PTA; Requirements for use of aides; Improper supervision of a physical therapy aide; Unlicensed practice of a PTA; Patient record documentation requirements; Unprofessional conduct; Violating the PT Practice Act or Medical Practice Act. Order Effective 11/24/2025, Revoked, Stayed, 4 Years' Probation

LIN, CHESTER PT 41104

Violations: Failure to maintain adequate and accurate patient records; Failure to comply with direct access provisions per BPC section 2620.1; Gross negligence or repeated acts of negligence; Failure to comply with direct access provisions; Sexual activity with patient, client, or customer incapable of giving consent; Sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient; Patient record documentation requirements; Engaging in sexual misconduct or violating BPC section 726; Unprofessional conduct. Order Effective 11/28/2025, Revocation

December 2025

NONE

Glossary of Disciplinary Terms

B & P Code – California Business and Professions Code
 CCR – California Code of Regulations, Title 16

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

Decision: The Order issued by the Board in a disciplinary action.

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.

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

Probationary License: 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.

Public Letter of Reprimand: In lieu of filing a formal accusation, the Board may, pursuant to B & P Code 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.

Public Reproval: A formal public reproval, pursuant to B & P Code section 495, may be issued for an act constituting grounds for suspension or revocation of a license. This requires filing of a formal accusation. A public reproval is considered disciplinary action.

Revoked: The license is revoked as a result of disciplinary action rendered by the Board, and the licensee is prohibited from engaging in the practice, or assisting in the provision, of physical therapy.

Revoked, Stayed, Probation: "Stayed" means the revocation is postponed, or put off. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

Statement of Issues: 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.

Surrender of License: 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.



Briefing Paper

Agenda Item 15

Date: February 2, 2026
Prepared for: PTBC Members
Prepared by: Monny Martin, PTBC Probation Monitor
Subject: Probation Monitoring Program

Purpose: Update on Probation Monitoring Program for Quarter 2, FY 2025-2026

Attachments: [A. Statistical Report FY 2025-2026 Q2](#)

Background:

This is a report on the Board's Probation Monitoring Program for the second quarter of FY 2025-2026. Please refer to Attachment A which contains the probation statistics for FY 2025-2026.

Analysis:

During the second quarter of FY 2025-2026, the number of licensees on probation decreased from fifty-nine (59) to fifty-six (56) licensees on probation for various causes. Besides the forty-two (42) licensees on probation and actively working in the state of California, there were an additional four (4) out of state probationers tolling (not receiving credit toward completion of probation), and eleven (10) in-state probationers tolling due to unemployment or underemployment. Two (2) licensees were placed on probation in the quarter, and five (5) licensees completed probation in the quarter. Zero (0) probationers had their license revoked in the quarter, and (0) probationers exercised their option to voluntarily surrender their license to the Board.

Of the forty-two (42) licensees that are not tolling, eleven (11) were enrolled and participating in the Board's Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (Premier), equaling about 26% of all licensees on probation that weren't tolling. One (1) licensees enrolled in the Board's Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program in the quarter, and one (1) licensees completed the program.

There were two (2) instances of Non-Compliance with probation in the quarter. The instances of non-compliance were minor violations for not being available for quarterly interviews with the probation monitor.

Action Requested: No Action Required.

Probation Statistics Report

Probation							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026				YTD	Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Entered Probation	8	2	2			4	↓ -50%
Completed Probation/Ended (Writ)	9	2	5			7	↓ -22%
Probation Terminated (Revocation/Stip Su	4	0	0			0	↓ -25%
Non-Compliant w/Probation	13	3	2			5	↓ -62%
Tolling (Out of State)	7	5	4			5	↓ -29%
Tolling (In State)	12	11	10			11	↓ -8%
Surrenders (Voluntary)/Cancelled	1	2	0			2	↑ 100%
Total Probationers	66	59	56			59	↓ -11%

Recovery Monitoring Program							
	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/2026				YTD	Year → Year Change
	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Entered Recovery Program	4	3	1			4	→ 0%
Completed Recovery Program	2	0	1			1	↓ -50%
Total Recovery Program Participants	10	11	11			11	↑ 10%
Determined To Be Clinically Inappropriate	1	1	0			1	→ 0%
Terminated - Public Risk	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
Terminated - Failure to Receive Benefit	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
Withdrawn (Expense) - Post-Dec	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
Withdrawn (Left State) - Post-Dec	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
Withdrawn - Pre-Dec	0	0	0			0	→ 0%
Withdrawn - Voluntary	0	0	0			0	→ 0%