

NEWSLETTER



Nevada Physical Therapy Board


VISION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board will be the leader in public protection through the promotion of safety, competence, and access to care.

MISSION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board protects and promotes the health and safety of Nevadans by pursuing the highest quality of physical therapy practice through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.

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Next Board Meeting

July 28, 2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear licensees:

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board (Board) strives to be contemporary with the technology needs of our licensees. Over the last year, Board staff focused on improving services, modernizing infrastructure, and implementing a new online application and renewal system. I truly appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition, and your feedback, comments, and suggestions to make the Board and its services better. Moving forward, we will continue our efforts to automate and improve our processes to provide greater efficiency and productivity.

I want to extend a big thank you to Board staff as they worked long hours to complete the transition to our new licensing system. A transition sorely needed. I'd also like to extend a thank you to our licensees as they create their new user accounts and renew their licenses, and to new applicants beginning their journey. If you'd like to know more about Board activities, receive important updates, or ask questions, please visit the Board website - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/>, call us - (702) 876-5535, send an email - pted@govmail.state.nv.us, or attend a Board Meeting. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to communicate with the Board. Please help us reach all licensees and interested parties by forwarding this newsletter to your friends, colleagues, and students, or sharing on social media.

Do you Know your License Expiration Date?

Please take a minute to review the expiration date on your license and ensure you've completed all continuing competence requirements before your license expires. As a reminder, licenses issued prior to October 2017 expire on July 31st of each year. Licenses issued after October 2017 expire one year from the date of issuance.

Licenses may be renewed on-line sixty (60) days prior to expiration at <https://nptb.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/service/#/login>.

It is a violation of the law and of the Board's rules to practice on an expired license.

Help us Stay in Touch - Let us know if you've moved.

Licensees are required to maintain current contact information with the Board (email address, residential address, telephone number and address for all locations where activities related to the practice of physical therapy are conducted).

NAC 640.061 requires that PTs and PTAs in the State of Nevada notify the Board of changes in their residential and primary professional address within 30 days of the change.

Contact information may be updated anytime by logging into your licensee portal using your email address and password.



Congratulations ~ Sherise Smith

Please join me in congratulating former Board Chair Sherise Smith for being named as the recipient of the 2023 President's Award by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Sherise served on the Nevada Board from 2014 to 2020, and has continued a noteworthy level of commitment to the profession. The President's Award recognizes Sherise for her outstanding contributions to the FSBPT during the past year. Sherise will be honored at the FSBPT Annual Education Meeting in October 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024

11/1/2018 - 10/31/2021

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11/1/2020 - 10/31/2023

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11/1/2020 - 10/31/2023

3/17/2020 - 10/31/2020

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11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024

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11/1/2021 - 10/31/2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Hello PT/PTA colleagues!

I hope you are having a good year so far and are excited about summertime. It is the beginning of June and I am excited about all of the new licensees in our community. My inbox has been flooded with applications of new graduates and other physical therapy professionals choosing to practice in Nevada. With Nevada having the lowest number of PT and PTAs per capita in the country, new licensees are so needed and such a positive sign of things to come for Nevadans all over the state.

The Nevada 82nd Legislative Session has just wrapped up and I hope you take a chance to read my 2023 Legislative Report in the newsletter.

Now that session is closed, we are ready to see our regulations through their final step in the process. This has been a long process for us which started back in 2018. The process for revising regulations in Nevada generally follows a specific procedure that involves several steps. We are at the last step. We are awaiting placement of our revised regulation to be placed on the calendar for the Legislative Commission. Our lobbyist, Neena Laxalt (see her spotlight in the newsletter) is hard at work, communicating directly with Legislative Commission Chair Steve Yeager to get LCB 124-21 on their agenda.

We also have launched our new online portal for renewals! The portal is open for renewals NOW. This process has taken too long but we hope it was worth the wait. Let us know!

Lastly, THANK YOU to all of you who attended any of our board meetings in the past year to provide public comment. We heard many great ideas for ways that we could expedite licensure to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders. We submitted our report to the Governor on March 31, 2023, and are awaiting further direction from his office.

Our next meeting is July 28th, 2023 at 9 am. Our Agenda will be posted a week prior to the meeting on our website. Remember you can also submit public comments via email prior to the meeting and all Board members will review. Check out our website for the Zoom link. Hope you join!

As I wrap up this letter, may I suggest that you listen to the Willie Nelson song Energy Follows Thought. I heard it for the first time recently during the 90th birthday tribute to him! Here is a [link to the song](#). Such a good reminder to let go of negative thoughts because they don't get us to where we want! I hope you are filling your mind with positive thoughts that drive you to live your best life. Thanks for the great care you provide Nevada! Have a healthy and happy Summer!

Jen



2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

I am writing this report on the eve of the last day of the 82nd legislative session.

The Nevada Legislature meets regularly once every two years for a legislative session. The sessions are biennial, meaning they occur in odd-numbered years. During these sessions, lawmakers gather to conduct legislative business, including introducing bills, debating issues, and passing laws.

Each regular legislative session in Nevada typically begins on the first Monday in February and lasts for 120 consecutive days, as specified by the Nevada Constitution. It has been an eventful session for many bills which have a long journey through the session.

As a reminder of the process, it begins prior to the start of the session. Here is a summary of the 8 steps:

1. **Bill Drafting:** The legislative process typically begins when a legislator or a group of legislators develop an idea for a new law or propose changes to existing laws. Legislative staff, including attorneys, help draft the proposed bill based on the legislators' instructions.
2. **Introduction:** Once the bill is drafted, it is introduced in either the Nevada State Assembly (lower house) or the Nevada State Senate (upper house) depending on the subject matter. A legislator sponsors the bill and files it with the Chief Clerk of the respective house.
3. **Committee Consideration:** The bill is assigned to a relevant committee, such as the Committee on Commerce and Labor, based on its subject matter. The committee holds hearings where stakeholders, experts, and the public can provide testimony or voice their opinions on the bill. The committee members review the bill, propose amendments, and vote on whether to recommend the bill for further consideration.
4. **Floor Consideration:** If the bill passes the committee stage, it moves to the full floor of the house where it was introduced (Assembly or Senate). During floor consideration, all members of the house have an opportunity to debate the bill, propose amendments, and vote on its passage. A majority vote is typically required for the bill to advance to the other house.
5. **Committee Consideration in the Other House:** If the bill successfully passes one house, it moves to the other house (if it originated in the Assembly, it moves to the Senate, and vice versa). The bill goes through a similar process of committee consideration and floor consideration in the other house. The committee can propose amendments, and the full house debates and votes on the bill.
6. **Conference Committee:** If the two houses pass different versions of the bill or if amendments are made in the second house, a conference committee may be appointed. The conference committee consists of members from both houses who negotiate and reconcile the differences between the versions of the bill. Once they reach an agreement, the committee produces a conference report, which is then voted on by both houses.
7. **Governor's Approval:** If the bill passes both houses in identical form, it is sent to the Governor for approval. The Governor has the power to sign the bill into law, veto it, or allow it to become law without signing it. If the Governor vetoes the bill, the Legislature may override the veto with a two-thirds vote in both houses.

2023 Legislative Session Report *(Continued)*

8. **Enactment:** If the Governor signs the bill or it becomes law without the Governor's signature, it is enacted and becomes part of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The new law typically takes effect on July 1st of the year following its passage, unless specified otherwise in the bill.

The 2023 Nevada Legislative Session is the third session that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board introduced a PT Compact Bill, Senate Bill 97 (SB97). The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is an interstate compact that allows a person who is licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in a state that is a member of the Compact to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in other states that are members of the Compact. In 2019 and 2021 sessions, the bill did not pass out of either the upper or lower houses. This year we were hoping for a different outcome. Let's review the path SB97 took!

It had an exciting start as it was introduced in the Nevada State Senate during the first week of the 2023 session. Senators heard testimony from our Sponsor, Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert, the NV PT Board of Examiners' lobbyist, Neena Laxalt, FSBPT Compact Expert, Leslie Adrian, Government, Kelli, and your Board Chair. SB97 was assigned to the Committee of Commerce and Labor (step 3). The Senate Committee on Commerce finally voted it out of committee on April 13th. You can watch the vote [here](#). From there it headed to the floor of the Senate (step 4) where it was passed unanimously on April 18th out of the Senate. It was onto Step 5 introduced to the lower house, Nevada State Assembly, on April 19th and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor. Unfortunately, it never saw Step 6. There are deadlines during the legislative session and when it had not been heard by the Committee by May 20th, it died per Nevada Constitution. Unfortunately, the Nursing Board also saw defeat of their Compact legislation this session.

The PT Compact has great significance for our community. Most importantly, it will provide ease for the spouses of our military to gain licensure in Nevada. It will also work to improve the access Nevada has to Physical Therapy services by encouraging licensed professionals to come to work in Nevada. Nevada is the 50th state regarding physical therapy professionals per capita and our community deserves to have every opportunity to attract services to our great state.

I will no longer be on the Board for the next legislative session but I hope you will consider helping the Board in their efforts to move the needle on this bill. You can help by creating relationships with your legislators and making your voice heard. The APTA has a great app to connect you with your legislators or you can use the Nevada State resources with this [link](#).



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PTA BOARD MEMBER

As my term as the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Member for the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy comes to an end on October 31, 2023, I find myself looking back on my career and the accomplishments I have achieved in this fulfilling profession. It all began when I experienced a life-altering moment while working as a Group Fitness Instructor in St. Petersburg, Florida. During a step class, I took a misstep that resulted in tearing my ACL and Medial Meniscus. This personal encounter with physical therapy ignited a deep interest within me, and I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in this field, specifically specializing in outpatient orthopedics.



Motivated by my newfound passion, I applied to the PTA Program at St. Petersburg College and was accepted. This marked the beginning of my journey as a PTA. Throughout my program, I had the opportunity to gain exposure to various clinical settings, including Skilled Nursing, Hospital Outpatient, and Hospital In-Patient. It was during these rotations that I discovered my strong affinity for Skilled Nursing. The impact I could make in helping individuals regain their mobility and independence in this setting resonated deeply with me.

Towards the end of my program, my Program Director recognized my potential and suggested that I consider a career in teaching. Although initially unsure, this suggestion intrigued me. Following my clinical rotations, I passed the licensure exam.

Life took an exciting turn when I moved to Las Vegas. Determined to stay connected with the profession, I became actively involved with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and started networking with fellow PTAs across the United States. This involvement led to an opportunity to become the PTA Caucus Representative, a role that allowed me to advocate for the issues and challenges faced by PTAs at a national level. I attended several House of Delegate meetings, using my voice to contribute to the profession.

Simultaneously, I was working at a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) when an unexpected opportunity arose – becoming an instructor at a PTA program. The prospect of taking on this new challenge in my career was invigorating, and I eagerly embraced it. Over the course of nine years, I worked my way up from being an instructor to becoming the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and, eventually, the Program Director.

One of my responsibilities as Program Director was to act as the Liaison to the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy. This role allowed me to attend board meetings, familiarize myself with the board's operations, and understand the various aspects of its functioning. At one point, the board decided that a PTA should be included in its composition to represent the profession effectively. Intrigued by this opportunity, I applied for the position and was appointed by the governor – an honor that I gratefully accepted.

Throughout my journey, I always held onto the core reason I became a PTA: to help individuals with injuries, disabilities, or other health conditions receive the treatment they need. It was a path that allowed me to make a difference, improve lives, and contribute to preventing or alleviating the effects of chronic conditions.

However, as my educational and professional journey unfolded, I became increasingly aware of the diverse paths available within the PTA career. I encountered PTAs who owned their own clinics, worked as operations managers, served on physical therapy boards, and even served on boards of directors.

Serving the profession as a member of the physical therapy board has been a unique, challenging, and incredibly rewarding experience for me. It has given me an invaluable perspective on the broader landscape of physical therapy and allowed me to contribute to shaping the future of the profession. I encourage my fellow PTAs to consider applying for positions on these boards and continue serving our profession. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure the highest quality of care for our patients.

As I conclude my term as a board member, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities that have come my way throughout my PTA journey. From that fateful step class injury to becoming a Program Director and serving on a physical therapy board, each experience has shaped me both personally and professionally. I am proud to be part of a profession that empowers individuals, restores their well-being, and brings positive change to countless lives.

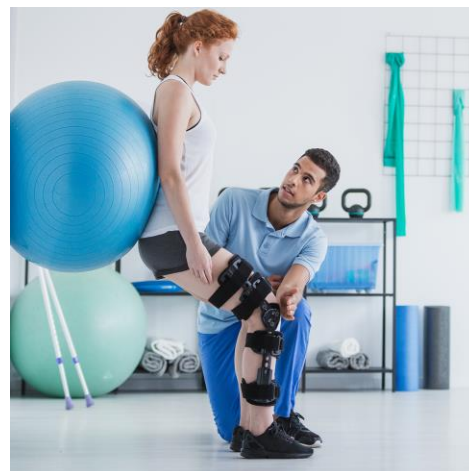
While my time on the board may be ending, my commitment to the field of physical therapy remains steadfast. I look forward to continuing my journey as a PTA, embracing new opportunities, and continuing to serve and make a difference in the lives of those I encounter along the way.

Laura Branco

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A PTA BOARD MEMBER?

Board members serve a critical role in setting and enforcing entry-level criteria for licensure and continued competency standards. The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is comprised of three physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant, and one public member. The PTA Board Member position will be vacant as of November 1, 2023.

Do you know of someone who may be interested in serving as our next PTA Board Member? The PTA member must be licensed in the State of Nevada. Members serve a 3-year term and must be a resident of the state. The Board conducts 6-8 public meeting per year.



Board positions are appointed by the Governor. To be considered for a gubernatorial appointment, an application must be submitted along with a current resume. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, please apply [here](#). To learn more about service on a Nevada State board, please visit the State of Nevada Boards and Commissions Frequently Asked Questions page at https://gov.nv.gov/Boards/Board_FAQs/.

Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt is a descendent of immigrants from the “Basque Country” and Ireland who came to Nevada to pursue shepherding, mining and governmental positions.

She is a second generation Nevadan and grew up in Carson City. She is the youngest daughter of Former Governor/U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt and Jackalyn Ross Laxalt. Neena is the single mother of one daughter, Kevan Danielle Laxalt, and one granddaughter, Grace Kathleen.

Neena began her lobbying career in Arizona in 1987 with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and has continued her career after her return to Nevada in 1995 where she was hired to represent the northern Nevada for Golden Nugget properties for Steve Wynn.

Neena has operated her own lobbying business since 1997 and over the past 20 years has represented a variety of interests in the state which provide her a diverse perspective of many facets of Nevada. Neena has been a lobbyist for 36 years, 26 of which are in Nevada.

In 2011, Governor Sandoval named Ms. Laxalt as Co-Chair of the Nevada Sesquicentennial Planning Committee along with Bob Brown, Publisher of the Las Vegas Review Journal. In 2013, Governor Sandoval appointed Ms. Laxalt to serve on the Nevada 150 Commission under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor Brian Krolicki where she served as his Vice-Chair.

In 2013, Ms. Laxalt was selected by the Reno Gazette Journal as one of “10 People to Watch in 2013” for her work as Vice-Chair on the Nevada 150 Commission.

In 2015, Ms. Laxalt was named Chair for Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA), a non-profit group aimed at preserving the history and culture of the Stewart Indian School.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Ms. Laxalt received the honor of being recognized by her peers by being inducted into the Nevada Legislature James A. Joyce Lobbyist Hall of Fame.

Neena has represented a variety of clients over her career, including many regulatory boards, health care, and natural resources as her predominant issues.

Thank you Neena for ensuring we kept the ability to dry needle, leading our efforts to join the PT Compact and so much more. Our future is bright with you in it!

Thank you

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSEES FEBRUARY – MAY 2023

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is pleased to welcome the following new licensees to the physical therapy community in Nevada.

Last	First, M.I.	License No.
Cox	Preston	5040
Brewer	Jake	5041
Brewer	Karlie	5042
Maszak	Alexander	5043
Flordeliz	Jasfer J.	5044
Berry	Jessica	5045
Nolan	Kerry	5046
Smith	Gwendolyn Schulze	5047
Cook	Kendra	5048
Santos	Noelia	5049
Mann	Sarah R. E	5050
Thumann	Anne Elizabeth	5051
Guillot	Justin Donovan	5052
Bekkerman	Monica A.	5053
Gibson	Travis J.	5054
Borromeo	Nerissa Tempora C.	5055
Crass	Tanner James	5056
Laney	Natalie Danielle	5057
Nelson	Kevin D.	5058
Ba	Melissa	5059
Robertson	Maria D.	5061
Updike	Ashley Kay	5062
Hazlehurst	Fiona	5063
Shah	Srishti	5064
Varnado	Brandi	5065
Babineau	Erin	5066
Kuczaty	Krystyna	5068
Singh	Randeep	5069
Nguyen	Cathy Thai	5070
Eiselt	Scott Wayne	5071
Anderson	Bernardo Almadin	5072
Miller	Jocelyn CS	5073
Gale	Jeffrey L.	5074

Last	First, M.I.	License No.
Manaloto	Alexander	5075
Knepp	Ara	5076
Kellen	Sarah	5077
Hinerman	Justen Michael	5078
Frank	Larry	5079
Boudreau	Jared	5080
Adams	Brian	5081
Cardano	Emira G.	5082
Carreon	Alyssa Mae G.	5083
Morrow	Cardine J.	5084
Tan	Victor Julius D.	5085
Alamares Ferrer	Cherry Ann L.	5086
Smith	Ellen	5087
Troutman	Abigail	5088
Dengler	Joseph	5089
Patel	Nikita P.	5090
Hart	Kendall N.	5091
Sheabat	Manpreet K.	5092
Thobaben	Arlyn	5093
Carter	Elizabeth Reid	5094
Roy	Molly	5095
Schroeter	Barton L.	5096
Golembeski	Ashlyn Marie	5097
Gomez	Phillip Jose	5098
Barnes	Nicole	5099
Badovinac	Laura	5100
Marmol	Michelle	5101
Maloney	Ryan	5102
Hund	Jessica Devi	5103
Bechtel-Greenberg	Terri	5104
Ginsberg	Ari Joel	5105
Ferrer Jr.	Mark	5106
Valentine	Lindsey	5107

Last	First, M.I.	License No.
Coelho	Bethany Fleming	5108
Cleland	Daniel O'Neal	5109
Umscheid	Kimberly A.	5110
Heintzman	Elizabeth	5111
Mapa	Allan	5112
Compton	Celestine	5113
Sepesky	Sarah N.	5114
Weimer	Trista	5115
Sanchez	Erica N.	5116
Christie	Lian	5117
Palmer	Kathleen	5118
Truong	Celine Quoc	5119
Young	Alexis	5120
Chen	Daniel Yeo	5121
Chase	Ashley Nicole	5122
Abalos-Buchanan	Joshua William	5123
Payne	Tanner T.	5124
Hawson	Suzanne	5125
Morino	Jordan J.	5126
Holland	Tyler	5127
Waite	Brian	5128
Adalla	Homer V.	5129
Edwards	Nicholas C.	5130
Kailiuli	Tyler	5131
Poulsen	Dustin	5132
Loares	Monica A.	5133
Young	Lyndsay	5134
Healy	Erin	5135
Clampett	Sarah C.	5136
Babaria	Dipalee V.	5137
Curran	Maeve M.	5138
O'Claire	Cherie	5139
Merritt	Kelsie Marie	5140
Howell	Rosedaveia R.	5141

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSEES FEBRUARY – MAY 2023

Last	First, M.I.	License No.
Jensen	Kristin	A-1569
Pope	Eric C.	A-1570
McLaughlin	Caitlyn	A-1571
Irvine	Farrah	A-1572
Warriner	Patricia A.	A-1573
Coyle	Nathan	A-1574
Cullors III	Jimmy L.	A-1575
Stanley	Cassidy A.	A-1576
Hoffman	Joshua A.	A-1577
Baldovino	Yule	A-1578
Lawson	Joseph	A-1579
Oxley	Martin	A-1580
Wang	Tingting	A-1581
Cazares	Alec	A-1582

Last	First, M.I.	License No.
Dominguez	Carmen Judith Rosario	A-1583
Thomas	Nauje M.	A-1584
Maldonado	Tabitha	A-1585
Hall	Mikaela M.	A-1586
Rigos	Charmaine F.	A-1587
Mapile	Ainley	A-1588
Martin	Leah A.	A-1589
Craythorn	Karley	A-1590
Reyes	Kendra P.	A-1591
Le	Danielle	A-1592
Felix	Kari	A-1593
Bolosan	Mara J.	A-1594
Le Vere	Jason C.	A-1595

Earn CE Credit by Attending a Board Meeting

The Board allows a licensee to earn up to 4 continuing competence units (4 CCU) per renewal year for attending board meetings. Licensees may receive 1 CCU per meeting for attending a full Board meeting. Licensees should introduce themselves as a meeting participant and contact the Board office to request a certificate of attendance. Please see [https://www.nvptb.com/attending-board-meetings](#) for a complete list of board meeting dates.



APTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Toolkit

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is committed to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the association, the profession, and society. To help enhance this ongoing effort, a committee of APTA's students developed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Toolkit to help individuals learn the basics of DEI, develop a deeper understanding of the concept's dynamics, and engage in action to foster change. The DEI Toolkit provides opportunities for you to learn, develop, and engage through definitions, articles, courses, and opportunities to take action. Click [here](#) or go to <https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-toolkit> to explore the APTA DEI Toolkit.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is committed to understanding the dynamics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, and embraces DEI efforts that support our diverse members, staff, and consumers of physical therapy in the State of Nevada.

YOUR DUTY TO REPORT



Professional and Legal Responsibility

Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants work with vulnerable people. Every licensee has a responsibility to act in a professional manner. Licensees also have a responsibility, and a duty, to report practitioners that are incompetent, unprofessional, or unlawful. When health care practitioners act outside of normal professional standards, the public loses trust in that person or potentially the profession as a whole.

The Board's first priority is protecting the public and we use a variety of remedial and punitive sanctions to prevent future incidents. When PTs, PTAs, or employers report incidents to the Board, the complaint is investigated, and, if substantiated, appropriate action is taken. The Board will work to correct the practitioner's behavior and increase the understanding of the problem. If an issue is never reported, the practitioner can simply be fired or resign and seek employment at another facility with no consequence, potentially putting others at risk.

When Should I Report?

It is your duty to report another practitioner when you have reasonable cause to believe that person is unable to practice safely, has engaged in unprofessional conduct, violated laws or rules, or committed unethical practices. Nevada licensees have mandatory reporting rules under NAC 640.550(7); failure to report could result in professional disciplinary action by the Board.

What You Need to Know

- Each state licensing authority has the ability and responsibility to discipline its licensees.
- State's reporting requirements vary; it's your responsibility to know the law.
- Each complaint is investigated to determine if there's reason to move forward with a case.

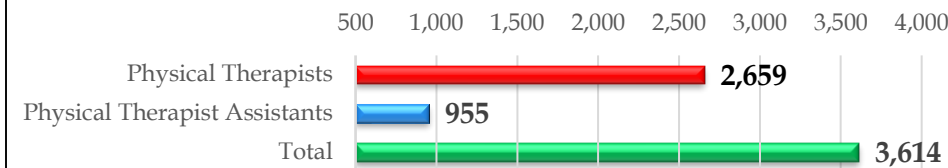
What You Need to Do

- Look-up a licensed individual directly from the board's website.
- Submit a complaint to the Board with as much detail as possible.
- Provide your name and contact information to allow the Board to follow up with you.
- File your report accurately and completely, including all content the agency report requires.

"Physical therapists shall discourage misconduct by health care professionals and report illegal or unethical acts to the relevant authority, when appropriate."

-APTA Code of Ethics

ACTIVE LICENSES AS OF MAY 31, 2023



License Verification

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board advises consumers to verify the license of any individual claiming to be a physical therapist (PT) or physical therapist assistant (PTA).

A properly licensed PT or PTA has completed comprehensive academic and clinical training, passed national and state examinations, and completed a background check before the Board issues their license. PTs and PTAs must renew their license annually and display their license at their primary professional address during the course of operation, and at other locations where they practice physical therapy.

You can check a license by visiting our website <https://ptboard.nv.gov/>, and clicking on “Verify A License.” Enter the name or license number, and the search will confirm if the individual is licensed. The search also has additional information, such as whether the licensee has disciplinary action pending, prior disciplinary action, or the licensee is on probation.

Where on the NVPTB Website Do I?

- ▲ Apply for a license to practice physical therapy.
 - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/Applicants/Home-NewApplicants/>
- ▲ Renew my PT or PTA license.
 - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/Licensees/licensees-home/>



- ▲ Find the Nevada Physical Therapy Practice Act.
 - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/PA/>
- ▲ Verify the licensee of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
 - <https://nptb.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/register/#/>
- ▲ File a Complaint regarding a licensee's practice.
 - <https://nptb.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/register/#/complaint>
- ▲ Submit a Continuing Competence course for approval.
 - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/CE/CourseReviewApplication.pdf>
- ▲ Request a list of licensees in the state of Nevada.
 - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/Forms/MailingListOrderForm.pdf>
- ▲ Volunteer to be a Mentor.
 - https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/Home/V3/NVPTB_MentorFlyer.pdf

BOARD MEETINGS

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board conducts public meetings throughout the year for purposes of conducting administrative business concerning ratifying licenses, promulgating rules, and disciplinary matters.

The five members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and serve a three-year term. A quorum of three members is required to conduct public business. Nevada Open Meeting Law requires that board meetings be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meetings.

Open meeting notices can be accessed on the Board website at <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/>.

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2023 BOARD OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

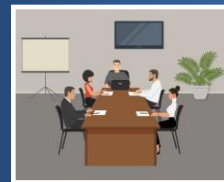
Board Office Closed	Day(s)	Dates(s)
New Years'	Mon	Jan 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Mon	Jan 16, 2023
President's Day	Mon	Feb 20, 2023
Memorial Day	Mon	May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	Mon	Jun 19, 2023
Independence Day	Tue	Jul 4, 2023
Labor Day	Mon	Sep 4, 2023
Nevada Day	Fri	Oct 27, 2023
Veteran's Day	Fri	Nov 10, 2023
Thanksgiving / Family Day	Thu & Fri	Nov 23 -24, 2023
Christmas	Mon	Dec 25, 2022



State of Nevada

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- January 13, 2023
- March 17, 2023
- May 5, 2023
- July 28, 2023
- September 29, 2023
- December 8, 2023

PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

NRS 640: Nevada Revised Statutes

Governs the profession of physical therapy in the State of Nevada.



NAC 640: Nevada Administrative Code

The regulation or rules that further define and explain the statutes.