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BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2026

Item 1. Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

Board Chair Michael Laymon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted to ensure a quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Michael Laymon, PT, Board Chair

Gina McDade, PTA, Vice-Chair

Louis Hillegass, PT, Member

Anita Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer / Public Member

Board Member Indrieri initially participated via telephone while en route and joined the meeting in person at the start of Item 4.

Members Absent: None

Board Staff:

Charles Harvey, Executive Director

Deanna Irby, Board Operations Support

Jennifer De Rose, Licensing Coordinator

Deborah Dieter, PT, Board Investigator/Clinical Advisor.

Board Counsel:

Joseph Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General

Also in attendance were students from the College of Southern Nevada, PTA Program.

Kimberly Rodriguez
Angel Niu
Ryan Lieu
Alexander Solario
Esau Jiminez

Item 2. Board Mission and Vision Statements

Chair Laymon read the Board’s Mission Statement.

Item 3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 4. Board Committee Reports and Updates

A. Nevada Physical Therapy Association (APTA NV)

Jessie Fisher, APTA NV Secretary, reported on the Connected Care Conference scheduled for June 6–7 in Las Vegas, with continuing competency credit available. She also mentioned a pickleball event on May 29. Legislative priorities included Medicaid rate increases for PT, OT, and speech therapy, as well as term protection for “DPT” and “physical therapy/physiotherapy.” She requested real-life examples of harm caused by unlicensed individuals misrepresenting themselves as physical therapists.

B. Government Relations (Tri-Strategies): Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Department of Education Regulation (R02-25), and Determination of Any Necessary Board Action

Paul Klein provided two regulatory updates:

- **Nevada Department of Business and Industry:** Proposed changes to the Office of Boards, Commissions, and Councils regulations were described as more collaborative and less enforcement-heavy, with updates to disciplinary definitions, website transparency, archiving requirements, timelines, and reporting.
- **Department of Education:** A regulation affecting school-based PT services was discussed. Concerns about workforce shortages and impacts on current licensees led to a stakeholder meeting. The resulting revisions included grandfathering protections for current PTs and PTAs and a waiver process for future applicants who do not meet the new education requirements.

C. Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency (ACCC)

Vice-Chair McDade reported that the continuing competency process was running smoothly, with APTA Nevada submissions and CE Broker workflows functioning well. No particularly difficult course approvals were pending.

D. NVPTB Model Practice Act (MPA) Workgroup

Executive Director Harvey reported that work on the Model Practice Act continued, with team leads submitting proposed revisions in a shared Dropbox. The target for full submissions was the end of May, followed by review and a later board presentation.

E. Report on the 2026 FSBPT Regulatory Workshop, held April 9 – 11, 2026

Secretary-Treasurer Wagner reported on the April 9–11, 2026, FSBPT Regulatory Workshop. She described it as informative and well-run, with good networking and a useful perspective on how other boards operate. She said the experience reinforced pride in the Nevada Board’s work and the level of its involvement.

F. NVPTB Legal Counsel

Board counsel reported 19 active matters in the board’s case inventory:

- 12 proposed settlement agreements;
- 1 pending disciplinary hearing;
- 3 complaints proposed for dismissal;
- 2 active investigations; and
- 1 administrative hold.

Counsel stated the caseload was manageable and would continue to be monitored.

Item 5. Consent Agenda Items

A. Board Operations Report

B. Draft Board Meeting Minutes (March 6, 2026)

C. Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses Approved (March – April 2026)

D. Ratification of Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence (ACCC) Recommendations for Courses Reviewed (April 10, 2026)

Executive Director Harvey provided an update on Board operations:

- **PT Compact:** As of May 1, 2026, the Board had issued 65 compact privileges, generating additional revenue of nearly \$8K.
- **Newsletter:** Staff published a quarterly Board Newsletter in April 2026.
- **Minimum Data Collection:** NVPTB is participating in a minimum data collection pilot survey for occupational licensing boards. Approximately 150–200 survey links have already been sent to licensees renewing through May. Survey results are being analyzed by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- **Board Statistics**
 - 3,808 total active licenses as of May 1.
 - 284 new licenses were issued for the fiscal year, including compact privileges.
 - The average application processing time is about two days.
 - 226 jurisprudence exams were administered to new applicants for licensure.
 - 2,507 renewals processed so far this fiscal year.

- **Board Identification Badges**

Director Harvey presented identification badges for board members, investigators, inspectors, and staff to use when representing the board in the field.

- **Operational Value and Service Impact**

Director Harvey presented an additional narrative describing the behind-the-scenes work staff performs, including process improvement, troubleshooting, customer service, technical coordination, and regulatory support. The board praised staff for this work.

- **Licensee Address Update Reminder**

The Board noted that licensees are required by statute to update their residence or primary professional addresses within 30 days.

Motion:

Motion to approve the Board Operations report, the draft meeting minutes from March 6, the license ratifications, and the ACCC course recommendations as presented:

Vice-Chair McDade

Second: Member Hillegass

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Board Disciplinary Matters

Deputy Attorney General Ostunio discussed the continuance granted in the Brady Powell matter. The board discussed scheduling options and identified potential hearing dates of June 24 at 1:00 p.m., June 25 at 2:00 p.m., July 9 at 1:00 p.m., and July 10 as the next-day continuation date, with the second day of the hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. if needed. The board agreed to coordinate the availability of all necessary parties.

Item 7. Board General General Discussion & Action Items

A. Request to the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

The board discussed its proposal to the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to consider incorporating language that would authorize licensed Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) to perform animal physical therapy under the supervision of licensed Physical Therapists (PTs) who hold a valid certificate of registration to practice animal physical therapy in the state of Nevada.

Board members discussed supervision concerns, education requirements, certification, scope, and how to distinguish PTAs from veterinary technicians. The board agreed to wait for a response from the Veterinary Board and to determine whether further discussion is needed.

B. Healthcare Workforce Working Group Workforce Development Survey

Director Harvey provided an update on the Healthcare Workforce Working Group's Workforce Development Survey. The group initially considered using a minimum data set tool developed by a healthcare regulatory research organization, but ultimately chose to proceed with a survey tool they developed internally. A full version of the survey (approximately 20 pages) was shared with the board; however, the version distributed to Nevada licensees will be significantly shortened and designed to take approximately 2–3 minutes to complete to encourage participation.

It was noted that voluntary survey response rates are typically low (approximately 10–15%). If the state were to designate the Board as a mandatory data collection agency in the future, the survey could be incorporated into the license renewal process to improve response rates.

Member Hillegas shared that Utah integrates a similar workforce survey into its renewal process, where it appears during license renewal and encourages completion, which may serve as a model to increase participation. Director Harvey indicated he will continue to keep the Board informed as the effort progresses.

C. Open Roundtable

The Board Chair asked if there were any other discussions or questions from Board members. After confirming there were none, he moved on to Item 8.

Item 8. Report from Board Chair and Members

Supervision and Scope Concerns

A discussion followed regarding chiropractors and physicians attempting to direct or supervise PTAs or PT technicians. Members reiterated that PTAs must be supervised by a licensed physical therapist and that licensees should be cautious about unauthorized supervision arrangements. Investigator Deborah Dieter noted prior interactions with one of the individuals described and indicated the issue had been discussed with him before.

Community Outreach

Board members discussed community and public outreach efforts. Members and staff are currently conducting educational clinic visits and outreach using consumer protection flyers. The Board is handing out flyers and asking providers if they are willing to voluntarily post them in an accessible location to help inform the public. The goal is to ensure the public is aware that physical therapy in Nevada is subject to oversight. The Board emphasized that outreach is intended to inform the public about the Board's role and is not intended to solicit complaints.

Item 9. Future Agenda Items

Model Practice Act Workgroup

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 11. Adjournment

Chair Laymon adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.