

Minutes of October 1, 2026, Board of Physical Therapy Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chairperson, called the virtual meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 1:03 p.m. on October 1, 2026, in the Lower Level, Goldenrod Conference Room, of the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on September 14, 2026.

Peck announced that this is an Open Meeting and that the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chairperson (via Teams)
Kimberly Oliphant (via Teams)
Crystal Stuhr (via Teams)

Staff Present:

Amy Blinston, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Board Coordinator
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Legal
Ellie Rohr, DHHS Legal
Abby Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General (via Teams)

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Oliphant moved, seconded by Stuhr, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Peck, Stuhr, and Oliphant. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOTS

A mail ballot was sent May 18, 2026, for approval of the April 23, 2026, meeting minutes. Voting to approve, Becker, Peck and Oliphant. Voting nay: none. The minutes were approved on May 19, 2026.

A mail ballot was sent on May 12, 2026, for recommendations regarding the reinstatement of the physical therapy license for William Hamlin. Voting to recommend approval: Becker, Peck, and Oliphant. Voting nay: none. Approved May 14, 2026.

A mail ballot was sent to Board members on May 8, 2026, to review the request by Sydney Schachne to waive the limit of continuing education hours obtained by online methods. The

Board recommended not to waive Continuing Education requirements based on the information provided during the April 23, 2026 meeting.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Oliphant moved, Stuhr seconded for the Board to move into closed session at 1:08 pm to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Stuhr, Oliphant, Peck. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:33 pm. There were no recommendations.

6. LEADERSHIP ISSUES FORUM MEETING UPDATE

Peck attended Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) July 18-19, 2026, in Arlington, VA. Peck explained that the LIF meeting is a preparation meeting before the Annual FSBPT meeting. The FSBPT operates the National Physical Therapy Examinations, has resources for state boards, and gives updates on the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

The participants were divided into roundtables and committees to prepare for the annual meeting. Topics covered at the LIF meeting were deregulation, public licensure lookup, workforce data from each state, healthcare regulatory research institute for research, board vacancies particularly public members, Artificial Intelligence (AI) regulation and exam protection, bylaws, sexual misconduct, physical therapy and primary care, and updates from committee and taskforces.

These items will also be discussed at the FSBPT Annual Education meeting. The national meeting will be October 22-24, 2026, in Greenville, South Carolina. The keynote speakers, Denise Huskins and Aaron Quinn, will be talking about informed investigations and how to conduct interviews. Their story is on a Netflix podcast called American Nightmares.

Peck and Blinston discussed attending national meetings and the State of Nebraska has fiscal responsibility so only one staff person is allowed to attend any meeting.

7. COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Peck shared that the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association will hold a student conclave in Omaha, NE on October 23, 2026. Peck will give a speech about his work with the Native American Communities and a pro-bono physical therapy clinic he has had for 25 years.

8. LICENSURE APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Blinston presented the License Application Processing Report (APR) and stated that it was prepared for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot in time of licensure activity.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Topics for the next meeting include the Application Processing Report, Physical Therapy Compact Update, Communication with Stakeholders, and Public Comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
(signature on file)
Kimberly Oliphant, Secretary