

NEWSLETTER



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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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With 2020 behind us, the Board remains focused on delivering on its mission, while anticipating and overcoming obstacles in the delivery of services. To that end, we will soon be updating the statutes to reflect current practices. We are also seeking passage of the Physical Therapy Compact (SB100) to reduce regulatory barriers to interstate mobility and cross-state practice, and increase consumer access to physical therapy services. A summary of SB100 can be found on page 3 of the Newsletter, or you may review the Bill in its entirety at: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/FiscalNotes/Document/81st2021/BDRs/BDR81_0153.pdf. Please feel free to contact me via email at pted@govmail.state.nv.us or telephone at (702) 876-5535 if you have any questions.

Charles D. Harvey, MPA, Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Spring is almost here and Director Harvey and the board staff have been working hard to keep things running as smoothly as possible as we start to see the possibility of things moving back towards normal. We're hopeful that the PT compact will be passed this legislative session giving you portability of your license to 21 other states. There are another 16 states who have either introduced legislation or currently enacting legislation to join the compact. (<http://ptcompact.org/ptc-states>)

We're also optimistic that the updates that we have been working on for our NACs will be finished this spring. There will be an adoption hearing public meeting in the near future. Once these changes take effect it is important that you familiarize yourself with the new regulations. Look for an email in the coming months outlining updates to the NACs.

Also remember, you can always find any information from previous board meetings on the board website or contact the board office with any questions.

RULE CHANGES – NAC 640



The Board is planning an Adoption Hearing on May 7, 2021 to introduce rule changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 640.

The proposed changes are intended to update the statutes to better reflect current practice and enable the Board to function more effectively. Public hearings have taken place to solicit input from the professions and interested parties. A detailed summary of proposed changes to NAC 640 is attached for your review.

Please contact Director Harvey if you believe the proposed regulation will impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business (*fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees*) or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business. Licensees will be notified of the hearing date and time, and other relevant information via email. The adoption hearing will also be agendaized and posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature began on February 1, 2021. The Board is tracking all bills and proposed legislation that may impact the physical therapy profession in the State of Nevada. Members of the public may sign up and track bills using the Nevada Legislature's Personalized Legislative Tracking (PLT) System at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Plt>

PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT

Senate Bill (SB) 100 was recently introduced to enact provisions governing the interstate practice of physical therapy.

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is an interstate compact that allows 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 order to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under the Compact, the Compact requires a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to:

- 1) Hold a license in his or her home state;
- 2) Have no encumbrances on his or her license;
- 3) Be eligible to practice under the Compact;
- 4) Have had no adverse actions taken against any license or authority to practice under the Compact within the previous 2 years;
- 5) Notify the Physical Therapy Compact Commission that he or she is seeking to practice under the Compact in another state;
- 6) Pay all applicable fees;
- 7) Meet all requirements in the state in which he/she seeks to practice under the Compact; and
- 8) Report any adverse action taken against him or her within 30 days after the date the adverse action is taken.

You may review SB100 in its entirety at:

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/FiscalNotes/Document/81st2021/BDRs/BDR81_0153.pdf

Please contact the board office if you have any questions.



AUDIT OF CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is conducting its regular audit of licenses renewed in the last year. This audit requires randomly selected licensees to provide copies of documentation showing completion of continuing competency activities used to satisfy licensee renewal requirements

Audit notices will come from the board via email. In order to comply with the request, simply submit the proper documentation to the board by the requested date. If you do not receive a notice, you are not subject to audit at this time. NOTE: Nevada Physical Therapy Board Audit Notices are not a scam. They will include the name and contact information for a Board employee. You may verify an audit notice by contacting the Board office at (702) 876-5535.

All Nevada PTs and PTAs are required to complete 15 hours of board-approved continuing competence (CC) activities to maintain professional licensure. In accordance with NAC 640.510(3) "A licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall retain a certification of completion issued to him or her pursuant to NAC 640.420 or other documentation, approved by the Board, of his or her completion of a course or training."

To ensure that you receive proper notice of audit and other board correspondence, please ensure the Board has your current contact information (including email, telephone, primary residence and primary employment information).

REVIEW OF CONTINUING COMPETENCE COURSES

Each course that is submitted for Board approval is reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency (ACCC), pursuant to NAC 640.650. The ACCC makes recommendations to the Board to approve and grant a specific number of units or to deny the course.

The approved course list is available for review on the Board website at:

<https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/CE/ApprovedCourses.pdf>



The ACCC is comprised of 5 members who meet approximately every two months. ACCC meetings are posted to the Board's website and noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law. We welcome your attendance and input at these meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

(September 2020 – February 2021)

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Stattelman	Cory A.	4384
Denes	Emily	4385
Balen	Jasmine Nicole	4386
Johnson	Courtney Lee	4387
Perez	Joshua	4388
Osias	Joel	4389
Choi	Daelim	4390
Pobre	Briccio G.	4391
Tirona	Maria Rita Veronica	4392
Thornton	Wesley	4393
Pirkle	Connie	4394
Scanlon	Timothy William	4395
Sawka	Marieke Elena	4396
Mahinan	Jeffrey Perea	4397
Leung	Elliot Henry Ho Fai	4398
Perez	Aundrea	4399
Heuer	Nancy	4400
Shattuck	Rianna Alcantara	4401
Heartman	Alison	4402
Mitson	Ashley	4403
Weir	Sandra D	4404
Ghayal	Priya D.	4405
Mikla	Anthony	4406
Castor	Jenna Gonzales	4408
Kester	Sara	4409
Espanol	Katrina	4410
Florence	Judith Noelle	4411
Gajudo	Karlyle	4412
Jaucian	Edward	4413
Rosas Willett	April	4414

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Lendach	Anita	4415
Tabotabo	Lara Kristine Joy	4416
Daniels	Kelsey Zane	4417
Sunga	Jayvin David	4418
Whelan	Alissa	4419
Heerdt	Mary	4420
Stabler	Ryan	4421
Parvez	Alia H	4422
Walton	Hannah	4423
Shaw	Catherine A	4424
Alexander	Megan	4425
O Rear	Ryan James	4426
O Rear	Megan Michelle	4427
Thompson	Aliya Catherine Marie	4428
Escobar	Camila	4429
Pryor	Nathaniel	4430
Kamyab	Negin	4431
Isom	James	4432
Fizer	Jodi Margaret	4433
Robinson	Travis	4434
Murdin	Jessica K	4435
Osias	Mapol	4436
Ponce	Logan Aston	4437
Pritchard	Sarah	4438
Tee	Mark J.	4439
Traupmann	Kevin	4440
Chang	Maricel C.	4441
Bindert	Paul Brian	4442
Williams	David T.	4443
Mitchell	Noria	4444

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Gierczak	Sterling	4445
Brown	Matthew Jay	4446
To	Sharon	4447
Frohlich	Christina Chandra	4448
Almaria	Shaun Michael	4449
Morton	Erin Elizabeth	4450
Kozin	Arielle	4451
Tadeo	Troy John V.	4452
Hutchinson	Heather R.	4453
Newsome	Courtney	4454
Casson Robinson	Nakia S.	4455
Beebe	Michael D.	4456
Manaloto	Fredrick Aaron Lagman	4457
Jaojoco	Christine	4458
Malek	Adam	4459
Haile	Jari Fessahaie	4460
Hsiao	Alexander	4461
Hanson	Kevin A.	4462
Shadko	Rebecca	4463
Hart	Caroline Pualani	4464
Dodd	Hannah	4465
Barayoga	Verna Marie Rillera	4466
Burkard	Brianna M	4467
Cooper	Grant D.	4468

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

(September 2020 – February 2021)

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Harrington	Barbara	A-1323
Echols	Jamie Darlene	A-1324
Kojakehyanyan	Michelle	A-1325
Moore	Hailey	A-1326
Piamonte	Maryann Pison	A-1327
Nangan	Jason E.	A-1328
Ozaeta	Adriel	A-1329
Antom	Stephen John D.	A-1330
Simmons	Russell	A-1331
Lopez	Alexander J.	A-1332
Coady	Molly	A-1333
Milstead	Deborah Dianne	A-1334
Armada	Arthur Palma	A-1335
Sapico	Elijah J.	A-1336
Phillips	Ashleigh Marie	A-1337
Ochoa	Jeanette L.	A-1338
Camahalan	Ian Ivan	A-1339
Cayton	Jesette	A-1341
Zerr	Kiana	A-1342
Jamparueang	Jacquelynn	A-1343
Cruz	Jean	A-1344
Grubbs	Jared	A-1345
Navera	JeanLuc O	A-1346
Giammarino	Jamie Lyndell	A-1347
Wegner	Timothy M.	A-1348
Ganotice	Brandon	A-1349
Sherman	Aubrey	A-1350
Mitchell	Shandesia	A-1351
Berrios Vega	Norimar	A-1352
Antonio	Stacy Solte	A-1353
Dela Cruz	Charlson Cebastian	A-1354
Hardy	Jessy	A-1356
Papavasiliou	Thanos	A-1357
Velicaria	Allen	A-1358

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Strong	Kaitlyn E.	A-1363
Helmy	Christopher	A-1364
Mechamm	Nicole	A-1365
Eskander	Dalia	A-1366
Bunting	Komoki	A-1367
Strong	Kaitlyn E.	A-1363

NAME		LICENSE NUMBER
LAST	FIRST, MI	
Helmy	Christopher	A-1364
Eskander	Dalia	A-1366
Mecham	Nicole	A-1365
Bunting	Komoki	A-1367
Shuper	Matthew Craig	A-1368
Fluelling	Jacoby	A-1369



LICENSEE COUNT

(As of February 28, 2021)

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS 2,215

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS 810

TOTAL ACTIVE LICENSEES. . 3,025

BOARD NEWS

HONORING SHERISE SMITH



At the Board's January virtual meeting, Sherise Smith was recognized for her six years of service on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. Sherise served two terms beginning November 1, 2014 and ending October 31, 2020. During her tenure, she served on numerous advisory committees and working groups including the Legislative Committee, the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence, and the Dry Needling Advisory Committee. Sherise also served as the Board's Vice Chair from December 2017 until 2018, and as the Chairman of the Board from 2018 until the end of her term.

We are grateful to Sherise for her dedicated service to the profession and for outstanding leadership and guidance, as a member of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Governor Steve Sisolak appointed Katherine Joines to the Nevada Physical Therapy Board for a three-year term ending on September 3, 2023. Katherine (Kat) Joines is a faculty member at Touro University Nevada. She loves to share knowledge with all those willing and interested. Kat has run her own business, worked as a clinic director, and continues to do contract work with various companies in the pediatric setting.



In each position, Kat has been responsible for and worked collaboratively with other clinicians and professions. Not only has Kat worked in the clinical setting, but also has been very involved professionally with the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy as the previous Chair of the Continuing Competency Committee, State Representative with the American Physical Therapy Association Pediatric Section, and volunteers at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Clinic days and with Safe Kids to install and educate families on proper car seat usage.

Kat strives to provide the best care possible to all clients and caregivers. She is goal-oriented and aims to encourage families and client's to be their own best advocates. Kat works in a team approach environment and wants others excited to work (play) in the pediatric setting. She is passionate about her profession and strives to provide services to the under-served community.

REPORTS OF SCAMS – REMAIN ALERT

The Board previously announced a number of licensees throughout Nevada received phone calls and correspondence claiming to be the Board threatening action against the therapist's license unless a payment is received.

With that in mind, the Board would like to remind you that our office does not operate in this manner and any correspondence from the Board would appear on formal Board letterhead or from an email address ending with govmail.state.nv.us.

The Board encourages all of its licensees to continue to be on alert. Licensees are encouraged to contact our office at (702) 545-8931 in the event they want to verify official board communications.

WE'VE GONE SOCIAL!!



The Nevada Physical Therapy Board recently launched a new Facebook page. Please take a moment right now and visit our

pages and click "Like" or "Follow." We look forward to bringing you great information and keeping in touch.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/NVPTBoard/>

HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Board has a link on its website for comments, suggestions, and general feedback. In our continuous effort to improve our site and board operations, we look forward to your thoughts on how we can better tailor information that meets your needs.

The messages are monitored by the Board Chair. Please visit us at www.ptboard.nv.gov. You can find the link under the contact tab or at <http://ptboard.nv.gov/Contact/>.

2021 Board Meeting Schedule



January 15, 2021

March 5, 2021

May 7, 2021

July 16, 2021

September 10, 2021

November 12, 2021

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.

BOARD MEMBERS



BRIAN J. FEARNLEY, PT, MPT
BOARD CHAIR



JENNIFER M. NASH, PT, DPT
VICE CHAIR



EATHAN O'BRYANT
SECRETARY/TREASURER, PUBLIC MEMBER



KATHERINE JOINES, PT, MSPT
MEMBER



LAURA CERAME, PTA
PTA MEMBER

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- CHARLES D. HARVEY, MPA
Executive Director
- MURIEL MORIN-MENDES
Licensing Specialist
- APRIL RAMIREZ
Board Operations Support Specialist
- CHELSEA WILSON
Administrative Assistant
- DEBORAH DIETER, PT
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