



# AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - February 12, 2026 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
2/12/2026 8:00 AM AKST  
Virtual

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## 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 Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 8:11 am by Tori Daugherty.

Roll call taken:

Committee members present: Tori Daugherty and Jonathan Gates.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Project Coordinator 1 and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner 3.

## 2. Review/Approve Agenda

**Tori Daugherty moved to accept the February 12, 2026 Scope of Practices committee meeting agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Jonathan Gates. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

## 3. Approve Minutes - 11/06/2025

Tori Daugherty asked that Item 6B. in NEW Board Correspondence - PT Scope Questions - PTA Scope and Dry Needling Ruling Request - 10-31-2025 be updated to reflect that the original question is related to physical therapy dry needling only. As the response and the discussion was centered around physical therapy dry needling only and would not encompass occupational therapy dry needling, she wanted this clarified in the minutes so as to avoid confusion to anyone reviewing the minutes in the future as the minutes use words like "only performed by physical therapists", etc.

**Tori Daugherty moved to approve the November 6, 2025 Scope of Practices committee meeting minutes as discussed. Motion seconded by Jonathan Gates. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

## 4. Public Comment

No members of the public joined the meeting; no public comment given.

5. NEW Board Correspondence

A. OT Scope Questions

Vision Therapy Scope Question - 10-28-2025 Draft response reviewed and approved by the committee.

**Jonathan Gates moved to approve the letter as written and submit to the PHY Board for approval through OnBoard. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Action Items:**

Staff to load draft response for Vision Therapy Scope Question - 10-28-2025 into OnBoard for full board approval.

B. PT Scope Questions

- PTA Scope and Dry Needling Ruling Request - 10-31-2025 response reviewed and approved.

**Jonathan Gates moved to approve the letter as written and submit to the PHY Board for approval through OnBoard. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Action Items:**

Staff to load draft response for PTA Scope and Dry Needling Ruling Request - 10-31-2025 into OnBoard for full board approval.

- PTA Scope Ultramist® Wound Care - 12-22-2025 question reviewed. Committee reviewed [APTA Advanced Proficiency Pathways](#) for Wound Management and briefly discussed. More information required for response. Question to be tabled for February 26-27, 2026 board meeting for input from board members. Tori Daugherty to write draft to present at meeting to start board discussion.
- Staff response to IERF – CWT6 for Foreign-Educated PTs – 10-28-2025 reviewed and committee concurred.
- Staff response to Acceptance of FCCPT PTA Educational Evaluation – 01-15-2026 reviewed and discussed. Staff to contact FSBPT regarding ability

for PT (foreign educated or not) to sit for NPTE-PTA examination.  
Question to be discussed at February 26-27, 2026 board meeting.

**Action Items:**

1. PTA Scope Ultramist® Wound Care - 12-22-2025 question to be added to February 26-27, 2026 Board meeting agenda for discussion. Tori Daugherty to write draft to present at meeting to start board discussion.
2. Acceptance of FCCPT PTA Educational Evaluation – 01-15-2026 to be added to February 26-27 Board meeting agenda for discussion. Staff to contact FSBPT regarding ability for physical therapists to qualify to take NPTE-PTA.

C. Generic

- CAQH Disclosure Questions – 01-07-2026 question reviewed and discussed. Credentialing is outside the board’s scope of authority. Tori Daugherty to write draft response to directly in OnBoard for full board review and approval.
- School District IEP Service Delivery – 02-12-2026 question reviewed and discussed. IEP service delivery is outside the board’s scope of authority. Jonathan Gates to draft response to be reviewed at next meeting. Staff to send contact information for Alaska Department of Education & Early Development and personnel who directly handles IEPs.

**Action Items:**

1. Tori Daugherty to write draft response to directly in OnBoard for full board review and approval.
2. Jonathan Gates to draft response to be reviewed at next meeting. Staff to send contact information for Alaska Department of Education & Early Development and personnel who directly handles IEPs.

6. PT Scope Modernization Update (Presenters: Jonathan Gates)

Jonathan Gates scheduled to attend MED board meeting 03/19/2026 to gather feedback regarding “primary care”. Gave overview of strategy change from term protection to title protection for CHI board. AK Chiropractic Society written objections anticipated but still not received. AOTA gave feedback that was incorporated into the draft regarding “functional training related to movement and mobility”. ASMA gave feedback that was

incorporated into the draft regarding the use of “primary care”. Currently trying to schedule educational opportunities with new leadership of APTA-AK to promote collaboration.

7. OT Scope Modernization Update (Presenters: Victoria Daugherty)

Tori Daugherty attending AKOTA Task Force meetings. Draft language submitted to Leg Legal. 1<sup>st</sup> draft included “health and harm” throughout. 2<sup>nd</sup> draft included ability to make prosthetics and changed language from OTA being able to contribute to plan of care to contribute to their own performance reports. Test and measurements also moved out of AS 08.84.190 to its own OT specific section. Currently working on 3<sup>rd</sup> draft to correct.

**Action Items:**

If OT scope modernization bill introduced this legislative session, request any member of board be delegated to testify.

Executive Administrator bill – add to February 26-27, 2026 board meeting agenda for status update and possibly revisit motion on who can seek sponsorship. Discuss APTA-AK support due to leadership change.

8. Next Steps

1. Tori Daugherty to draft responses for:
  1. PTA Scope UltraMist® wound care - 12-22-2025 question to be used as starting point for discussion at board meeting Feb 26-27, 2026.
  2. CAQH disclosure questions - 01-07-2026 letter as discussed by committee to be uploaded directly to OnBoard for full board approval.
2. Jonathan Gates to draft response for School District IEP Service Delivery - 02-12-2026 to be reviewed at next committee meeting on April 30, 2026. Staff to send contact information for Alaska Department of Education & Early Development - [eed.contact@alaska.gov](mailto:eed.contact@alaska.gov); 907-465-2800; Donald Enoch, Jr.
3. Staff to upload Vision Therapy and PTA Scope Dry Needling draft responses into OnBoard for full board approval.
4. Staff to update minutes from 11-06-2025 with clarification regarding PTA Scope dry needling letter limited to physical therapy related question only and post on PHY website.
5. Staff to contact FSBPT regarding ability for physical therapists to qualify to take NPTE-PTA.

6. If OT scope modernization bill introduced this legislative session, request any member of board be delegated to testify.
  7. Executive Administrator bill – add to February 26-27, 2026 board meeting agenda for status update and possibly revisit motion on who can seek sponsorship. Discuss APTA-AK support due to leadership change.
9. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for April 30 at 8:00 am.

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