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BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2026

Item 1. Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

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

Board Members Present: Michael Layman, PT, Board Chair; Gina McDade, PTA, Vice-Chair; Louis Hillegass, PT, Member; Joe Indrieri, PT, Member; Anita Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer (attending remotely).

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

Item 2. Board Mission and Vision Statements

Chair Layman read the Board's Mission Statement, which focuses on protecting the health and safety of Nevadans through education, licensing, and enforcement. He followed with the Vision Statement, emphasizing the goals of safety, competence, and availability of care for the public.

Item 3. Public Comment (1st Period)

Verbal Public Comment:

None.

Written Public Comment:

Director Harvey presented a written comment from a licensee asking the Board to consider a process for identifying "retaliatory" complaints filed by disgruntled employees or colleagues. The Board agreed to consider adding this to a future agenda to ensure patient safety cultures are not weaponized.

Director Harvey shared an Attorney General's opinion recently provided to the Massachusetts board regarding stretching facilities. Director Harvey noted that while the Nevada Board investigated a Reno stretch facility in 2025 and found no grounds for enforcement at that time, the Board remains vigilant about services that may cross into unlicensed physical therapy practice.

Item 4. Board Committee Reports and Updates

A. APTA Nevada (Jessie Fisher, APTA NV Secretary):

- **Legislative PAC:** A Nevada PT PAC has been established to raise funds throughout 2026.
- **2027 Priorities:** Key focuses include Medicaid reimbursement improvements, reducing administrative burden and treatment delays, and seeking "primary provider" status for PTs in workers' compensation cases.

B. Tri Strategies (Paul Klein):

- **Regulatory Workshops:** Reported on the "Office of Boards and Commissions" December 2025 meeting, where we recommended that high performing board be potentially exempt from some of the new requirements. Most of the boards that were present opposed the new proposed regulations. B&I stated that they would review the feedback and host another workshop in the next few months.
- **Interim Sessions:** Noted upcoming meetings for the Joint Standing Committees on Commerce & Labor and Health & Human Services.
- **Federal Funding:** Nevada is set to receive **\$180 million** for the "2026 Federal Rural Health Transformation" program to aid in the workforce recruitment and retention for rural providers, including PTs.

C. ACCC (Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency)

- Vice-Chair McDade reported that the review process for continuing competence course applications is running smoothly. Low-credit courses are handled by the Board office, while higher CEU requests are reviewed via email by the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency. Turnaround time for approvals is currently only a few days.

D. Model Practice Act Work Group

- Director Harvey presented an agenda, workgroup template, and timeline for the upcoming review. Coordination is in progress for the first meeting, which is being scheduled within the next month.

E. Legal Counsel Update

- Deputy AG Ostunio discussed the comprehensive Boards and Commissions training session, scheduled for January 28, 2026. Topics include ethics, Open Meeting Law updates, and contested cases. Board members were encouraged to attend virtually.

Item 5. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Board Operations & Consent Agenda**
- B. Draft Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2025**
- C. Ratification of PT/PTA Licenses Approved (November – December 2025)**
- D. Ratification of ACCC Recommendations for Courses Reviewed – December 12, 2025.**

The Board reviewed the Board Operations Report, which Director Harvey designed to serve as a comprehensive historical record for 2025, the 11/21/2025 Meeting Minutes, the Nov-Dec 2025 License Ratifications, and the 12/12/25 ACCC Ratifications.

Motion: Motion to approve the operations report, the November draft minutes, the ratification of PT/PTA licenses, and the course reviews from December 12, 2025: Vice-Chair McDade

Second: Member Hillegas

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Board Disciplinary Matters (Case No. 2025-11)

- A. The Board reviewed a settlement offer for Michael Hermano, PTA (License #A-1070).

Deputy AG Ostunio introduced a proposed settlement offer for Case No. 2025-11. The case involved allegations of "billing for services not rendered.

Motion: Motion to approve the settlement as written: Chair Laymon
Second: Member Hillegass
Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Consent Agenda Item. Recommendation for Dismissal and Closure of Non-Substantiated Complaints and Cases

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| i. Complaint #91 | ix. Complaint #108 |
| ii. Complaint #95 | x. Complaint #110 |
| iii. Complaint #96 | xi. Complaint #115 |
| iv. Complaint #97 | xii. Complaint #116 |
| v. Complaint #99 | xiii. Complaint #117 |
| vi. Complaint #101 | xiv. Complaint #123 |
| vii. Complaint #102 | xv. Case #2024-10 |
| viii. Complaint #104 | |

Motion: Motion to dismiss as stated in the agenda: Vice-Chair McDade
Second: Member Hillegass
Motion passed unanimously

Item 8. Board General General Discussion & Action Items

- A. Selection of FSBPT Voting Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Funded Administrator & Meeting Attendees. These positions will be funded to attend the following events, and the Voting Delegate will represent the board by voting for FSBPT candidates and motions.

Motion: Move to approve Member Wagner as Voting Delegate, Member Indrieri as Alternate Delegate, and Director Harvey as the Funded Administrator: Chair Laymon
Second: Member Hillegass
Motion passed unanimously

- B. Strategic Plan Updates
None

- C. Open Roundtable

APTA Ethics Update: Vice-Chair McDade informed members of the APTA rollout of a new ethics document on January 1st. The APTA has consolidated the PT and PTA ethics documents into one collaborative, direct document.

Item 9 Report from Board Chair and Members

Director Harvey discussed the board’s membership in CLEAR (The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation), and the different training opportunities and services they provide. Director Harvey noted the uptick in complaints (approx. 42 in 2025), emphasizing that every complaint is vetted thoroughly before being brought for dismissal or action. He summarized the complaint and investigation process and the assignment of complaint numbers vs case numbers.

Item 10. Future Agenda Items

- **Jurisdiction Expansion:** Discussing the ability to discipline non-licensees or former licensees.
- **Primary Care Designation:** Researching language from other states (like Utah) to define PTs as primary care providers.
- **Community Survey:** Discussion on sending a survey to the PT community to gather feedback on desired changes in practice regulation.
- **Support for PTAs in Animal Physical Therapy:** Revisit the Vet board and see where we are with the potential PTA practice and what we need to do to allow PTAs to support PT with animal rehab.
- **Board Meetings on School Campuses:** Discussion on the potential of holding board meetings at PT/PTA campuses to gain student participation.
- **Board Meeting Times:** Discussion on holding evening meetings so more people can participate.

Item 11. Public Comment (Second Period)

None.

Item 12. Adjournment

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:58 AM.