

# Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy – Scope of Practice Workgroup - Monday, May 22, 2023

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
May 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM AKDT to May 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM AKDT  
Juneau Zoom



## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Valerie Phelps at 9:00 am. Recording started. Roll call performed:

Workgroup participants present:

1. Valerie Phelps, PT, ScD - Board Member
2. Lindsey Hill, OTD, OTR/L, CHT - Board Member
3. Chad Ross, PT, DPT, COMT - APTA Alaska
4. Cary Moore, PhD, OTR/L – AKOTA
5. Tina McLean, PT, DPT, ATL, CMTPT, GTS – Board Member
6. Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor

Guest: Kristen Neville, Manager, State Affairs, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Staff: Sheri Ryan, Occupational License Examiner

### 2. Public Comment

9:03 AM

No public comment received via email or offered at virtual meeting.

### 3. PT Regulations

9:18 AM

- Review DRAFT PT Regulations for Dry Needling for board recommendation

Chad Ross reported no major concerns from APTA Alaska association board. Association's comments surround necessity for the acupuncture references in "no" statements, the background influence for their inclusion, and how the references cited in the regulation would be listed - as a link or in their entirety?

PT regulations DRAFT was amended to final recommendation to be presented at board meeting June 16, 2023.

- Draft language for Position Statement re: Dry Needling for physical therapists for board recommendation

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PT position statement for board communication to licensees drafted to final recommendation to be presented at board meeting June 16, 2023.

Draft OT position statement document for board communication to licensees amended to final recommendation to be presented at board meeting June 16, 2023.

Recommendation to the board should include having all position statements reviewed by Department of Law.

Suggestion to coordinate/communicate timing of messaging of OT position statement once finalized by the board w/AKOTA.

### 4. OT Scope of Practice Statute Change

9:48 AM

- Draft Scope of Practice statutory changes for Occupational Therapy recommendation for Board

Lindsey Hill and Cary Moore shared a document [Revised AK OT Scope of Practice](#). Extensive discussion and work modifying DRAFT for statutory changes of occupational therapy definition to encompass not only dry needling but also much needed modernization of occupational therapy scope of practice.

10:18 am off record – short break

10:30 am back on record. Roll call performed.

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DRAFT scope document amended to final recommendation to be presented at board meeting June 16, 2023.

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### **5. Next Steps**

**11:45 AM**

1. Compile overview report with findings, resources, and recommendations. Include the final revised documents to present to board:
  - a. OT Scope of Practice Statutory Changes Recommendation
  - b. PT + OT Dry Needling Regulation Recommendations
  - c. OT Dry Needling Position Statement Recommendation
  - d. PT Dry Needling Position Statement Recommendation
2. Scope of Practice Workgroup report to be presented to PHY Board at their meeting on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

### **6. Adjourn**

Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice Workgroup meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.