



AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - July 11, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
7/11/2025 8:00 AM AKDT
Videoconference

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Tori Daugherty and Jonathan Gates

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Scope of Practices Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 8:03 am by Tori Daugherty.

Roll call taken:

Committee members present: Tori Daugherty and Jonathan Gates.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Project Coordinator and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

Guest: Kristen Neville, Manager State Affairs, AOTA

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Jonathan Gates motioned to accept the agenda for the July 11, 2025 Scope of Practices Committee meeting as written. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes - 12/20/2024 and 06/06/2025

Jonathan Gates motioned to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2025 Scope of Practices Committee meeting as written. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

December 20, 2024 minutes still outstanding. Staff to complete before next meeting.

4. Public Comment

No public comment given.

5. NEW Board Correspondence

A. OT Scope Questions

Correspondence reviewed and discussed. Statutes and regulations silent on requirement of CPR /BLS certification. Tori Daugherty to draft response to be loaded into OnBoard for full PHY Board review and approval.

B. PT Scope Questions

Correspondence reviewed and discussed. AS 08.84.190(6) physical therapist assistant definition and 12 AAC 54.510 Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants reviewed and discussed as they apply to the correspondence. Jonathan Gates to draft response to be loaded into OnBoard for full PHY Board review and approval.

C. Generic

Board Position Statement - PT/OT License Required when working in School District in addition to Type C Special Service Certificate - Generic PT and OT template letters reviewed. Discussion for needed revisions. Tori Daugherty to revise templated letters for review at next meeting.

Tori Daugherty presented draft templated legal disclosure statement and billing disclosure statement for inclusion in all Scope of Practices correspondence letters for discussion. Committee members to begin using statement(s) on all draft correspondence. Templated statement(s) to be presented at full board meeting in October full board meeting for discussion and other committees use in correspondence.

6. Legislative Initiatives

A. PT Modernization Statutory Project

Committee reviewed PT Scope Modernization draft. Jonathan Gates provided brief overview on drafted language.

B. OT Modernization Statutory Project

Committee reviewed OT Scope Modernization draft. Tori Daugherty provided brief overview on drafted language.

C. DPT/OTD Term Protection Statutory DRAFT Language

previously tabled

7. Next Steps

1. Tori Daugherty to draft response for CPR and BLS requirement for licensed OTs - 06-24-2025 to be loaded into OnBoard for full PHY Board review and approval.
2. Jonathan Gates to draft response for Return to Work Screening - 06-18-2025 to be loaded into OnBoard for full PHY Board review and approval.
3. Tori Daugherty to revise templated letters for PT/OT license required for review at next committee meeting.
4. Templated legal disclosure statement and billing disclosure statement to be presented at full board meeting in October full board meeting for discussion and other committees use in correspondence.

5. Request full board meeting be scheduled to review PT and OT Scope Modernization drafted language and board direction on next steps
 1. Blend statutory language?
 2. Keep PT and OT scopes independent?
 3. Plan of action for stakeholder involvement for introduction of bill language to legislature

8. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am on Friday, July 11, 2025 when committee member Jonathan Gates left the meeting.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for August 1 at 8:00 am.

Approved by unanimous vote at the Scope of Practices Committee August 1, 2025.