



# AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - April 30, 2026 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
4/30/2026 8:00 AM AKDT  
Zoom

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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, April 30, 2026 at 8:08 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

**April 30, 2026 Scope of Practices committee meeting agenda approved by consensus. No objections.**

3. Approve Minutes - 02/12/2026

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

4. Public Comment

No written comment submitted or oral public comment given at the meeting.

5. NEW Board Correspondence

A. OT Scope Questions – none.

B. PT Scope Questions

Draft response for Amanda Calhoon – School District IEP Service Delivery – 02-12-2026 reviewed and draft approved as written. Draft to be sent to the full board for review and approval through OnBoard per committee request.

M. Sweetman – PHYP431 – PT – Request for approval of alternative under professional practice requirements 12 AAC 54.405 reviewed. Committee members felt submission was far and above documentation requirements. Request to be sent forward to full board for review and vote through OnBoard with committee recommendation for approval.

Tara Madden – PT Scope Question – Manipulation – 04-19-2026. Committee briefly reviewed PHY AS 08.84.190(6) Physical Therapy scope of practice, AS 08.84.160 Scope of Authorized Practice, and relevant passages regarding manipulation in Alaska chiropractic statutes. Committee discussed how this appears to be a national survey question and not a scope question from a licensed Alaskan therapist. Intent of committee is to research and make recommendations to the board for questions related to public safety of Alaskans. Committee decision that this question be tabled and carried forth to the next full board meeting November 5-6, 2026 for discussion as current PT scope if silent on the “spinal manipulation” and answering this question would equate to a board position statement.

Patricia Runde – Scope Modernization – 03-11-2026. Licensing Examiner Sheri Ryan and Jonathan Gates, chair of Scope Modernization Work Group provided background information on communication and initial response given to Ms. Runde on this board correspondence. Committee discussed possible gaps in previous response. Staff to contact Ms. Runde to see if she still has concerns that need to be addressed.

C. Generic

Committee discussed the task assigned from October 2025 board meeting to work on generic auto response for request of additional information required for approval consideration of professional practice alternatives under 12 AAC 54.405(c) and 12 AAC 54.705(c). Jonathan Gates to formulate draft for consideration. Staff to send email sent recently as possible starting point.

6. PT Scope Modernization Update - Jonathan Gates

The work group will need to meet again. Last meeting was held 01/28/2026. Jonathan met with the State Medical Board at their board meeting on April 16, 2026. Mixed feedback received regarding draft language regarding primary care in (9) and 11(d). The

State Medical Board requested data on therapists working remotely and how patient access would be improved.

Strategic Plan Goal 1.C - Crosswalk PT Scope Modernization draft language once finalized to include any applicable changes to occupational therapy to make inclusive language in common areas including title protection for DPT for Doctor of Physical Therapy and OTD for Doctor of Occupational Therapy and title protection for "Physiotherapist" – task tabled until next committee meeting in August after next work group meeting and legislative session has ended. Will need to take into consideration any changes (patient/client) required if HB347 OT Scope Modernization which is being combined into HB110 passes this session.

7. OT Scope Modernization Update - Victoria Daugherty

HB347 Scope Modernization bill → being rolled into HB110 Social Work Licensure Compact → along with the rural health transformation program in the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 173 OT Licensure Compact is in Senate Finance Committee currently.

8. Next Steps

- Amanda Calhoon – School District IEP Service Delivery – 02-12-2026 – response draft to be sent to the full board for review and approval through OnBoard.
- M. Sweetman – PHYP431 – PT – Request for approval of alternative under professional practice requirements 12 AAC 54.405 to be sent forward to full board for review and vote through OnBoard with committee recommendation for approval.
- Tara Madden – PT Scope Question – Manipulation – 04-19-2026 to be tabled and carried forth to the next full board meeting November 5-6, 2026 for discussion.
- Patricia Runde – Scope Modernization – 03-11-2026 - Staff to contact Ms. Runde to see if she still has concerns that need to be addressed.
- Jonathan Gates to formulate draft generic auto response for request of additional information required for approval consideration of professional practice alternatives under 12 AAC 54.405(c) and 12 AAC 54.705(c) for consideration. Staff to send email sent recently as possible starting point.
- Task to crosswalk PT Scope Modernization draft language to include any applicable changes to occupational therapy tabled to August committee meeting. (after work group meets again and legislative session ends).

9. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:41 am on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for August 6, 2026 at 8:00 am.

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