



AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - February 7, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

2/7/2025 9:00 AM AKST

Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, and Tori Daugherty

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 8:59 am by Tina McLean. Roll call taken. Committee members present were Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, and Tori Daugherty.

Staff members present for the meeting were Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1 and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion by Enlow Walker to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes - 12/20/2024

No minutes to approve. Tabled to next meeting.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public connected for the meeting. No public comment given.

5. Draft Correspondence Responses for committee review

- A. OT Ethics Question - School Based - 11-01-2024 - Tori Daugherty to draft (Presenters: Victoria Daugherty)

Enlow Walker motioned to send the draft response letter regarding Occupational Therapy Ethics Question - School Based - 11-01-2024 - to the full board for a vote via OnBoard. Tina McLean seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Items:

- Staff to put draft response on letterhead for Occupational Therapy Ethics Question - School Based - 11-01-2024 and load into OnBoard along with original question for board review/vote.
- B. PTA Scope of Practice Question - 09-18-2024 - Tina McLean to write letter to Deputy Director Glenn Saviers re: conflict(s) (Presenters: Tina McLean)
- Discussion - two separate items to address - PTA review and patient review within regulation.
- Tori Daugherty motioned to send clarification request to Deputy Director. Motioned seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

Action Items:

- Staff to send letter as drafted to Deputy Director Saviers.
- C. PT Scope Question - Dietary Recommendations - 10-29-2024 - Tina McLean to draft (Presenters: Tina McLean)
- Committee discussed FSBPT webinar where Chevron legal precedent overturned. Committee requested webinar link to review. Discussed creating template/boilerplate paragraph for inclusion in all board opinion letter responses regarding seeking legal advice.
- Remove highlighted area from draft response.
- Enlow Walker motioned to send the draft response letter with highlighted area removed regarding PT Scope Question - Dietary Recommendations - 10-29-2024 - to the full board for a vote via OnBoard. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

Action Items:

- Tina McLean to write/submit committee report for upcoming Board meeting February 27-28, 2025.
 - Staff to remove highlighted area of the draft response for PT Scope Question - Dietary Recommendations - 10-29-2024 and load in Onboard for full board review/vote.
- D. DPT Designation Credentials - 11-07-2024 - Tina McLean to draft (Presenters: Tina McLean)
- Tori Daugherty motioned to send the draft response letter regarding PT Scope Question - DPT Designation Credentials - 11-07-2024 - after the word "sue" is changed to "use" to the full board for a vote via OnBoard. Enlow Walker seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

Action Items:

- Staff to change "sue" to "use" of the draft response for DPT Designation Credentials - 11-07-2024 and load into Onboard for full board review/vote.

6. Legislative Initiatives

- A. Committee to draft Physical Therapy Scope of Practice Modernization Language for board consideration
- B. Occupational Therapy Draft Statutory Scope of Practice Modernization DRAFT Language

Committee discussed delaying working on statutory language changes until regulatory projects are completed, specifically PT/OT dry needling.

Discussed need for Legislative Committee to meet during summer also to pursue statutory initiatives.

Reviewed PT scope modernization draft with inclusion of PT Model Practice Act language submitted by committee member Tina McLean.

Modernization language would need to be broad enough to encompass - global scope needs to cover all areas of practice settings - home health, Indian health services, private practice, hospital, etc. Committee was tasked by board to create workgroups with industry input on scope modernization for both physical therapy and occupational therapy. Send out invitations to state and national associations and via PHY listserv to reach broad group in different practice settings and areas throughout Alaska.

Workgroup - identify dates - March 25, April 8, April 22, and May 13. Additional meetings to be publicly noticed if required. PT Workgroup to meet 9am to 11am. OT Workgroup to meet 12pm - 2pm. First meeting to be townhall type meeting to gather wishes/wants and brainstorm with following series to be actual workgroup meetings to hash out language. Include both national and state association representatives designated by the associations in the workgroup.

Action Items:

- Tina McLean to redraft invitation letter.
 - Target date for invitation letter to go out = February 21, 2025.
- C. DPT/OTD Term Protection Statutory DRAFT Language - revise to ensure all occupational therapy designations are included

Both DPT and ODT are academic degrees awarded by educational institutions. You do not have to be licensed in order to use those designations. DPT/OTD Term Protection Statutory DRAFT Language tabled to next meeting on 03/07/2025 for research on how to section out statute language.

Action Items:

- Tina McLean to research DPT.
- Tori Daugherty to research ODT trademark/copyright issue.

- D. Draft language to create Executive Administrator position for PHY Board
Draft statutory language for creation of Executive Administrator position for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board reviewed by committee. Tori Daugherty left the meeting at 11:08 am.
Enlow Walker motioned to put forth the draft language for creation of an EA position for the PHY board at the February 27-28, 2025 board meeting for consideration. Motion seconded by Tina McLean. Both in favor; none opposed. Motion passes by majority.

Action Items:

- Staff to add EA Draft statutory language to PHY February 27-28, 2025 Board meeting for discussion and consideration.

7. Next Steps

1. Staff to send OT Ethics - School Based - 11-01-2025 - draft response to full board for approval via OnBoard.
2. Staff to send PTA Scope of Practice - 09-18-2024 letter to Deputy Director for clarification on regulations.
3. Staff to send PT Scope Dietary Recommendations - 10-29-2024 draft response after correction made as discussed to full board for approval via OnBoard.
4. Staff to send DPT Designation Credentials - 11-07-2024 draft response after correction made as discussed to full board for approval via OnBoard.
5. Tina McLean to rework PT/OT work group invitation letter and return to staff by 2/21/2025.
6. Staff to send out PT and OT work group invitations letters by 2/21/2025 to associations and via PHY Listserv. Dates for workgroup meetings set as follows:
 1. PT - 9-11 am 3/25, 4/8, 4/22 + 5/13.
 2. OT – TENTATIVE - 12-2 pm 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, + 5/13. Tori Daugherty to confirm dates w/staff before 2/21/2025.
7. Tina McLean to write Scope of Practice Committee report and submit for February 27-28 board meeting.

8. DPT/OTD Term Protection statutory DRAFT language tabled for further work to 3/7/2025 meeting.
9. Staff to put draft language recommendation to create Executive Administrator position for discussion at February 27-28 Board meeting.

8. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am on Friday, February 7, 2025.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2025.

Approved by Scope of Practices Committee by vote at 03/07/2025 meeting.