

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

July 16, 2021

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INVESTIGATIONS & INSPECTIONS



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOARD INVESTIGATION AND A COMPLIANCE INSPECTION?

Nevada law grants to the Board the authority to investigate licensees to determine whether any laws or rules have been violated. The Board conducts announced and unannounced visits in accordance with NRS 640.050(6), which authorizes any member or agent of the Board to enter any premises where a person who holds a Nevada PT or PTA license, and inspect the premises to determine whether a violation of the Practice Act has occurred. Access to patient records is also permitted for the Board in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.512(d)(1)

BOARD INVESTIGATIONS

The most common reason for the Board to begin an investigation is the receipt of a complaint. When a complaint is received, it is reviewed to determine its legitimacy and whether it falls within the Board's jurisdiction to investigate. If it does not, a case is not opened.

When a case is opened, an investigation is commenced and the complainant and licensee are notified. An investigation begins with an interview of the complainant by the Board Investigator who also interviews the licensee, witnesses and any other relevant individuals.

Once an investigation is completed, a report is prepared for review by the Executive Director and an investigative board member. The matter is then placed on the Board's agenda for consideration. The Board's options include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- 1) Dismiss & notify the complainant that no basis for action was found.
- 2) Continue the investigation to obtain additional information.
- 3) Proceed with a hearing or a settlement.



BOARD COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

All licensed PTs and PTAs are subject to routine compliance inspections.

Board Inspections consist of unannounced reviews of licensee documentation and work facilities to monitor compliance and detect violations of the Practice Act. During this process, Board Inspectors conduct a walk-through of offices/ facilities, review licenses of PTs and PTAs, check supervision ratios, and perform an audit of patient records.

Board Inspectors also verify the following:

1. Is the license displayed in accordance with NAC 640.560?
2. Does the licensee employment address correspond to the address of record on file with the Board?
3. Is supervision provided in accordance with NAC 640.592?
4. Is the licensee performing Dry Needling and have they been authorized by the Board?
5. Is the initial evaluation present in the patient record, including identification of a problem list, impairment list, or some form of specific assessment related to a patient's physical therapy diagnosis? (NAC 640.590(b) and (c))
6. Is the PT seeing the patient and assessing them every 7th visit or 21 days? (NAC 640.592(d)).

Most inspections can be completed in less than an hour. At the completion of an inspection, a citation may be issued to a licensee if it is concluded that a licensee has violated the Practice Act. A citation issued pursuant to this section may include an order to:

- Take action to correct the condition that created the violation.
- Pay an administrative fine.
 - For a first violation – an amount between \$100 - \$500.
 - For a second violation, an amount between \$250 - \$1,000.
 - For a third violation, an amount set by the Board after the licensee appears before the Board.
- Reimburse the Board for any expenses incurred to investigate the violation, in an amount not to exceed \$150.



The Nevada Legislature wrapped up its 81st Session on June 1st 2021. Unfortunately, the session closed without passage of the Physical Therapy Compact Bill (SB100), which would allow PTs and PTAs license to obtain practice privileges in other compact states. Several bills were passed that impact occupational licensing in the State of Nevada. These include:



- 1) AB253 - authorizes the use of remote technology systems (teleconference or videoconferencing) for public meetings
- 2) SB5 - revises provisions governing services provided through telehealth and insurance coverage of such services.
- 3) SB109 - requires governmental agencies to request and report certain information related to sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
- 4) SB222 - requires state agencies to collaborate with minority groups on policies and programs that affect minority groups and ensure that programs and services are accessible and inclusive.

You may review the complete list of bills passed during the 81st Legislative session, at the following link: <https://legiscan.com/NV/legislation/2021?status=passed>

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF NAC 640

The Board has undertaken a new administrative review of its practice regulations, with the goal of updating the statutes to better reflect current practice and enable the Board to function more effectively. The Board will review, discuss and consider amendments to Chapter 640 of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), at its July 16, 2021 meeting.

If any licensee has a rule that they would like to bring to the Board's attention, they may submit their statement in writing to pted@govmail.state.nv.us or participate in the discussion at the July Board Meeting.

NEWS FROM THE FSBPT

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 is a member-driven organization comprised of fifty-three regulatory bodies charged with the regulation of physical therapy in their respective jurisdictions. To learn more about the FSBPT and their educational webinars, please visit <https://www.fsbpt.org/News-Events/Events/Webinars/2021-Webinar-Series>.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW

NEW LICENSES ISSUED - 378

- Physical Therapists: 273
- Physical Therapist Assistants: 105

RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED - 2,716

- Physical Therapists: 2,005
- Physical Therapist Assistants: 711

TOTAL ACTIVE LICENSEES - 3,048

- Physical Therapists: 2,238
- Physical Therapist Assistants: 810

CONTINUING COMPETENCY

COURSE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED - 1,458



BOARD MEETINGS HELD - 6

AVG DAYS TO LICENSE - 3

PETITIONS FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW - 3

COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS COMPLETED - 208

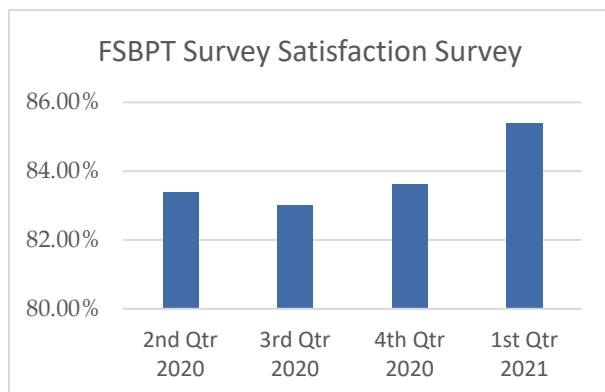
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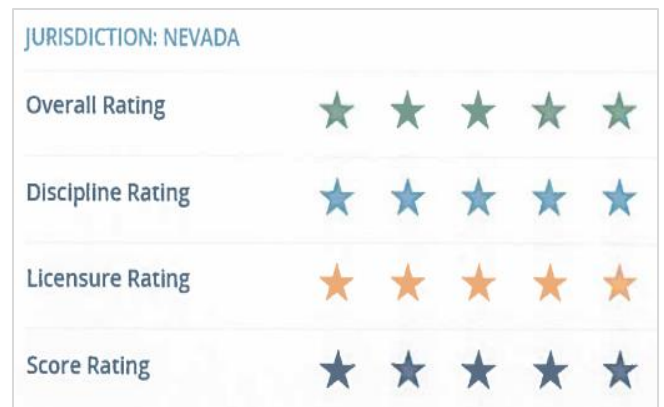
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NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION RATING



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*FSBPT Exam, Licensure and Discipline Database

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS & PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

MARCH 2021 JUNE 2021

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE NO.
McMullin	Erin E.	4469
Lind	Misha T.	4470
Gallagher	Megan E.	4471
Eck	Douglas A.	4472
Oakden	Matthew E.	4473
Dasso	Kara	4474
Suerte	Trisha Marie	4475
Huang	SzuYu	4476
Gonzales	Redentor S.	4477
Freeman	Kyle	4478
Ivie	Amber	4479
McBride	Alice	4480
Nyman	David	4481
Real	Diana	4482
Bergeron	Emily	4483
Vero	Josef Caesar	4484
Flemming	Adam Jeffrey	4485
Peterson	Dylan	4486
Plum	Michael	4487
Samaniego	Katherine	4488
Javier	John M.	4489
Gallogly	Catherine	4490
Wilson	Riley	4491
Milke	Jillian	4492
Alavar	Ocherie G.	4493
Bucher	Dana	4494
Boehm	Jenna E.	4495
Negre	Agatha R.	4496
Kini	Aishani S.	4497
Ikpeama	Austin C.	4498
Bucher	Benjamin T.	4499
Martineau	Eric Joseph	4500
Bay	Erin	4501
Toprani	Bijal	4502

LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE NO.
Ogbomo	Osahon	4503
Kirkegaard	Kristin H.	4504
Grise	Carrie	4505
Lee	Alex	4506
Cooper	Gregory Thomas	4507
Goodyear	Nikolai	4508
Dimercurio	Joseph	4509
Topete	Melanie K	4510
Chowdhary	Meghna Hiralal	4511
Chitti	Swathi	4512
Kelinske	Miranda S.	4513
Pilar	Michelle E	4514
Kingsley	Nicole	4515
Kang	Matthew R.	4516
Fernando	Marty Antonio B.	4517
Fernandes	Stephanie Joann	4518
Loquinario	Arvin	4519
Chorba	Rita S	4520
Yanabu	Stephanie	4521
Grant	Brenton John	4522
Cabanayan	Melani K	4523
Flynn O'Donnell	Kimberly Rose	4524
Teagarden	Austin Chase	4525
Brown	Samantha	4526
Lentz	Cori Ann	4527
Erickson	Ryan D.	4528
Tran	Marinelli	4529
Vanek	Alyse	4530
Campbell	Brien Joseph	4531
Morta	Hazel P	4532
Heinritz	Anne	4533
Paralkar	Shivani Vilas	4534
Angeles	Angeles	4535
Oaks	Emily	4536

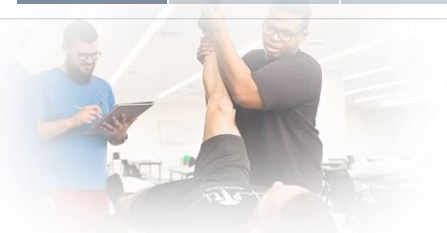
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Armes	Kendra	4537
Voss	Laura	4538
Jacobson	Kameron	4539
McCarl	Hannah	4540
Duvall	Christine	4541
Soria	Selena Mae	4542
Simon	Aaron	4543
Fox	Tavin Glenn	4544
Lim	Jon Philip	4545
Meegodakan kanamedona	Sachini S.	4546
Weber	Collin	4547
Griffith	Anna Louise	4548
Repayo	Kenneth	4549
Arches	Jynelle Marie	4550
Mitchell	Cailin	4551
Tillitt	Matthew	4552
Bashaw Jr	Eric Michael	4553
Wolkenhauer	Benjamin	4554
Laudermilch	Lana	4555
Ng	Cheuk Wing Denise	4556
Gan	John Patrick	4557
Carrillo	Gilberto A.	4558
Woo Hatch	Alyssa	4559
Stone	Kathleen M.	4560
Ortmann	Katherine	4561
Hadley	Samuel	4562
Fabian	Catrina	4563



LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE NO.
Anderson	James A.	4564
Lencioni	John	4565
Doblado	Felicia	4566
Gaddi	James P.	4567
Knorr	Anna	4568
Parvin	Tyler	4569
Nguyen	Laura	4570
Cabrera	Rafael Lorenzo	4571
Regis	Michelle	4572
Manaloto	Kristen Carmel	4573
Winter	Margret	4574
Clark	Zachary A	4575
Burke	Tina	4576
Cox	Douglas P	4577
Wright	Kevin James	4578
Saldajeno	Aileen S	4579
Price	Katelyn Ann	4580
Satterfield	Joseph M	4581
Roederer	Lindsey	4582
Ortega	Chelsea Allyn	4583
Martin	Theresa A.	4584
Hidalgo	Kelcey Aguirre	4585
Manzanares	Krista K.	4586
Stein	Erin Margaret	4587
Brown	Barbara Jean	4588
Walkosz	Annamarie R	4589
Sanuos	Emad	4590
Chen	Amy	4591
Gelera	Lani C.	4592
Waters	Braden	4593
Steller	Kimberly Ann	4594
Lontoc	Mae Lynne M.	4595
Cisneros	Cole	4596
Williams	Hannah	4597
Hamera	Melissa K.	4598



LAST	FIRST, MI	LICENSE NO.
Ramirez	David Christopher	A-1370
Lampe	McKenna	A-1371
Antikoll	Nicole S.	A-1372
Yates	Eric H	A-1373
Cooper	Craig	A-1374
Wright	Thayne	A-1375
Lucas	Parriz Monique	A-1376
Dedonis	Kathryn L	A-1377
Kim	Christina S	A-1378
Fabros	Gabrielle	A-1379
Reyes	Alana Nicole	A-1380
Lewis	Jacob J.	A-1381
Allhands	Bobbie Leigh	A-1382
Descuatan III	Feliciano	A-1383
Alfajora	Maria	A-1384
Levitsky	Janet Helene	A-1385
Robertson	Micah	A-1386
Chaidez	Jena R	A-1387
Villasenor	Trisha T	A-1388
Deitrick	Kirk Lewis Deitrick	A-1389
Springer	Cassidy	A-1390
Raymond	Ralph A.	A-1391
Ferng	Debbie	A-1392
Benson	Greg M	A-1393
Postlewait	Sophia	A-1394
Cunningham	Amanda	A-1395
Viado	Patrick	A-1396
Turner	Melissa	A-1397
De Guzman	Jayron	A-1398
Fernandez Garcia	Angelica	A-1399
Benson	Loriene	A-1400
Holden	Lyman	A-1401



LICENSEE CONTACT INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of each licensee to notify the Board of a name or address change. Written notice of a name change, change of home address, or professional address must be sent to the Board office within 30 days of the change according to NAC 640.055, NAC 640.061. In addition to being a requirement of state law and therefore subject to disciplinary action, important communications are mailed to licensees. Emails are also an efficient method of sharing information with licensees, so please ensure the Board has your current email address on file.

Please note:

- For a name change resulting from marriage or court decree, please send a copy of the legal document verifying the change. The Board will issue an updated license upon payment of the appropriate fee. You may mail, fax or email the information to the Board office.
- Our agency provides licensure lists for a fee to recruiters, continuing education sponsors, and other agencies. Please designate your preferred address of public record for public disclosure. If a preferred address is not designated, the default address will be your home address.

The forms to update a primary and residential address, and change your name in your board records, can be found on the Board website at: <https://ptboard.nv.gov/Forms/Home/>.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

It's already been a hot summer in Nevada. In spite of the record heat, I hope everyone enjoyed a happy safe 4th of July. As we get further into this year we hope to move once again to in-person meetings. While you still will be able to join us remotely for future board meetings, you may choose to attend in person in the near future. During the July meeting, the Board will review and discuss revisions and updates to NAC 640 which are the rules that define and explain the statutes that govern the practice of physical therapy in our state.



Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Eathan O'Bryant for his service as our public member over the past few years to the Board and wish him the best in his future endeavors.



State of Nevada

Physical Therapy Board

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2021 BOARD MEETINGS



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.