



AK PT/OT Board - Legislative Committee Mtg February 14, 2025 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
2/14/2025 9:00 AM
Juneau - Zoom

These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the committee of the Board.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, Tori Daugherty

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Legislative Committee meeting was called to order at 9:05 am on Thursday, February 14, 2025. Roll Call was done by Tina McLean.

Committee Members present: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker and Tori Daugherty.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator I, and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner 3

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion made by Enlow Walker to accept agenda as written. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes - 05/09/2024

Motion made by Enlow Walker to approve minutes from 05/09/2024 as submitted. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public connected - public comment given.

5. 34th Alaska Legislative Scheduled + Pre-files

- January 21, 2025 - April 20, 2025 (90 days)
- First release of prefiles 01/10/2025
- Second release of prefiles 01/17/2025

Prefiles reviewed by committee members. No prefiles identified of concern for monitoring.

HB95 - Midwives bill (replacement for HB175 from last session) introduced 02/12/2025 - Rep. Allard sponsor. Copy sent to committee members to review.

Alaska State Occupational Therapy Association mobilizing for OT Compact Licensure. They have language and are in search of a sponsor. Model Legislation from OT Licensure Compact website --><https://otcompact.gov/toolkit/> sent to committee members for review.

In October, 2024, a possible 80/20 rule replacement bill was being considered for introduction but in different ratio. Board to monitor for introduction.

6. Legislative Initiatives

A. Physical Therapy Scope of Practice Modernization

Pending - Workgroup meetings set to gather information and draft statutory language - 3/25; 4/8; 4/22; 5/13.

B. Occupational Therapy Scope of Practice Modernization

Pending - Workgroup meetings set to gather information and rework draft statutory language, if necessary - 3/25; 4/8; 4/22; 5/13

C. DPT/OTD Term Protection

Pending - draft language currently being researched/reworked in Scope of Practices Committee.

D. Executive Administrator position for PHY Board

Pending - draft language being sent to full board for consideration at February 27-28, 2025 board meeting.

7. Next Steps

- Committee to continue monitoring for any related bills to be introduced.
- Review HB95 - Midwives bill introduced 02/12/2025
- Monitor Occupational Therapy Compact Licensure bill for possible introduction.
- Monitor 80/20 percentile rule replacement bill for possible introduction.
- Seek new members for Legislative Committee and Scope of Practice Committee at upcoming February 27-28 board meeting.

8. Adjourn

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am on Thursday, February 14, 2025.

Next meeting for PHY Legislative Committee scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2025.