

NEWSLETTER



Nevada Physical Therapy Board

VISION

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

MISSION

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

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Next Board Meeting

January 14, 2022

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With Thanksgiving drawing near, I would like to personally thank our board members, staff, and committee members who dedicate their valuable time in support of the Board's mission. I also want to extend thanks and holiday wishes to each of our licensees for a healthy and safe Thanksgiving. We greatly appreciate the services that you provide in our communities every day!

In my role as Executive Director, I'm always interested in hearing about the journey of applicants to become licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. I recently met a new licensee who agreed to share his story and the significance of 08/19/2021. Here's a recap.

On August 19, 2021, I was sitting at my desk when I heard someone shouting. I immediately looked up and saw an individual jumping up and down in the front of the Board office. As I approached, I observed a man shouting for joy with euphoric body language. He then exited the office and hurried to the parking lot. My Licensing Coordinator informed me that the man was a PT applicant who'd just received his license, and was ecstatic. I grabbed my phone and went to the parking lot to congratulate him on this accomplishment. As I approached his vehicle, I noticed that he was still celebrating his new physical therapy license with his wife. I introduced myself and informed him that his exuberance had caught my attention. I asked if I could take his picture, and spotlight his accomplishment in the next Board newsletter. Here is his statement, and a photo of him holding his new physical therapy license on that momentous day. Please join me in congratulating Alfredo Mendoza and all of the new licensees on their achievements.

*Charles D. Harvey, MPA
Executive Director*

Hi, Mr. Harvey

I recall that day vividly as it was one of the happiest days of my life. Here is my brief statement:

"I am no stranger to hard work. I worked full-time while completing pre-requisite courses for Grad School. Throughout PT school and while studying for boards, I worked diligently and to resources available to me. Now, as a licensed Physical Therapist, I reflect on all the sacrifices and the hard work. It was worth all the work to realize my dream of others reach their full potential."

Regards,

Alfredo Mendoza, PT, DPT



PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 640

Here's what's happening!

The Board held a public workshop on November 12, 2021 to solicit comments on proposed amendments and additions to Nevada Administrative Code 640. The relevant subjects of the proposed regulation include:



- Changing “State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners” to “Nevada Physical Therapy Board;
- Changing the term “continuing education” to “continuing competency” to align with the terminology used by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy; defining “competence” and “continuing competence”; clarifying requirements for the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence, the procedure for course approval, and the procedure to become a recognized provider of continuing competence;
- Revising certain requirements for filing an application for licensure with the Board, and clarifying requirements for reinstatement and annual renewal fees;
- Revising the Schedule of Fees and establishing an annual reinstatement fee;
- Clarifying requirements for the reinstatement of a license;
- Revising requirements for licensure as a foreign-educated physical therapist and physical therapist assistant;
- Clarifying requirements for the display of a license;
- Defining and clarifying supervision requirements for licensed and unlicensed persons;
- Revising standards of conduct and establish new requirements;
- Defining and clarifying the physical therapist technician position, limitations, and supervision requirements;
- Revising requirements relating to the filing of a complaint;
- Revising requirements for the filing of a pleading, motion, or other documents other than a complaint;
- Revising procedures for petitioning the Board for declaratory orders or advisory opinions;
- Creating requirements to report criminal convictions or pending criminal actions to the Board;
- Authorizing the Board to grant provisional licenses;
- Authorizing the Board Chair to decide certain pre and post-hearing motions;
- Revising certain standards of conduct for the practice of physical therapy;
- Establishing additional grounds for disciplinary actions;
- Establishing requirements and standards of conduct for patient care management; and relationships with a patient or client;
- Require licensees to report and release certain confidential patient information, in certain circumstances;
- Adopting a citation fine schedule for certain violations, and the imposition of fines;
- Proposing additional actions as may be necessary and proper to effectuate this stated purpose and/or enforce the requirements of NRS Chapter 640 and NAC Chapter 640.

STAY INFORMED

Contact the Board office if you have any questions or would like more information on proposed changes!

NEW LICENSING SOFTWARE

The Board is planning a major software enhancement in 2022, to automate licensing for 3,000 therapists statewide.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOU?

The new system will automate, simplify and streamline:

- Online renewals and initial license applications
- Submission and tracking of continuing competence
- Complaint, investigations, and enforcement
- Licensee verification
- Accessibility using all mobile devices



“This is such an important initiative for the Board,” says Director Harvey. “The implementation of a new software solution is critical in ensuring that we are delivering the highest level of service to applicants, licensees and consumers of physical therapy services.”

RULE REMINDER

Starting the renewal process early may help you avoid issues at the last minute. If your license expiration date is approaching, there is no need to wait to renew. Once you have met your annual continuing competence requirements, you may submit your renewal starting approximately two months prior to your expiration date. If your renewal is delayed and you do not complete all requirements before your license expires, you will be subject to late fees, and you may not provide physical therapy services.

Remember: *It is a violation of the law and of the Practice Act to practice on an expired license.*

LICENSEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Heather Riggins, PT, DPT

As an APTA certified clinical instructor and board member for Las Vegas AMBUCS (Adaptive Bikes for Children), Heather is committed to the community and passionate about patient care. Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Heather relocated to Nevada to obtain her Doctor of Physical Therapy education from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She has been a physical therapist for 9 years, and brings a high level of energy and personality to the patients she treats at Let’s Talk Therapy Center in southern Nevada. Heather’s dedication to the field of physical therapy is evident in her work with children, and her passion to help them reach their highest level of independence and mobility. Heather is certified in the TheraSuit Method, providing intensive therapy for children and adults with multiple diagnoses, including cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, stroke, developmental delays, ataxia, traumatic brain injury, and Down syndrome.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD?



The primary role of the Board is to protect the health, safety and well-being of the public by ensuring that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are competent and fit to practice. It is not the Board's role to advocate for the physical therapy profession, this is the role of professional associations such as the American Physical Therapy Association of Nevada (APTA NV). However, the Board engages with a broad range of groups

including professional associations, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, physical therapy students, regulators, legislators and government officials.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is pleased to announce the election results for Board leadership positions in 2022.

- ☑ Jennifer Nash elected as Board Chairperson
- ☑ Katherine Joines elected as Vice Chair
- ☑ Laura Cerame elected as Secretary/Treasurer
- ☑ Laura Cerame elected as Liaison to the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence



PUBLIC MEMBER

Do you know someone who may be interested in public service? The Public Board Member position is currently open.

The public member serves as a representative of the general public and must possess the following qualifications: The member may not be a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant; or the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant.

If you know someone who may be interested in the Public Member vacancy and meets the above qualifications, please direct them to the Governor's Boards & Commissions website:

https://gov.nv.gov/Board/Home_Board/.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD CHAIR

Brian Fearnley, PT, MPT

VICE-CHAIR

Jennifer Nash, PT, DPT, NCS

MEMBERS

Katherine Joines, PT, DPT

Laura Cerame, PTA

Vacant, Public Member

BOARD STAFF

Executive Director

Charles D. Harvey, MPA

Licensing Coordinator

Muriel Morin Mendes

Board Operations Support Specialist

April Ramirez

Board Investigations

Deborah Dieter, PT, Investigator

Board Inspections

Steven Liaos, PT, Inspector

Chad Bible, PT, Inspector

Wendy Johnson, PT, Inspector

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING COMPETENCY (ACCC)

Chair

Tiffany Barrett, PT, DPT, OCS

Vice-Chair

Jennifer Luthy, PT, DPT

MEMBERS

Jennifer Nash, PT, DPT, NCS, Board Liaison

Krysta Boyd, PT, DPT

Vacant, ACCC Position

MESSAGE FROM THE

BOARD CHAIR

As I end my 6 years on the Nevada Physical Therapy board, I want you to know that your board is in a great place right now. There's been a lot of transition and work done over my 6 years on the Board and I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of your Executive Director Charles Harvey and his staff at the board office in Las Vegas. They have been instrumental in getting us to where we are.

Lastly, I want you to view your board as a resource for you professionally and encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns to the board office.

Brian Fearnley



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Is dry needling within the scope of practice of physical therapy?

A: Yes, NRS 640.014 defines dry needling as a skilled technique performed by a physical therapist using a single-use, single-insertion, sterile filiform needle, which is used to penetrate the skin or underlying tissue to effect change in body conditions, pain, movement, impairment and disability. A physical therapist must demonstrate that they meet the educational and training qualifications prior to utilizing dry needling techniques in patient treatment.

Q: I have moved and/or changed my place of employment. How do I update my address with the Board?

A: Changes in residential and mailing addresses must be submitted in writing to the Board administrative office within 30 days. Please include your name, license number, and new address, and specify which address has changed.



Q: How do I report a name change and/or request an updated license?

A: Name changes must be submitted in writing to the Board administrative office, along with documentation supporting the change (i.e., marriage certificate, divorce decree). Please include your name and license number. If you wish to receive a duplicate copy of your license reflecting the updated name, you must specify this in your request and include a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Q: The physical therapy scope of practice is defined in the law. Does that mean that I can do everything that falls within the legal scope of practice of my profession?

A: Licensees are required to practice within the scope defined in NRS 640 & NAC 640, and within their personal scope of competence. If you are not competent to provide a service that you are legally allowed to provide, then you may not provide that service. It is your responsibility to practice within the scope of your abilities and expertise.

Q: What should I do, as a licensed PT or PTA, if I believe someone is violating the physical therapy practice act?

A: It is your legal and ethical responsibility to report any suspected violation of the law to the Board. Violators may include unlicensed persons as well as physical therapists or physical therapist assistants who are practicing outside the scope of law.

Q: What happens if I let my license expire?

A: You have up to two years to renew and you will need to pay the renewal fees and late fees and submit continuing competence for each year.

Q: What happens if I let my license lapse past two years?

A: Your license will be terminated and you will need to completely reapply if you intend to practice in the State of Nevada.

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

JULY 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE No.
Hays	Amanda	4599
Bales	Brandon	4600
Leija Jr	Jaun Ridrigo	4601
Ulufale	Kalani	4602
Costa	Cary	4603
Cordova	Jenifer	4604
Portugal	Carmina Garcia	4605
Wilson	David	4606
Schuerman	Jeffrey L.	4607
Harder	Jaslyn	4608
Steller	Nicholas Roland	4609
Yu	Tiffany	4610
Mikami	Tyler	4611
Wismeth Johnston	Rachel	4612
Naito	Bryson R.	4613
Hitchcock	Matthew	4614
Rambo	Timothy	4615
Meixell	Samantha J.	4616
Changsing	Kelsey	4617
Espersen	Janelle	4618
Boehme	Eric William Mielke	4619
Fadgen	Jessica	4620
Vosburg	Emily	4621
Brown	Cole	4622
Johnston	Bryan	4623
Lagare	Mary Grace Santiago	4624
Babikian	Talin	4625
Young	Michelle	4626
Somers	Katherne Lynn	4627
Warren	Andrew	4628
Velazquez	Juan Emmanuel	4629
Ramon	John Christian	4630
Christensen	Rachel Lauren	4631
Gorham	Jamin Nicole	4632
Johnson	Karen M.	4633
Bowdle	Rachel	4634
Del Pilar	Eugene Sorialla	4635

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE No.
Quítevis	Yhasmin	4636
Sprianu	Tyretel	4637
Barroso	Max	4638
Kahan	Jessica	4639
Hider	Laurie Leanne	4640
Stokes	Sarah	4641
Wynn	Shannon M.	4642
Wonderling	Meghan	4643
Torres	Denise	4644
Zamora	Enrico A	4645
Quiazon	Jesse James Jami Garcia	4646
Palopalo	Brent Joshua Cabasa Palopalo	4647
Miller	David J	4648
Mendoza	Alfredo Camesa	4649
Matsunami	Nicole E	4650
Lee	Jed	4651
Higa	Bryson T	4652
Ditsworth	Colin	4653
Blancaver	Lesyl Lemon	4654
Harrington	Megan Leigh	4655
Oyasato	Tara	4656
Christian	Kimberly A	4657
Pascual	Manuel L.	4658
Macadangdang	April Joyce	4659
Apostol	John Wil Bryan	4660
Yang	Daniel M	4661
Rao	Varsha Rajagopal	4662
Land	Thomas J	4663
Capparelli	Daniel	4664
Goumas	Jason	4665
Flage	Michelle I.	4666
Crevier	Jamie	4667
Parent	Fernand	4668
Casazza	Anthony	4669
Ferdinand	Sheila	4670
Massa	Christopher	4671
Potena	Domenica Beth	4672

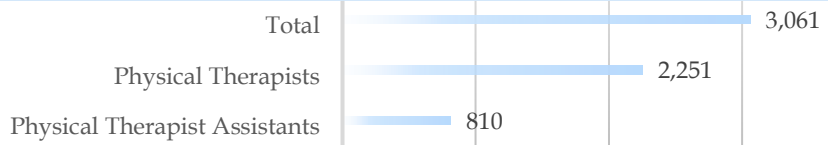
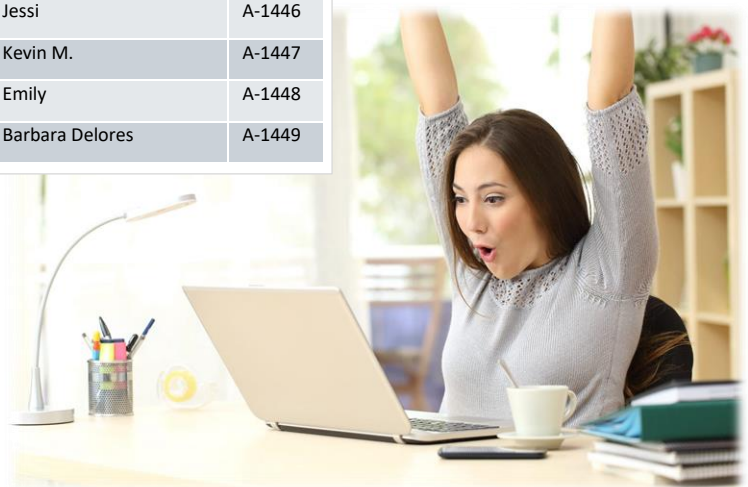
LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE No.
Parrish	Julie	4673
Hernandez	Joseph	4674
Goodwin	Julia Marie	4675
Berberabe	Denmari	4676
Furr	Alyson J.	4677
Call	Taylor Bradley	4678
Parsons	Matthew Michael	4679
Babbidge	Ann Marie	4680
Hogan	Brennan A.	4681
Manzi	Jet	4682
Reed	Linda	4683
Myers	Patrick C.	4684
Soccio	Julia Lauren	4685
Kuroda	Karise	4686
Mathias	Katherine Anne	4687
Ago Manalansan	Maria Cecilia	4688
Howe	Jens	4689
Intriago Sedgwick	Karoline	4691
Cole Iwanicki	Melissa Catherine	4692
Carey	Craighton	4693
Aguilar	Jared	4694
Sabellano	Abegail De Leon	4695
Cardoza	Karren Catacutan	4696
Shaver	Zachary	4697
Holloway	Laura Ellen	4698
Urionaguena	Kelley	4699
Duran	Lucretia M	4700
Sieger	Dalia	4701
Sanchez	Michael Anthony	4702
Blattenberger	Taylor	4703
Reodique	Rosario	4704
Lopez	Marco	4705
Steege	Michelle	4706
Antonucci	Leyna Marie	4708
Spalding	Kala Marie	4709
Chan Imai	Jack Wen Duo	4710

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

JULY 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE No.
Benson	Loriene	A-1400
Lyman	Holden	A-1401
Baldwin	James	A-1402
Sorreda	Kimberly C.	A-1403
Gonzalez	Kenneth Jose	A-1404
Sotto	Vernon G	A-1405
Taitano	Carolyn Pilar	A-1406
Hartman	Jordana	A-1407
Deakins	Stacia Lee	A-1408
Waggoner	Michelle	A-1409
Villa	Natalia Raquel	A-1410
Baylosis	Theresa	A-1411
Fahr	Dillon T	A-1412
Bojado Martinez	Hector Ramon	A-1413
De La Cruz	Glenn Francis M.	A-1414
Benkirane	Soukaina	A-1415
Newsom Butts	Kellie Anne	A-1416
Casino	Adrian	A-1417
White	Justin	A-1418
Cruz	Lyra	A-1419
Rivera	Jayven	A-1420
Bruce	Brigette	A-1421
Cruz	Norman Laranang	A-1422
Montano	Marco	A-1423
Rivera	Luis	A-1424
Rumbaoa	Ronson	A-1425
Stanton	Amanda	A-1426
Carlson	Liliauna	A-1427
Schmucker	Corbin	A-1428
King	Brittney	A-1430
Howe	Anna	A-1431
Bartee	Taylor	A-1432
Silva	Eric	A-1433
Pepper	Brittanee	A-1434

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE No.
Gregrow	James	A-1435
Aster	Alec Michael	A-1436
Cool	Natalie L.	A-1437
Chunn	Andrew R.	A-1438
Hirsch	Maggie	A-1439
Preece	Trevor Cole	A-1440
Jackson	Isabella	A-1441
Miranda	Matt	A-1442
Munoz	Alexa Christina	A-1443
Modlin	Elyse Kaiulani	A-1444
Elliott	Tyler	A-1445
Jaech	Jessi	A-1446
Smith	Kevin M.	A-1447
Rust	Emily	A-1448
Yearwood	Barbara Delores	A-1449



**TOTAL ACTIVE LICENSEES
AS OF 10/31/2021**

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

The Board has scheduled meetings throughout the year for purposes of conducting administrative business concerning ratifying licenses, promulgating rules, disciplinary matters, etc. The five (5) members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and serve three (3) year terms. A quorum of three (3) members is required to conduct public business. The meetings are open to the public. 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/>.

WATCH LIVE ONLINE



Nevada Physical Therapy Board meetings are viewable via the internet. Links to view meetings can be accessed by visiting the Board website: <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/> and following the login instructions.

2021 Board Holiday Schedule

Board office closed	Day(s) of Week	Date(s)
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Thu, Fri	Nov 25, Nov 26, 2021
<i>Christmas</i>	Fri	Dec 25, 2021

2022 Board Holiday Schedule

Board office closed	Day(s) of Week	Date(s)
<i>New Year's Day</i>	Sat	Jan 1, 2022
<i>MLK Day</i>	Mon	Jan 17, 2022
<i>Washington B-Day</i>	Mon	Feb 21, 2022
<i>Memorial Day</i>	Mon	May 30, 2022
<i>Independence Day</i>	Mon	Jul 4, 2022
<i>Labor Day</i>	Mon	Sep 5, 2022
<i>Nevada Day</i>	Fri	Oct 28, 2022
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	Fri	Nov 11, 2022
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Thu, Fri	Nov 24, Nov 25, 2022
<i>Christmas</i>	Mon	Dec 26, 2022

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



- January 14, 2022
- March 18, 2022
- May 6, 2022
- July 22, 2022
- September 9, 2022
- November 4, 2022

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.