



AK PT/OT Board - Legislative Committee Mtg - April 11, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Apr 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM AKDT

@ Juneau - Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members:

Tina McLean

Enlow Walker

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Legislative Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 am AKDT on Thursday, April 11, 2024 by Tina McLean.

Roll call:

Committee members present - Enlow Walker and Tina McLean.

Staff Present - Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator and Sheri Ryan, License Examiner.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

 [PHY - Leg Mtg - Agenda - 04-11-2024.pdf](#)

Agenda for the April 11, 2024 PHY Legislative Committee accepted as written.

3. Approve Minutes 3-28-2024

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Motion by Enlow Walker to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting as written. Motion seconded by Tina McLean. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously. Minutes for the March 28, 2024 PHY Legislative Committee approved as written.

4. Public Comment

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

5. Action Items

- Bill Status:
 - [HB137*](#) / [SB74*](#) - PT Compact

- [HB85](#)* - Temp Permits
- [SB83](#)* - Temp Permits
- [HB314](#)* - Occupational Licensing Fees
- [SB225](#)* - Occupational Licensing Fees
- [HB336](#)** - Athletic Trainers Scope of Practice
- [SB91](#) - **TELEHEALTH: MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM** - introduced 3/6/2023 -
 - passed Senate 3-22-2024
 - referred House Health & Social Services + Finance
 - Hearing HSS 04/04/2024 HSS at 3:00 pm
- [HB187](#) - **PRIOR AUTH EXEMPT FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS** - introduced 5-3-2023
 - referred to House Health & Social Services + Finance
 - Hearing 04/08/2024 HL+C at 3:15 pm

*PHY Board Letter of Support on record

**PHY Board Letter of Opposition on record

 [HB0187A.pdf](#)

 [SB0091C.pdf](#)

 [PHY - Letter of Opposition HB 336 04-04-2024 final.pdf](#)

 [HB 137 SB74 PHY-Letter of Reiterated Support 04-04-2024 final.pdf](#)

No movement on bills [HB137](#)* / [SB74](#)* - PT Compact: [HB85](#)/[SB83](#)* - Temp Permits; [HB314](#)/[SB225](#)* - Occupational Licensing Fees; or [HB336](#)** - Athletic Trainers Scope of Practice.

Discussed [SB91](#). Bill has now moved to House Finance. Need clarification of "not reasonably available in the state".

Discussed [HB187](#). Adds all 3rd Party administrators of self-insured entities. Need definition of "health care provider" line 31, page 3. Tina McLean to draft letter of support for board consideration.

[HB115](#) - Naturopaths bill - add to agenda for next meeting 4/25 - adds ability to prescribe and do surgery. Referral capability to PT/OT?

Term protection of use of "physical therapy" in advertising by other healthcare providers - AS 08.84.130 - what committee would handle this situation? Referred to Scope of Practices Committee to address at 5/13 meeting.

6. Next Steps

Action Items:

- SB91 - Staff to send email for interpretation of "not reasonably available in the state"

- HB187 - 3rd Party Administrators - Staff to send request for interpretation of definition of "health care provider" line 31 page 3
- Tina McLean to draft letter of support for HB187
- Add HB115 - Naturopaths bill for discussion at next Leg committee mtg 4/25
- Add Term protection "physical therapy" to Scope of Practices committee mtg agenda 5/13.

7. Adjourn

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am AKDT on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Next meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Approved 04-25-2024 by Legislative Committee.