

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD **JUNE 16, 2023**

Date:	June 16, 2023
Time:	9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Location:	Virtual
Attending:	Board Members: Tina McLean, Board Chair, Rebecca Dean, Lindsey Hill, Valerie Phelps, Lisa Radley, Enlow Walker, Board Secretary, and Bryan Murphy Staff: Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2; Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner; Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager Public: Kristen Neville, AOTA State Affairs Dept.
Absent:	

1. Call to Order / Roll Call - By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was called to order at 9:00 am and Roll Call was done by Board chair, Tina McLean. Present: Rebecca Dean, Lindsey Hill, Valerie Phelps, Lisa Radley, Enlow Walker, Board Secretary, and Tina McLean, Board Chair. Bryan Murphy joined at 9:03 am. 7 of 7 appointed board members in attendance; Quorum in effect.

2. Discuss May 26 Department of Law Memo – Reviewing Board Members Recusal

Brief Discussion:	Topic and procedure were discussed with concerns being expressed regarding change in policy for Executive Session participation of reviewing board members. There are a number of consent agreements for consideration on today’s agenda. Board discussed and resolved how to handle current consent agreements at this meeting but requested the topic be placed on the next meeting’s agenda for further discussion.	
Motion to include reviewing board members in today’s Executive Session for review of consent agreements:	<i>Motion made by Enlow Walker that the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy will continue as prior precedent has been to include all board members in Executive session for review of consent agreements. The board will review and consider the memo from the Department of Law on an agenda item for the next full board meeting. Lisa Radley seconds. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy will continue as prior precedent has been to include all board members in Executive session for review of consent agreements. The board will review and consider the memo from the Department of Law on an agenda item for the next full board meeting.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean - Y	Radley - Y
	Dean - Y	Walker - Y
	Hill - Y	Murphy - Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Add Department of Law May 26, 2023 memo to November 16+17 board meeting agenda for discussion.</i>	

3. Review / Amend / Approve Agenda

Brief Discussion:	<i>No discussion.</i>	
<i>Motion to approve agenda:</i>	<i>Rebecca Dean moved to approve the agenda as written. Valerie Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	Agenda for the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy for the June 16, 2023 meeting is approved as written.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean - Y	Radley -Y
	Dean - Y	Walker - Y
	Hill - Y	Murphy - Y
	Phelps - Y	
4. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 9+10, 2023		
Brief Discussion:	Update incomplete sentence on page 7 in section #13 APTA – AK Update (last sentence of first paragraph) “Currently in information Board does anticipate” to read “The board is on record for supporting compact. It is an ongoing process, and it is not anticipated to have any resistance to the bill.”	
<i>Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 9+10, 2023:</i>	<i>Motion by Rebecca Dean to accept the amendment to the minutes from March 9+10, 2023 with the update regarding the board and compact expectations. Seconded by Lindsey Hill. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy meeting minutes from March 9+10, 2023 are accepted with the amendment of updating the incomplete sentence of “Currently in information Board does anticipate” to read “The board is on record for supporting compact. It is an ongoing process, and it is not anticipated to have any resistance to the bill.”	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley - Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to update meeting minutes from Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy meeting March 9+10, 2023 as discussed.</i>	
5. Ethics Reporting		
Brief Discussion:	Board chair, Tina McLean asked all board members if they had any ethics/conflicts of interest to report. None reported.	
6. Public Comment		
Brief Discussion:	No public comment given.	
7. Division Update – FY2023 – 3rd Quarter Report – Melissa Dumas, AOM		
Brief Discussion:	1 st – 3 rd QTR FY2023 total Revenue and Expenditures reviewed. \$417, 764 surplus as of end of this quarter. Fee reduction analysis to be done prior to renewal in 2024. Last fee reduction in 2020. 2179 number of licenses at end of FY2022 used for indirect calculation. Because board works on biennium, should maintain minimum of one year’s worth of expenditures as surplus.	

	Discussed in-person meetings vs. virtual meetings and budgetary requirements for travel.	
	Discussion of creation of dedicated Executive Administrative for PHY program. Statutory change required.	
8. Administrative Business		
Brief Discussion:	A. FY2023 Annual Report – Update narrative section on number of meetings to 7 Zoom meetings and include June 16, 2023 meeting date as virtual meeting.	
<i>Motion to approve PHY FY2023 Annual Report:</i>	<i>Motion made by Rebecca Dean to accept amended PHY FY2023 Annual Report. Seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy FY2023 Annual Report is unanimously approved with the following amendments to the narrative section of the report: number of meetings to 7 Zoom meetings and include June 16, 2023 meeting date as virtual meeting.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley - Y
	Dean - Y	Walker - Y
	Hill - Y	Murphy - Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to amend FY2023 PHY Annual Report and forward to PUB Team for completion.</i>	
Brief Discussion:	B. FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum Meeting – Rebecca Dean to attend July 15+16, 2023 meeting. Discussion of AK issues to bring forward for discussion. Substance abuse/THC; CE compliance/virtual learning; Contact hours vs. Continuing education units; Dry needling/scope of practice; PT provider permanent staff shortage; Recruitment/Retention tools	
Action Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Rebecca Dean to bring forth Alaska issues related to: Substance abuse/THC; CE compliance/virtual learning; Contact hours vs. Continuing education units; Dry needling/scope of practice; PT provider permanent staff shortage; Recruitment/Retention tools at FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum Meeting July 15+16, 2023.</i> <i>Staff to explore use of FAQ on PHY website to post PT/OT job availability through AK Jobs – Department of Labor & Workforce Development and information for employers to post jobs with AK Workforce Development.</i> 	
Brief Discussion:	C. Standing Committees – Discussion on how board can best address ongoing issues and accomplish goals through use of standing committees with pre-noticed meeting dates. Suggested committees include legislative, regulations, scope of practice and continuing competence/education.	
<i>Motion to create standing committees:</i>	<i>Rebecca Dean motioned to create standing committees for the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy board which will be implemented effective 11/1/2023 and members to be assigned post-implementation. Four standing committees to include legislative committee, regulations committee, scope of practice committee and continuing competence & education committee. Bryan Murphy seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy will create four standing committees – legislative, regulations, scope of practice and continuing	

	competence/education - effective 11/1/2023 with members to be assigned post-implementation.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Board members to consider which standing committees they wish to serve on effective 11/1/2023: legislative, regulations, scope of practice, continuing competence/education.</i>	
Brief Discussion:	D. Board Correspondence	
	Board discussed correspondence items submitted. Agenda item to be continued later in this meeting due to time constraints.	
Break:	11:30 am – 11:40 break	
Roll Call:	Roll call at return from break: Rebecca Dean, Lindsey Hill, Bryan Murphy, Valerie Phelps, Lisa Radley, Enlow Walker, Tina McLean. 7 of 7 appointed board members in attendance; Quorum in effect.	
9. Investigative Report		
Brief Discussion:	Investigator Jasmin Bautista presented Investigative Report for the period of 02/25/2023 through 06/14/2023 with 9 open cases with 1 closed case.	
<i>Motion to move into Executive Session:</i>	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, move that the Alaska State Physical and Occupational Therapy Board enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing investigative reports. Motion seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to enter Executive Session passes unanimously. Off record: 11:45 am. On record: 12:47 pm.</i>	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Roll Call:	Roll Call at 12:47 pm upon return from Executive Session: Rebecca Dean, Lindsey Hill, Bryan Murphy, Valerie Phelps, Enlow Walker, Tina McLean, Lisa Radley.	
<i>Motion to approve consent agreement case no. 2023-000362:</i>	<i>I, Bryan Murphy, move to approve the consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000362 for Ryan Mizelle. Motion seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy unanimously approves the consent agreement presented in case 2023-000362 for Ryan Mizelle.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	

<i>Motion to approve consent agreement case no. 2023-000230:</i>	<i>I, Lisa Radley, move to approve the consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000230 for David Reischach. Motion seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy unanimously approves the consent agreement presented in case 2023-000230 for David Reischach.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
<i>Motion to approve consent agreement case no. 2023-000228:</i>	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, move to approve the voluntary surrender of Aubrey Sparling’s license # 163570 in case 2023-000228. Motion seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy unanimously approves the voluntary surrender of Aubrey Sparling’s license # 163570 in case 2023-000228.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
<i>Motion to approve consent agreement case no. 2023-000513:</i>	<i>I, Lindsey Hill, move to approve the consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000513 for Maeve Curran. Motion seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy unanimously accepts consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000513 for Maeve Curran.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
<i>Motion to approve consent agreement case no. 2023-00259:</i>	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, move to approve the consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000259 for Maeve Curran. Motion seconded by Lindsey Hill. Lisa Radley and Valerie Phelps recuse. Tina McLean, chair, accepts recusals. All others in favor; none opposed. Motion passes by majority.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy approves the consent agreement as presented in case 2023-000259 for Maeve Curran by majority.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Recused
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill - Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Recused	

Motion to approve reinstatement application Maeve Curran - #106202:	<i>I, Enlow Walker, move to approve the application for reinstatement for Maeve Curran – license #106202. Motion seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy unanimously approves Maeve Curran – license #106202 for licensure by reinstatement.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to process approvals of consent agreements, voluntary surrender, and reinstatement application.</i>	
Lunch Break:	12:55 pm – 1:30 pm	
Roll Call:	Roll call at 1:32 pm: Rebecca Dean, Lindsey Hill, Enlow Walker, Lisa Radley, Valerie Phelps, Tina McLean, Bryan Murphy. 7 of 7 appointed board members in attendance; Quorum in effect.	
10. Misc. Reports	Rebecca Dean updated the board on her participation as a private individual in a discussion at a Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee on 04/11/2023 re: current compact licensure bills and universal licensing bills.	
11. Legislative Committee Progress Report		
Brief Discussion:	Rebecca Dean presented draft Letters of Support developed by the PHY Board Legislative Committee for SB74/HB137 – PT compact licensure and SB85/HB83 Temporary Licensing Permits for board adoption. Letters to be sent to each committee member. Change SB 74 letter by adding “...the overall cost by up to half of implementation of the bill.”	
<i>Motion to accept developed letters of support for HB85/SB83 + SB74/HB137 and authorize any legislative committee members to speak on behalf of board regarding these bills:</i>	<i>Rebecca Dean motion the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board accept and support the letters of support that have been developed by the Legislative Committee regarding HB85/SB83 for the compact letter of support [SB74/HB137] as well as that we accept that we are allowing adequate time for the board’s regulation project and that the Legislative Committee would have authorization for any of the committee members to speak to the support and the bills, if called upon for a presentation. Motion seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board accepts the letters of support developed by the Legislative Committee for HB85/SB83 and SB74/HB137. The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board authorizes all Legislative Committee members to speak to support of these bills, if called upon for a presentation.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to amend SB 74 letter as discussed and forward letters of support for SB74/HB137 and SB85/HB83 to appropriate committees within State Legislature.</i>	
12. Scope of Practice Workgroup Progress Report		

Brief Discussion:	Valerie Phelps presented overview of workgroup meetings held with final recommendations regarding dry needling. The word “pain” added to (3) and (F) of Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice statutory recommendation change. Life “situations” changed to life “activities” in (F). Bullet points in (1)(a) of OT and PT regulation recommendations to be removed entirely. PT opinion statement to include first bullet point only of “no” statements.	
<i>Motion to amend PHY FY2023 Annual Report:</i>	<i>Bryan Murphy motioned to add the Summary and Formal recommendations of the PHY Scope of Practice Work Group to the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report. Motion seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report will be amended to add the occupational therapy scope of practice statutory change recommendation from the formal recommendations of the PHY Scope of Practice Work Group report.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to add Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice statutory change to the statutory recommendations section of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report.</i>	
<i>Motion to adopt dry needling regulations project for physical therapy:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, make a motion to adopt a regulations project around dry needling regulations for physical therapists in the state of Alaska. Lisa Radley seconds. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board will adopt a regulations project around dry needling for physical therapists in the state of Alaska.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps – Y	
<i>Motion to amend PHY FY2023 Annual report to include PT dry needling regulations project:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, make a motion to add the regulations project for creating regulations around physical therapists dry needling in the state of Alaska to the FY2023 Annual Report. Lisa Radley seconds. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report will be amended to add the regulations around physical therapists dry needling in the state of Alaska recommendation from the formal recommendations of the PHY Scope of Practice Work Group report.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y

	Phelps - Y	
Action Item:	<i>Staff to add Physical Therapy Dry Needling Regulations Project to the Regulation recommendations section of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report.</i>	
<i>Motion to support statutory change to update occupational therapy scope of practice definition:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, make a motion that the board supports statutory change to update the definition in scope of practice of occupational therapy in the Alaska state statutes. Motion seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board supports statutory change to update the definition in scope of practice of occupational therapy in the Alaska state statutes.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
<i>Motion to adopt physical therapy dry needling position statement:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, make a motion that the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Licensing Board adopt the language as recommended in the position statement final draft for physical therapy on dry needling in Alaska. Motion seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board adopts the position statement final draft for physical therapy on dry needling in Alaska.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to post Physical Therapy Position Statement on Dry Needling.</i>	
<i>Motion to adopt occupational therapy dry needling position statement:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps make a motion that the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy State Licensing Board adopt the language as recommended in the position statement recommendation final draft for Occupational Therapists inability to practice dry needling in the state of Alaska. Motion seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board adopts the position statement final draft regarding occupational therapy inability to practice dry needling in the state of Alaska.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y
	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to post Occupational Therapy Position Statement on Dry Needling.</i>	

Break:	Break – 3:00 pm – 3:05 pm.	
Roll Call:	Roll call at 3:07 upon return from break: Rebecca Dean, Valerie Phelps, Bryan Murphy, Lisa Radley, Lindsey Hill, Enlow Walker, Tina McLean. 7 of 7 appointed board members in attendance; Quorum in effect.	
13. HB99 Regulations		
Brief Discussion:	Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist II provided overview of revised HB99 Regulations Project language for adoption per a preliminary review of Department of Law.	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice 12 AAC 54.040 changes as presented:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, motion to move forward to public notice the changes regarding regulations 12 AAC 54.040 Foreign Educated Physical Therapy as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Rebecca Dean. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice 12 AAC 54.050(c)(8) repeal and 12 AAC 54.070 addition as presented:</i>	<i>I, Valerie Phelps, motion to move forward to public notice the changes regarding regulations 12 AAC 54.050(c)(8) repeal + 12 AAC 54.070 Supervised Field Work as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice 12 AAC 54.110(1) repeal; 54.110(6) repeal + readopt and 54.110(4) amend as presented:</i>	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, motion to move forward to public notice the changes regarding regulations 12 AAC 54.110(1) repeal; 54.110(6) repeal and readopt; and changes in 54.110(4) as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice 12 AAC 54.610(a) changes as presented:</i>	<i>I, Bryan Murphy, motion to move forward to public notice the changes regarding regulations 12 AAC 54.610(a) as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Valerie Phelps. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice 12 AAC 54.620 changes as presented:</i>	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, motion to move forward to public notice the changes regarding regulations 12 AAC 54.620 as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
<i>Motion to move forward to public notice repeal of 12 AAC 54.915(b) + (c) + (d):</i>	<i>I, Lisa Radley, motion to move forward to public notice the repeal of 12 AAC 54.915(b) + 54.915(c)+ 54.915(d) as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023. Seconded by Rebecca Dean. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board moves forward to public notice all changes regarding regulations as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023.	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to work towards completion of process of regulatory changes approved to move forward to public noticing as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023.</i>	
Brief Discussion:	Requirement of Jurisprudence Questionnaire for issuance of Limited Permit as part of application process.	
Motion	<i>I, Rebecca Dean, make a motion that we request an opinion from legal on adding the jurisprudence questionnaire to the Limited Permit application. Seconded by Lisa Radley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.</i>	
	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board requests a legal opinion from the Department of Law on adding the jurisprudence questionnaire to the Limited Permit application.	
Recorded Votes:	McLean – Y	Radley – Y
	Dean – Y	Walker – Y
	Hill – Y	Murphy – Y

	Phelps - Y	
Action Items:	<i>Staff to check with Department of Law on requirements necessary to add Jurisprudence Questionnaire to Limited Permit Application for physical therapy/occupational therapy.</i>	
Brief Discussion:	FAQ Worksheets will be required for each section of the HB99 Regulations Project. Worksheets to be drafted by HB99 Regulations Committee [Valerie Phelps and Lisa Radley] with assistance from Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist.	
Action Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist to forward final HB99 Regulations Project changes to Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.</i> • <i>HB99 Regulations Project Committee to meet to draft FAQ worksheets. Public Noticing required for committee to meet.</i> 	
14. Board Correspondence – (Continued)		
Brief Discussion:	Discussion from submitted correspondence items continued.	
Action Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff to act on submitted correspondence as directed.</i> • <i>Scope of Practice Workgroup to meet on (4) referred correspondence items.</i> • <i>Regulations Committee to meet on referred correspondence item</i> 	
15. Meeting Summary – Action Items		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Add Department of Law May 26, 2023 memo to November 16+17 board meeting agenda for discussion.</i> 2. <i>Staff to update meeting minutes from Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy meeting March 9+10, 2023 as discussed.</i> 3. <i>Staff to amend FY2023 PHY Annual Report and forward to PUB Team for completion.</i> 4. <i>Rebecca Dean to bring forth Alaska issues related to: Substance abuse/THC; CE compliance/virtual learning; Contact hours vs. Continuing education units; Dry needling/scope of practice; PT provider permanent staff shortage; Recruitment/Retention tools at FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum Meeting July 15+16, 2023.</i> 5. <i>Staff to explore use of FAQ on PHY website to post PT/OT job availability through AK Jobs – Department of Labor & Workforce Development and information for employers to post jobs with AK Workforce Development.</i> 6. <i>Board members to consider which standing committees they wish to serve on effective 11/1/2023: legislative, regulations, scope of practice, continuing competence/education.</i> 7. <i>Staff to process approvals of consent agreements, voluntary surrender, and reinstatement application.</i> 8. <i>Staff to amend SB 74 letter as discussed and forward letters of support for SB74/HB137 and SB85/HB83 to appropriate committees within State Legislature.</i> 9. <i>Staff to add Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice statutory change to the statutory recommendations section of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report.</i> 10. <i>Staff to add Physical Therapy Dry Needling Regulations Project to the Regulation recommendations section of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board FY2023 Annual Report.</i> 11. <i>Staff to post Physical Therapy Position Statement on Dry Needling.</i> 12. <i>Staff to post Occupational Therapy Position Statement on Dry Needling.</i> 	

	<p>13. <i>Staff to work towards completion of process of regulatory changes approved to move forward to public noticing as presented in Regulations PHY-0523 Draft 06.12.2023.</i></p> <p>14. <i>Staff to check with Department of Law on requirements necessary to add Jurisprudence Questionnaire to Limited Permit Application for physical therapy/occupational therapy.</i></p> <p>15. <i>Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist to forward final HB99 Regulations Project changes. Staff to forward to Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board when received.</i></p> <p>16. <i>HB99 Regulations Project Committee to meet to draft FAQ worksheets. Public noticing required for committee to meet.</i></p> <p>17. <i>Staff to act on submitted correspondence as directed.</i></p> <p>18. <i>Scope of Practice Workgroup to meet on (4) referred correspondence items. Public noticing required for work group to meet.</i></p> <p>19. <i>Regulations Committee to meet on referred correspondence item. Public noticing required for committee to meet.</i></p>
--	---

Next Meeting:	November 16+17, 2023 – Atwood Building, Anchorage, Alaska
Adjournment:	The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm AKDT on Friday, June 16, 2023.

Approved by unanimous OnBoard vote 07/27/2023

Chapter 54. State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) An applicant for a physical therapist or a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that

...

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.040

12 AAC 54.040 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 54.040. Foreign-educated physical therapy (a) A foreign-educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant for license by examination who received an education and qualifying degree outside of the United State must meet all requirements for licensure under AS 08.84 and shall have

(1) graduated from a school of physical therapy with a resident course of study and received professional instruction that must be

(A) substantially equivalent to a professional physical therapy education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE); and

(B) evaluated by one of the following board approved credential evaluation services:

(i) International Consultants of Delaware (ICD);

(ii) Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT);

(iii) International Education Research Foundation (IERF); or

(iv) an equivalent nationally recognized company as approved by the board.

(b) The applicant shall submit

(1) a completed application on the form prescribed by the board;

(2) payment of the fees established in 12 AAC 02.320;

(3) a signed letter of professional reference sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from

(A) the head of the physical therapy school; or

(B) an instructor, physician, supervising physical therapist, or supervisor;

(4) the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter;

(5) verification that the applicant

(A) completed the internship requirements under (c) of this section; and

(B) passed the National Physical Therapy Examination; the passing scores for which must be sent directly to the department from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(c) A foreign-educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant shall serve an internship under the on-site supervision of a currently licensed physical therapist in an institution meeting the requirements of (d) of this section and AS 08.84.032(a)(2). The board will not consider internship hours claimed before the date that the internship was pre-approved by the board. A foreign-educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant shall serve an internship based on

(1) a minimum of six months' full-time work, averaging not less than 35 hours per week; or

(2) part-time work averaging less than 35 hours per week, but equivalent to the total minimum number of hours required under (1) of this subsection.

(d) To be approved by the board, an institution used for internship must have at least two full-time physical therapists on the staff licensed under this chapter and be in a clinic setting providing a varied case load. Government service hospitals can be used if they meet the requirements of this subsection.

(e) A licensed physical therapist serving as a preceptor to a foreign-educated intern applicant shall assume responsibility for the intern's experience and the safety and welfare of the patient.

(f) The preceptor shall submit directly to the department, a national performance evaluation tool recognized by the board attesting to the applicant's

(1) satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the internship; and

(2) level of skill in completion of evaluation, program planning, therapeutic practice, potential ability to practice safely while unsupervised with sound professional judgment, and ethics related to the practice of physical therapy.

(g) If at the end of an internship under (c) of this section, the preceptor will not recommend to the board that the applicant is qualified to work unsupervised, the board will, in its discretion, require the applicant to arrange for another internship equivalent to six months or less. Any change in a preceptor must be approved by the board before the change. If at the end of a second internship the applicant is not recommended by a preceptor as qualified to work independently, the board will, in its discretion, deny licensure.

(h) Nothing in this section obligates a preceptor, or a preceptor's facility, to complete a six-month internship, or provide a second internship, for an applicant who is considered unqualified by the preceptor to continue the internship. A preceptor terminating the internship of an applicant, before the scheduled completion date, must notify the board in writing, stating the reasons for the termination. Either an intern or a preceptor may request an advisory review of the internship by the board.

(i) After an intern has satisfactorily completed an internship and has been scheduled for the National Physical Therapy Examination, the applicant may apply for a temporary permit under AS 08.84.065 and 12 AAC 54.050.

(j) In this section, "preceptor" means a currently licensed physical therapist under this chapter who provides on-site supervision for an individual who is serving an internship under this section.

(k) If an applicant has not taken and passed the National Physical Therapy Examination before the completion of the internship, the applicant must take and pass the National Physical

Therapy Examination within one year after completion of the internship to receive credit for the internship.

(l) Verification of achieving a passing score, as set out in 12 AAC 54.080, on the national examination, shall meet the English language proficiency requirements of AS 08.84.032(a)(3).

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.065

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States, if the following are on file with the department:

• • •

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant applying for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States, if the following are on file with the department:

• • •

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(c) is amended to read:

(c) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board compliance with AS 08.84.032(a)(1) and AS 08.84.065(a).

• • •

12 AAC 54.050(c)(8) is repealed:

(8) repealed ___ / ___ / ___ ; [VERIFICATION SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE TESTING ORGANIZATION THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PASSED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS UNDER 12 AAC 54.040(j);]

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(d) is amended to read:

(d) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States if the following are on file with the department:

• • •

12 AAC 54.050(e) is amended to read:

(e) An applicant applying for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant temporary permit will be reviewed in accordance with 12 AAC 54.915.

12 AAC 54.050(f) is amended to read:

(f) An applicant applying for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who is waiting to take the next scheduled examination and who has been issued a temporary permit under AS 08.84.065 may practice only under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and may not act as a supervisor until a permanent license is issued.

12 AAC 54.050(h) is amended to read:

(h) The holder of a temporary permit as a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, issued according to the provisions of AS 08.84.065(b), who is awaiting licensure by acceptance of credentials, shall practice in accordance with 12 AAC 54.510. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065

12 AAC 54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 54.070. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(a)(1), "supervised field work" means the clinical education experience part(s) of a CAPTE accredited educational program to be completed under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist

12 AAC 54.100 introductory language is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.100. Application for licensure by credentials. An application for licensure by credentials as a physical therapist or a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant must be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the board with:

• • •

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 10/8/88, Register 107; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.040 AS 08.84.060
 AS 08.84.030

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.110 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.110. Foreign-educated [FOREIGN-TRAINED] **applicants.** An applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials who received an education and degree outside the United States shall meet all requirements for licensure under AS 08.84, 12 AAC 54.030(a)(1) and (4), and this section, and shall submit to the department on a form provided by the department

• • •

12 AAC 54.110(1) is repealed:

(1) repealed ___/___/_____; [EVALUATED TRANSCRIPTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 12 AAC 54.040(b)];

12 AAC 54.110(4) is amended to read:

(4) satisfactory evidence of a minimum six months' supervised work experience while licensed as a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant in another state, another territory, or the District of Columbia, or satisfactory completion of an internship meeting the requirements of 12 AAC 54.040(c), (e), and (f); the evidence must be sent directly to the department from the supervising therapist on a form provided by the department;

12 AAC 54.110(6) is repealed and readopted to read:

(6) Verification of achieving a passing score, as set out in 12 AAC 54.080, on the national examination, shall meet the English language proficiency requirements of AS 08.84.032(a)(3);

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/___, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.060

12 AAC 54.120 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.120. Military-trained therapy assistant. A military-trained physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant may apply to the board for license by credentials only and must submit verification of a current and valid certificate, license or other evidence of qualification issued under the laws of another state. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am ___/___/___, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010(b) AS 08.84.060

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.400 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.400. Physical therapy license renewal requirements. An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license shall:

... (Eff. 6/3/99, Register 110; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am _____/_____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.405(a) is amended to read:

(a) An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license shall document completion of the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board, covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter, and shall also document:

...

12 AAC 54.405(c) is amended to read:

(c) In this section, “physical therapy services” includes work and volunteer service under a position title other than physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant if the applicant documents that the position required the use of physical therapy skills recognized by the board.

(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am _____/_____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.410(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in 12 AAC 54.435, an applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who has been licensed for 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period shall have completed during that period 24 contact hours of continuing education. An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period shall have:

• • •

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.060

12 AAC 54.420(c) is amended to read:

(c) To be accepted by the board, a continuing education course or activity must contribute directly to the professional competency of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement the principles and methods of physical therapy, as that term is defined in AS 08.84.190.

(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.435(a) is amended to read:

(a) A physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant who meets the requirements of this section is exempt from the continuing education requirements of 12 AAC 54.400 – 12 AAC 54.430 as specified in this section for renewal of the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license for the biennial licensing period immediately following a period of service by the physical therapist or physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant during which the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant was engaged in active duty military service in the armed forces of the United States.

12 AAC 54.435(b) is amended to read:

(b) To obtain an exemption under this section, the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant must submit official documentation satisfactory to the board of active duty military service.

(Eff. 10/25/2008, Register 188; am ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.500(d) is amended to read:

(d) To maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistants shall adhere to the ethical standards set out in the *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Principles of Practice*, dated March 2015. The *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Principles of Practice* is adopted by reference.

12 AAC 54.500(e) is amended to read:

(e) A physical therapist may not supervise, in any combination, more than three aides, assistants, students, **foreign-educated** [FOREIGN-TRAINED] candidates, or permittees at the same time.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 1/17/2016, Register 217; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.150

12 AAC 54.510 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.510. Supervision of physical therapist [THERAPY] assistants. (a) A physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant shall work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

(b) A licensed physical therapist is responsible for and shall participate in the patient's care.

(c) Except as specified in 12 AAC 54.500(e), a physical therapist may supervise a maximum of three physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistants.

(d) A licensed physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant shall have in possession written treatment plans formulated by the licensed physical therapist for each patient under the care of the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant. Treatment plans must be revised following periodic evaluations by the licensed physical therapist.

(e) The supervising physical therapist shall give the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant periodic supervision while the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant being

supervised implements a treatment plan with a patient. At least once every month, the supervision shall be conducted on site or by video or teleconference when in-person supervision is not reasonably practicable. The supervising physical therapist shall be available for consultation with the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant. The consultation may be provided by telephone, verbally, or in writing.

(f) Nothing in this chapter restricts public health service or military personnel engaged in the practice of physical therapy in programs administered by federal agencies.

(g) If the licensed physical therapist agrees to supervise a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, the supervising physical therapist shall

(1) determine the frequency and manner of consultations with the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, taking into consideration the treatment settings being used, patient rehabilitation status, and the competency of the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant;

(2) fully document the supervision provided, including a record of all consultations provided, and maintain those records at the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant's place of employment; and

(3) countersign the patient treatment record each time the supervising physical therapist is physically present and directly supervises or supervises by video or teleconference the treatment of a patient by the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant being supervised.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 8/7/2019, Register 239; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

12 AAC 54.520(b) is amended to read:

(b) A licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant may use non-licensed personnel in the delivery of patient-related duties and non-patient related duties. Patient-related duties performed by non-licensed personnel are not considered the practice of physical therapy.

12 AAC 54.520(c) is amended to read:

(c) A licensed physical therapist shall assure the training of non-licensed personnel under the supervision of the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant and shall document that training.

12 AAC 54.520(d) is amended to read:

(d) The supervising physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant shall provide continual on-site supervision of non-licensed personnel who are performing patient-related duties.

(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 4/16/2004, Register 170; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.590(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) "continual on-site supervision" means the supervising physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant

...

12 AAC 54.590(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) "internship" means postgraduate on-the-job training of physical therapists or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistants, approved by the board;

12 AAC 54.590(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) "non-licensed personnel"

(A) means personnel who are

(i) used by a licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant to deliver patient-related duties and non-patient related duties related to the practice of physical therapy; and

(ii) trained under the direction of a licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant to perform designated non-patient related duties and patient-related duties related to the practice of physical therapy

(B) includes personnel who are referred to as "aides", "technicians", or "techs";

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.590(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) "patient-related duties" means routine tasks that do not require the education, skill, and training of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, and for which the

• • •

(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 4/16/2004, Register 170; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am

_____/_____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

12 AAC 54.610(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.610. Foreign-Educated [FOREIGN-TRAINED] occupational therapy applicants. A foreign-educated occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant applicant must have graduated from a resident course of study and professional instruction substantially equivalent to a professional occupational therapy education program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

(a) A foreign-educated occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant applicant shall submit [AN APPLICANT FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST LICENSE OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT LICENSE WHO GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL SUBMIT]

• • •

(7) the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter;

(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 1/17/2016, Register 217; am

_____/_____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.120

AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.620 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(b)(1)[(2)], **08.84.032(b)(2), and 08.84.150(b)(1)**, "supervised field work" means the **part(s)** [PART] of **an ACOTE accredited** [THE] educational program **to be** completed by the applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. [SUPERVISED FIELD WORK MUST INCLUDE

(1) FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, AT LEAST TWO THREE-MONTH INTERNSHIPS AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS IN DATA COLLECTION, TREATMENT PLANNING, AND TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION;

AND

(2) FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, AT LEAST ONE TWO-MONTH INTERNSHIP.]

(Eff. 9/26/1991, Register 119; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.060

12 AAC 54.800(b) is amended to read:

(b) An occupational therapist may not supervise, in any combination, more than three aides, assistants, students, **foreign-educated** [FOREIGN-TRAINED] candidates, or permittees at the same time. (Eff. am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 1/17/2016, Register 217 am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065 AS 08.84.150
AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.915(b) is amended to read:

(b) The form titled "*Application Checklist for Temporary Permit*" dated February 2019 is adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review by staff of an application for a temporary permit to practice as an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, or physical **therapist**, [THERAPY] assistant.

12 AAC 54.915(c) is amended to read:

(c) The form titled "*Application Checklist for Limited Permit*," dated April 2005, is adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review by staff of an application for a limited permit to practice as an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant.

12 AAC 54.915(d) is amended to read:

(d) The form titled "*Application Checklist for Temporary Permit for **foreign-educated*** [FOREIGN-TRAINED] *PT or PTA*, dated April 2013, is adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review by staff of an application for a temporary permit to practice as a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy located outside the United States. (Eff. 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am ___ / ___ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065 AS 08.84.075
AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.930 heading is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.930. Standards of practice of physical therapist [THERAPY] assistants.

Renumbered as 12 AAC 54.510, 9/26/91.

• • •

12 AAC 54.990 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(8) “CAPTE” means the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education;

(9) “ACOTE” means Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.
(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100