

# NEWSLETTER



## 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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December 8, 2023

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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Dear fellow members of the Physical Therapy community,

As the newly elected Chair of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, I am honored and excited to serve you all in this capacity. First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our previous Chair and the members of the Board, for the trust they have placed in me. I am committed to working tirelessly to ensure that our profession thrives and continues to provide the highest level of care to our patients.

I believe that as physical therapists, we hold a unique position in the healthcare system. We have the opportunity to not only heal bodies but also transform lives.

Our role goes beyond simply treating injuries; it involves helping individuals regain their independence, improve their quality of life, and realize their full potential. It is this belief that has driven me throughout my career, and it will continue to guide my actions as Chair.

During my tenure, I plan to focus on three key areas: advocacy, education, and collaboration. Advocacy is crucial to promote the importance of physical therapy and ensure that our voices are heard at local, state, and national levels.

We must work together to advocate for legislation that supports our profession. Additionally, I strongly believe in the importance of continuing education and professional development.

Lastly, I am a firm believer in the power of collaboration and communication. By working together with other healthcare professionals, policymakers, and regulators on other state and jurisdictional licensing boards, we can strengthen our profession and collectively work towards achieving shared targets.

As Chair, it is crucial for my goals to align with the strategic plan to identify any potential gaps or areas of improvement and ensure that our resources and efforts are harnessed efficiently, leading to optimal performance in line with the overall strategic direction of the Board. I am confident that together, we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead and further elevate our profession. I encourage each and every one of you to actively participate in the Board's initiatives and share your valuable insights and perspectives. Together, let us strive for excellence and make a lasting impact on the lives of our patients and the future of physical therapy.

Thank you for your commitment and support. I look forward to working with each of you as we embark on this journey together.

*"I invite and welcome your input and ideas. Together, we can build upon our accomplishments and reach new heights."*



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Fall has finally arrived, and I couldn't be more excited. It is the perfect time to enjoy cooler temperatures and indulge in heartwarming activities with friends and family. During this magical season, I hope you all have the opportunity to slow down, enjoy nature's breathtaking beauty, and appreciate life's simple pleasures.

I am incredibly proud of the work the Board has accomplished this year. Through proactive initiatives, stakeholder engagement, administrative rulemaking, and collaboration with other regulatory bodies, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board has set a remarkable precedent for excellence in professional regulation.

Did you know that October is National Physical Therapy Month? It's a whole month dedicated to celebrating and raising awareness about the important role and benefits of physical therapy. This annual nationwide initiative aims to educate individuals about the various conditions that can be effectively treated with physical therapy, as well as the crucial role of PTs and PTAs in promoting prevention strategies and maintaining overall wellness.

National Physical Therapy Month serves as a platform to honor the dedicated individuals who work relentlessly to improve people's quality of life through specialized knowledge and skill. The efforts of individuals who work on occupational licensing board is also vital and cannot be understated when it comes to ensuring public protection. To that end, this newsletter aims to spotlight several esteemed individuals who have made significant contributions in their respective roles. We celebrate their achievements and honor the tireless efforts they have put forth in shaping a better future for all.

Charles D. Harvey  
Executive Director

## PROCLAMATIONS

At the September Board Meeting, Board Member Laura Branco and Staff Member April Ramirez were recognized for their service on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.



From 2020 to 2023, Laura Branco proudly served the physical therapy community as the Nevada Physical Therapy Board Secretary/Treasurer, PTA Member. During this time, she lent her experience, expertise, and commitment to safeguarding the quality of physical therapy care for all residents of our state. Through her participation, Laura played an important role in upholding the standards of competence and conduct within the physical therapy profession. Laura's insight, advocacy, and counsel have been invaluable to the Board's mission of serving and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Nevada who seek physical therapy services.



April Ramirez served as the Board Operations Support Specialist from 2020 to 2023. Her dedication, hard work and commitment to excellence set a high standard for others to follow. It is appropriate to recognize that when called upon in February 2021, April stepped up and assumed the role of staff liaison and facilitator of the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence (ACCC), and during that time, provided excellent support and assistance. April also played an integral part in the implementation of the new licensing software system and the timely reporting of licensee information to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).



The Board would also like to recognize the service of two physical therapists. On October 5, 1970, Jack Close received his license to practice physical therapy in the State of Nevada. Over the next half century, he demonstrated outstanding clinical skills, leadership qualities, and a commitment to advancing the profession through practice and service.

In an industry constantly evolving with advancements in knowledge and treatment techniques, reaching such a significant milestone is a testament to Jack's ability to adapt, learn, lead, and maintain exceptional standards of practice. Through five decades, this seasoned practitioner undoubtedly touched countless lives, helping individuals restore quality of life. This recognition acknowledges not only his longevity but also his unyielding pursuit of excellence and passion for promoting optimal health and wellness through physical therapy.



Peter Barbieri served as a physical therapist in Nevada from June 20, 1987, until his passing earlier this year. Peter exemplified a true passion for his profession, recognizing and appreciating the many gifts he possessed that allowed him to make a difference in the lives of others. His devotion to his craft stemmed from a genuine love for what he did. Through his unwavering dedication and passion, Peter set himself apart as an exceptional professional in his field. His commitment extended beyond his clients or patients; it encompassed a deep understanding of the profound impact he had on their well-being. Peter's genuine desire to help others endeared him to friends, family, colleagues, and clients alike.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Jack Close, Peter Barbieri, Laura Branco and April Ramirez for promoting a culture of excellence within the physical therapy community, inspiring others to strive for exceptional standards of practice and making valuable contributions that helped advance the physical therapy profession across the State of Nevada.



# NEWLY LICENSED PTs & PTAs

## June - September 2023

The Board is pleased to welcome the following new licensees to the physical therapy community. This list consists of new graduates who recently passed the NPTE and received their permanent license, and practitioners from other states who have been licensed to practice in the State of Nevada.

Last Name	First Name	License
<b>Goo-Tam</b>	Melissa	5142
<b>Garcia</b>	Ilse M.	5143
<b>Cathey</b>	Savanna	5144
<b>Damele</b>	Katie	5145
<b>Schutte</b>	Francesca .	5146
<b>Wilson</b>	Micah L.	5147
<b>Russell</b>	Isabella J.	5148
<b>Silva</b>	Nathan	5149
<b>Tardif</b>	Thomas	5150
<b>La</b>	Billy	5151
<b>Cadiao</b>	Sherwin	5152
<b>Kotake</b>	Kayla	5153
<b>Nogra</b>	Jacob James	5154
<b>Kaes</b>	Nicole	5155
<b>Altman</b>	Rebecca S.	5156
<b>Galvez</b>	Jose	5157
<b>Limtiaco</b>	Carissa	5158
<b>Aldaco</b>	Arturo	5159
<b>MacDonald</b>	John	5160
<b>Voels</b>	Bradley	5161
<b>Lacap</b>	Francis Nino	5162
<b>Trumbull</b>	Tristan D.	5163
<b>Yee</b>	Brandon	5164
<b>Kjer</b>	Kelsey Ann	5165
<b>Toal</b>	Charles R.	5166
<b>Parker</b>	Caitlin E.	5167
<b>Peni</b>	Fjolla	5168
<b>Ugarte</b>	Ricardo	5169
<b>Forte</b>	Brian N.	5170
<b>Hendrickson</b>	Michael C.	5171
<b>Gutierrez</b>	Eduardo	5172
<b>Yu</b>	Phillipp	5173
<b>Newman</b>	Marisa	5174
<b>Johnson</b>	Kaitlyn A.	5175
<b>Lacap</b>	Alvin Emmanuel	5176

Last Name	First Name	License Number
<b>Boardman</b>	Brent	5177
<b>Castellano</b>	Ann	5178
<b>Ramirez</b>	Michael A.	5179
<b>Videna</b>	Mary H.	5180
<b>Kuether</b>	Monica	5181
<b>Conner</b>	Kinsay	5182
<b>Lineberry</b>	Haven	5183
<b>Romolino</b>	Nicole E.	5184
<b>Feder</b>	Amy	5185
<b>Chavez</b>	Kinsey Marie	5186
<b>Brodith</b>	Anemaecore	5187
<b>Gur</b>	Alina L.	5188
<b>Guignon</b>	Ralph Marion	5189
<b>Clements</b>	Tyler	5190
<b>Rezvani</b>	Parmis	5191
<b>Feickert</b>	Adison R.	5192
<b>Axmaker</b>	Bradee	5193
<b>Abraham</b>	Divya	5194
<b>Proctor</b>	Christopher S.	5195
<b>Tucker</b>	Nicole	5196
<b>Baldessari</b>	Osvaldo	5197
<b>Connolly</b>	John	5198
<b>Tawade</b>	Samiksha R.	5199
<b>Arevalo</b>	Amanda	6200
<b>Bush</b>	Rebecca M.	6201
<b>Sanchez</b>	Ryan	6202
<b>Tu</b>	Jeremy Allan	6203
<b>Colby</b>	Chad Gibson	6204
<b>Hoban</b>	Daniel J.	6205
<b>Rapp</b>	Savannah J.	6206
<b>Yi</b>	Min	6207
<b>Templo</b>	Earl Nathaniel	6208
<b>Apolonio</b>	Mikaela A.	6209
<b>David</b>	Gisel	6210
<b>Salugao</b>	Mark Angelo	6211

Last Name	First Name	License Number
<b>Pujari</b>	Suniti W.	6212
<b>Patel</b>	Vrundaben D.	6213
<b>Galon</b>	Mark Melvin	6214
<b>Dayap</b>	Teddy H.	6215
<b>Dagostino</b>	Jacqueline R.	6216
<b>Harrington</b>	Alex	6217
<b>Bolin</b>	Irene	6218
<b>Woehlbrandt</b>	Alexander S.	6219
<b>Phan</b>	Trung T.	6220
<b>Ashley</b>	Sarah E.	6221
<b>Infiesto</b>	Brian	6222
<b>Foshee</b>	Christine	6223
<b>Enayati</b>	Nima	6224
<b>Pages</b>	Paul	6225
<b>Matsunaga</b>	Kirsten	6226
<b>Redpath</b>	Emily G.	6227
<b>Zhu</b>	Di	6228
<b>Lee</b>	Jeffrey W.	6229
<b>King</b>	Michael A.	6230
<b>Liewen</b>	Sasha E.	6231
<b>Erlanger</b>	Christina N.	6232
<b>Nomura</b>	Jarrin	6233
<b>Schmidt</b>	Donna	6234
<b>Tuck</b>	Jama R.	6235
<b>Fischer</b>	Brian	6236
<b>Boak</b>	Courtney C.	6237
<b>Beaudoin</b>	Alexandria	6238
<b>Brusatto</b>	Alyssa Kennedy	6239
<b>Jacobsen</b>	Jonathan C.	6240
<b>Pensivy</b>	Conner S.	6241
<b>Lawson</b>	Monique	6242
<b>Miller</b>	Alex D.	6243
<b>Palko</b>	Alexander M.	6244
<b>Tomlinson</b>	Alison Rae	6245
<b>Sparks</b>	Carol A.	6246

Last Name	First Name	License Number
Laceda	John G.	6247
Rodriguez	Nikolas A.	6248
Kaler	Gurpreet S.	6249
Badovinac	Nikael	6250
Thompson	Celina D.	6251
Dadhich	Umesh	6252
Gargiulo	Carla	6253
Beck	Abigail	6254
Walker	Maegan C.	6255
Lee	Janet J.	6256
Eskander	Dalia	6257
Rich	Thomas P.	6258
Dimaano	Christopher J.	6259
Jenkins	Alyse V.	6260
Maluotoga	Moriah F.	6261
Aquino	Anna Lois	6262
Kuchuryan	Hrant	6263
Savanapridi	Michael A.	6264
Goral	Kerry L.	6265
Olsen	Tanner	6266
Hammond	Kami J.	6267
Baloy II	Rodiel Kirby	6268
Talebian	Mahyar	6269
Menor	Marilou T.	6270
Axalan	Anngie May	6271
Pascual II	Tommy I.	6272
CAUSIN	PHOEBE M.	6273
Sult	Julie M.	6274
Shaw	Caitlin	6275
Kim	Jung Gil	6276
Shymansky	Robert A.	6277
Nieves	Chloe	6278
Frazier	Jae	6288
Abdoo	Olivia	6289
Ngo	David	6290
Clutton	Joel	6291
Langford	Benjamin R.	6292
Brunner	Jesse F.	6293
McKnight	Clayton M.	6294
Igno	Kenneth P.	6295

Last Name	First Name	License Number
Ortiz Garcia	Maria F.	A-1596
Blomquist	Kristen L.	A-1597
Bosh	Nicole	A-1598
Molder	Aubrey J.	A-1599
Atkin	Michele	A-1600
Pontarelli	Tetyana V.	A-1601
D'Angelo	Joanna F.	A-1602
Dodge	Janette	A-1603
Chilin	Kevin	A-1604
Houltram	Monica	A-1605
Perez-Ferrer	Betty	A-1606
Munoz	Jaime A.	A-1607
Gardetto	Breanna C.	A-1608
Manaois	Emmeline D.	A-1609
Vizcaino	Sabrina	A-1610
Arstanbekov	Feliks	A-1611
Cortez	Catalina T.	A-1612
Cardenas	Raul A.	A-1613
Ko	Lisa J.	
Clum	Dace D.	A-1615
Velasco	Andrea F.	A-1616
Kouaho	Marie-Paule	A-1617
WALLER	LAUREN N.	A-1618
Maes	Eric R.	A-1619
Gionson	Joseph L.	A-1620
Kesick	Tiffany	A-1621
Mersino	Lydia	A-1622
Marakhovskyy	Zoya	A-1623
Knight	Andrew	A-1624
Dupont	hunter J.	A-1629
Duenes	Kathleen D.	A-1630
Crockett	Stephen M.	A-1631



# DID YOU KNOW

## You can now conduct all of your Board business online!

- ▲ New applicants, active licensees, and members of the public can complete all of their board related business by visiting the Board website <https://ptboard.nv.gov/>.
  - This includes:
    - Applications for licensure, renewals and continuing competence.
    - Updating personal and professional business names, addresses and contact information.
    - View and print copies of your license.
    - License Verifications.
    - Filing Online Complaints.
  
- ▲ Other Resources and Useful Links:
  - Statutes, Rules and Policies - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/PA/>.
  - Continuing Competence - [https://ptboard.nv.gov/Home/V3/Home\\_Compency/](https://ptboard.nv.gov/Home/V3/Home_Compency/).
  - Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/>.
  - Board Member Info and Board Strategic Plan - [https://ptboard.nv.gov/Home/V3/The\\_Board/](https://ptboard.nv.gov/Home/V3/The_Board/).
  - Frequently Asked Questions - <https://ptboard.nv.gov/FAQ/FAQ/>.
  - Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy - <https://www.fsbpt.org/>.

## We are here to help!

- ▲ Please contact the Board office if you have any questions or challenges navigating the website or accessing our services.  
Phone: (702) 876-5535, Email: [ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us).

## DRY NEEDLING FAQs

### What are the requirements to perform Dry Needling?

- ▲ The qualifications include the completion of at least 150 hours of certain didactic education and training in dry needling, and submission of documentation to the Board. This education requirement includes at least 25 hours of didactic education and training provided through a postgraduate course of study that requires the successful completion of in-person written and practical examinations.

### When can I start performing Dry Needling?

- ▲ A physical therapist may not perform dry needling until they receive authorization from the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

### Written Patient Consent is Required

- ▲ Before performing dry needling on a patient, a physical therapist must obtain a signed form which provides informed consent from the patient.



## LICENSE RENEWAL WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

ENSURE THAT  
YOUR LICENSE IS  
ACTIVE!

- Each PT/PTA license is active for one year and must be renewed prior to the expiration date.
- Each licensee is responsible for renewing their licenses on time and keeping the Board apprised of changes, as this facilitates timely notification from the Board office.

### TWO LICENSE RENEWAL PERIODS

- Licenses issued prior to Oct 1, 2017, expire at midnight on July 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- Licenses issued on or after Oct 1, 2017, expire 1 year after their date of issuance.



### RENEWAL REMINDERS ARE SENT VIA EMAIL Ensure Your Email Address Is Current

- **License Renewal Notices** are sent to a licensee's current email address on record, sixty (60) days, thirty (30) days, and five (5) days prior to expiration.
- **License Expiration Notices** are sent to licensees who fail to renew to inform them they are no longer authorized to practice physical therapy in the State of Nevada.
- Licenses can be renewed on-line sixty (60) days prior to expiration date by clicking [here](#) or logging in to their licensee portal at-  
<https://nptb.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/service/#/login>.
- To check the accuracy of your profile, please log into your licensee portal.

It is a violation of the Board's rules to practice on an expired license.  
Contact the Board office if you are unsure when your license expires.



# RECENT BOARD ACTIONS



The Nevada Physical Therapy Board recognizes the unique challenges and sacrifices made by military personnel, veterans, and their families in serving our country. Occupational licensure policies, which require individuals to obtain a license, have been found to disproportionately impact military service members, their spouses, and veterans. This is primarily due to the unique challenges they face because of their service obligations and frequent relocations.

The Board will soon be launching a new Military and Veterans Program (MVP) to help reduce barriers to licensing for servicemembers and their families. Members of the military, veterans, and military spouses are eligible to have their application and renewal fees waived under this initiative!

## Applying for MVP Fee Waiver Benefits

Interested parties must self-identify as an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran, on their initial application or license renewal application, and complete the appropriate affidavit form listed below.

- Active Military Affidavit
- Veteran Affidavit
- Relocated Military Spouse Affidavit

## Fees not Covered by the MVP

- Fees associated with examinations (i.e., Exam Processing Fee, National Exam Fee).
- Fingerprint/Criminal History Background Check.
- Late Renewal /Reinstatement Fees

For more information on the MVP initiative, please contact the Board office.

## STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & BOARD ASSESSEMENT

The board carried out a comprehensive assessment in conjunction with their strategic plan review.



This rigorous evaluation involved a meticulous examination of the Board's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, along with an assessment of performance and financial data. to evaluate performance and help identify areas for improvement. The Board established clear objectives aligned with the Agency's broader mission statement. Moreover, they identified actionable steps that would enable the realization of these goals. This informed approach underscored their commitment to developing an effective roadmap for success.

# MODEL ACTION GUIDELINES

The Board, in their ongoing commitment to professionalism and maintaining ethical standards, approved the implementation of Model Disciplinary Guidelines. This progressive step aims to provide a unified and impartial approach when dealing with disciplinary actions.

Guidelines Matrix

	Type I		Type II		Type III	
	Isolated	Multiple	Isolated	Multiple	Isolated	Multiple
An offense of failing to act	A	B	1 & A	2 & A	2 & A	2 & B
An offense of action - potential for harm is expected to be primarily financial or ethical	1 & A	2 & A	2 & B	3 & B	3 & B	3 & C
An offense of action - potential for harm is expected to be related to clinical issue	1 & B	2 & B	2 & C	3 & C	3 & C	4 & C
An offense of action - implications or consequences of licensee action potentially extend beyond limits of the practice setting	2 & C	2 & C	3 & B	3 & C	3 & C	4 & C

**Isolated**- means one incident occurring one time  
**Multiple**- means more than one incident of the same violation (either same patient or different patients)

By adopting these guidelines, the Board ensures that all individuals subject to disciplinary measures receive fair treatment with consistent policies being enforced across the board. The use of such a framework allows for an objective evaluation of misconduct cases, thus minimizing potential bias or favoritism. Moreover, this approach fosters transparency and public trust by illustrating the Board's dedication to always upholding professional integrity. Through these approved Model Disciplinary Guidelines, the Board sets a prominent example within the industry while simultaneously safeguarding its reputation through impartial decision-making processes.

The Matrix is used to determine the appropriate disciplinary action, including the amount of any administrative fine/penalty to assess. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, including the amount of any administrative fine/penalty to assess, the Board will consider the threat to public safety, the seriousness of the violation, and any aggravating or mitigating factors.

For more information, contact the Executive Director.

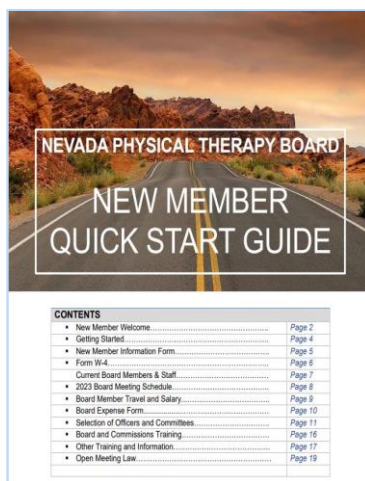
# MODERNIZATION PROJECTS

The Board, recognizing the need for efficiency and accuracy in their operations, implemented a range of technological upgrades aimed at improving their processes.



These advancements have revolutionized the way we handle tasks such as license applications, renewals, and complaints. One key upgrade is the implementation of an online platform that allows practitioners to submit applications and license renewals electronically. This not only saves time for applicants and board staff but also streamlines the review process through automated checks for completeness and adherence to regulations. Additionally, the Board has introduced a centralized database system that provides easy access to practitioners' records, enabling quick verification of credentials and facilitating investigations.

# BOARD MEMBER TRAINING



The creation of a board member training manual and new member guide was a significant step towards ensuring effective governance within the Agency.

This comprehensive resource aimed to provide valuable insights, knowledge, and guidance to both existing and incoming board members.

The manual also serves as a reference tool that can be consulted whenever needed, ensuring that board members have access to relevant information at their fingertips.

# CONSUMER PROTECTION



The Board improved its disciplinary action reporting!

Board disciplinary actions are considered public information. Therefore, disciplinary actions may be reported on state databases, newsletters, and websites. The Board also reports disciplinary actions to the FSBPT Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD), and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

Participation in the ELDD and NPDB helps ensure the Board is aware of what their licensees are doing outside of their state. The ELDD is a comprehensive physical therapy database of disciplinary, licensure and examination score information. The information stored in this database helps jurisdictions in multiple ways:

- **Alerts You to Sanctioned Licenses**

*If a licensee holds multiple licenses and gets disciplined in one jurisdiction, the ELDD serves as an alert mechanism to notify other jurisdictions in which the individual is licensed or has requested a score transfer to. This prevents sanctioned individuals from moving across state lines to avoid the effects of disciplinary action and is critical to public protection.*

- **Helps You Formulate Disciplinary Decisions**

*The database is also a rich source of data that helps Board you formulate decisions based on evidence.*

Each of these initiatives align perfectly with the Board's strategic plan, which aims to improve access, remove barriers, update technology, improve Board member competency, and ensure that statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures strengthen and support the Board's mission.

# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

## June – September 2023

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the last Newsletter was published. It is intended as a summary for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate. However, the complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's records. Monetary amounts paid to the Board include investigative costs and are not sole indicators of the scope and severity of the violation(s).

### Carrie Cameron, PT

Date: 07/28/2023

Final Action: Order and Settlement Agreement – a violation of NAC 640.585, NAC 640.620(3), and NRS 640.160(m). Fines and Fees: \$2,138.80, and remedial training.

### James Greathouse, PT

Date: 07/28/2023

Final Action: Order and Settlement Agreement – a violation of NAC 640.580, Dry Needling Standards of Care pursuant to the Dry Needling Authority: §§1-4, NRS 640.050, and NAC 640.660. Fines and Fees: \$1,250.00, and remedial training.

### Davin Christensen, PT

Date: 09/29/2023

Final Action: Order and Settlement Agreement – a violation of NAC 640.580, NAC 640.660. Fines and Fees: \$1,250.00, and remedial training.

## EXPLORE FSBPT RESOURCES DESIGNED FOR YOU

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) is the national governing body that promotes safety, competence, collaboration, and teamwork in the field of physical therapy. The FSBPT provides services, tools, resources and leadership to assist physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in their practices.

Please visit the FSBPT website <https://www.fsbpt.org/Secondary-Pages/Licensees> to learn more about the information available for licensees.

Exam Candidates Licensees Members Educators Volunteers The Public

Licensees

Become Licensed in Another State

Continuing Competence

Ethical Conduct

Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM)

Licensees

Explore FSBPT Resources Designed for You

*Do you want to grow professionally and maintain your competence?*

FSBPT is committed to supporting you every step of the way. We want your experience as a PT or PTA to be a rewarding one. We also want you to be competent throughout your career.

**Become Licensed in Another State**

If you want to move or expand your practice to another state, you will need to get licensed in that state.

[Get Started >](#)

**Top Three Resources and Services for Licensees**

- 1 Score Transfer Service**  
If you are seeking licensure in another jurisdiction, use this service to transfer NPTE® score information.
- 2 Licensing Authority Contact Information**  
Contact the licensing authority in the jurisdiction in which you want to practice to get the most up-to-date information on initial licensure and renewal requirements.
- 3 Licensure Reference Guide**  
Compare the similarities and differences of requirements among the jurisdictions.



# MEET JESSIE FISHER

## Board Vice-Chair

### Where are you from?

Technically from Salem, Mass, but I grew up in Sparks, N.V.

### What company do you work for?

Northern Nevada Health System, which is part of Universal Health Services.

### Biggest career challenge you've had to overcome?

Having to learn how to run an acute rehab unit after 20 years as an outpatient orthopedics PT. It made me realize just how much I could still learn about our profession.

### What did you hope to bring to the NVPTB?

A different perspective as a PT with experience in hospital-based outpatient/inpatient therapy.

### Did you always want to be a PT?

I always loved anatomy and biology as a kid. I dissected a frog in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and fell in love with the subjects.

### Have you ever been seen by a PT yourself?

Yes, numerous times! I'm currently seeing a PT after a recent cycling accident. My whole family has been conditioned to utilize PT on a regular basis as well.

### Favorite place you've traveled?

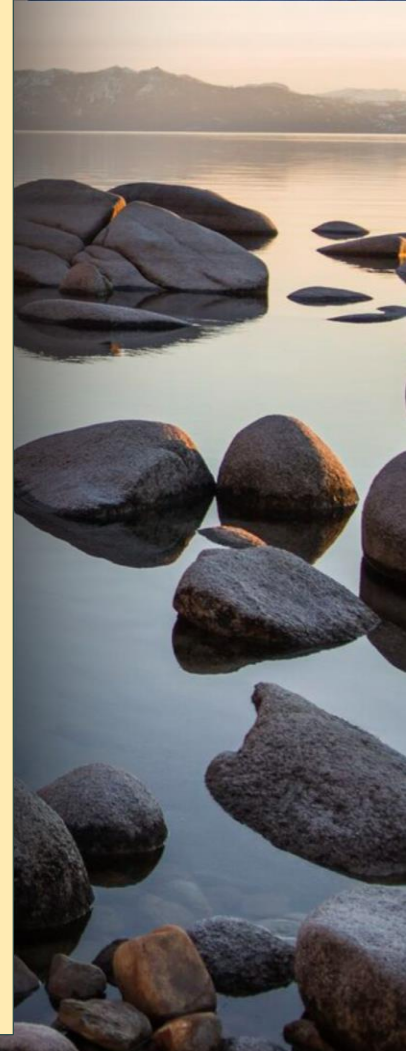
The French Alps. My husband and I cycled through the Alps and watched part of the Tour de France.

### Describe a perfect day outside of work.

A long bike ride in the morning, a great lunch, and an afternoon at Lake Tahoe, or even by a pool.



PT, MPT, MBA, OCS



## Inside the Team

# Employee Highlight

### Getting to Know



**Muriel Morin-Mendes**  
Licensing Coordinator, Since 2007

*"I have gained so much knowledge during my 16 years with the Board. I've enjoyed the flexibility, the benefits, and the opportunities to help applicants through the licensure process."*



**Q: What is it like to work at the Nevada Physical Therapy Board?**

A. It has been a pleasure to witness the growth of the Board office, from paper based applications to the introduction of new licensing software and online licensure and renewals. I am happy to be a part of the growth and change.



**Q: How would you describe yourself?**

A. I'm a team player, hard worker, and self starter.



**Q: What tip or advice would you give an applicant for licensure?**

A. 1. Read all application directions carefully. 2. Don't be afraid to ask questions.



**Q: What are your hobbies?**

A. Window shopping, time with my family, dining out, traveling, and self-care.



**Q: What is something people don't know about you?**

A. I'm originally from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. I have a cute pug name Molly, and 10 grandchildren.



**Q: What is the best trip/place you've ever visited?**

A. My favorite trip was a 16-day Hawaiian cruise. It was the most relaxing vacation I've ever been on!

## NEW BOARD COUNSEL



We are pleased to introduce Ziwei Zheng as the Board's new legal counsel.

Zi became a member of the Nevada Attorney General's Office in 2023. Originally from China, she moved to the United States in 2008. Over the last decade, she committed herself to education and is poised to complete her MBA in December 2023. While in law school, Zi was selected as the Janet D. Steiger Fellow at the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Nevada AG's Office. This experience ignited her passion for becoming a state attorney, driven by a desire to give back to the community that nurtured her, by safeguarding the interests of the public.

- KATHERINE JOINES - PT, DPT  
Board Chair  
Term: 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2023
- JESSIE FISHER - PT, MPT, MBA, OCS  
Vice-Chair  
Term: 11/01/2021 to 10/31/2024
- LAURA CERAME - PTA  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Term: 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2023  
03/17/2020 to 10/31/2020
- JENNIFER NASH - PT, DPT, NCS  
Board Member  
Term: 11/01/2021 to 10/31/2024  
11/01/2018 to 10/31/2021
- AARON STEVENS  
Public Board Member  
Term: 11/01/2021 to 10/31/2024



## Board Members

**FIVE-MEMBER BOARD**  
(pursuant to NRS 640.030)



**Personnel**

**BOARD OFFICE**

### BOARD STAFF:

- Charles D. Harvey - MPA, Executive Director
- Muriel Morin - Mendes - Licensing Coordinator
- Gabriella Fuentes - Administrative Assistant
- Deborah Dieter - PT, Board Investigator, part-time

### BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL:

- Zi Zheng, Deputy Attorney General  
State of Nevada Attorney General's Office

### BOARD LOBBYIST:

- Neena Laxalt - Lobbyist

### BOARD OFFICE LOCATION:

- 3291 N. Buffalo Dr., Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89129

### DAYS / HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



# 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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## REMAINING HOLIDAYS - 2023

Board Office Closed	Day(s)	Dates(s)
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



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## 2024 Board Meeting Schedule



- January 12, 2024
- March 15, 2024
- May 10, 2024
- July 12, 2024
- September 27, 2024
- December 6, 2024

## 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.