



AK PT/OT Board - Regulations Committee Mtg - August 15, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

8/15/2025 10:00 AM AKDT

Videoconference

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members:

Valerie Phelps, Rebecca Dean; Alternate - Tori Daugherty

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Regulations Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 10:00 am by Valerie Phelps.

Roll call taken:

Committee members present: Valerie Phelps, Rebecca Dean and Tori Daugherty.

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

Guest: Kristen Neville, State Affairs Manager, AOTA joined the meeting at 10:39 am.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Tori Daugherty motioned to accept the agenda for the August 15, 2025 PHY Regulations Committee meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Rebecca Dean. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes - 07/17/2025

Rebecca Dean motioned to accept the minutes for the July 17, 2025 PHY Regulations Committee meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Written comment submitted by Jean Keckhut.

Tori Daugherty conveyed that the Acupuncture Association had concerns regarding the draft statutory occupational therapy scope modernization language and that the AKOTA Task Force had called a meeting for September 5, 2025 at 10:15 am - 11:30 am to discuss. Discussed differences between dry needling and acupuncture, language choice used in draft statutory language, and 08.84.160 Scope of authorized practice. Tori Daugherty to report back to 09/26/2025 Regulations Committee meeting if further action (draft response) needed for review/recommendation for board meeting October 2, 2025.

5. AO358 Exemption Requests

Committee members reviewed draft AO 358 exemption request for PHY dry needling regulations project for physical therapy and occupational therapy. Revisions discussed/made to draft.

Rebecca Dean moved to approve the draft AO 358 exemption request for PHY dry needling regulations projects for physical therapy and occupational therapy as recently edited by the committee to be loaded into OnBoard for review/approval by the board. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Item:

Staff to load Dry Needling AO 358 Exemption request into OnBoard for board consideration.

Committee members reviewed draft AO 358 exemption request for SB74. Revision discussed/made to draft.

Rebecca Dean moved to approve the draft AO 358 exemption request for PHY SB 74 project as recently edited by the committee to be loaded into OnBoard for review/approval by the board. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Item:

Staff to load SB 74 AO 358 Exemption request into OnBoard for board consideration.

6. Regulations Projects

- A. Definition of Employment and Professional Reference Requirements for licensure by credentials - PT and OT

Committee recommendation for October 2-3, 2025 board meeting.

- B. OTA/PTA Supervision - Review of previous Board Actions + Materials

Tabled. No discussion.

- C. OTA/PTA supervision discussion

Tabled. No discussion.

7. Next Steps

- A. Staff to load Dry Needling AO 358 Exemption request into OnBoard for board consideration.

- B. Staff to load SB 74 AO 358 Exemption request into OnBoard for board consideration.

8. Adjourn

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Regulations Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Approved by the Regulations Committee September 26, 2025 by unanimous vote.