

Board of Physical Therapy

Minutes for October 16, 2025, Meeting

1. ROLL CALL:

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 1:01 pm on October 16, 2025, 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 October 7, 2025.

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

Members Present:

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chair
Dr. Betsy Becker, Vice Chair
Kimberly Oliphant, Secretary

Staff Present:

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Legal
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigations

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion:

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

3. Reaffirmation of Mail Ballots

The revised minutes for the August 21, 2025, meeting were approved by Peck, Oliphant, and Becker via Mail Ballot. Minutes were approved September 12, 2025.

The mail ballot for the Practice Monitor request for Michelle Mahler, PT #3229 was deferred to the next Board meeting for discussion by the Board members on September 30, 2025.

4. Closed Session

Purpose: To hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions.

Motion:

Oliphant moved, seconded by Becker to move into closed session at 1:03.

Voting aye: Peck, Becker, and Oliphant. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:50 pm.

5. Board Recommendations

The Board of Physical Therapy recommends approving Michael Edgington as a Practice Monitor to fulfill the requirements for Michelle Mahler's, Nebraska Physical Therapy license # 3229, probation requirements. Motion made by Becker, seconded by Oliphant. Voting aye: Peck, Becker, and Oliphant. Voting nay: none.

6. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Updates

The FSBPT meeting will be held October 23rd – 25th, 2025 in Spokane WA. Peck, Oliphant, and Covert-ByBee will attend in person. Becker will attend virtually.

7. Celebrating FSBPT CEO Retirement

The Board has agreed that Peck will mail a note to retiring CEO of the FSBPT, William A. Hatherill, recognizing his service to the FSBPT.

8. Physical Therapy Compact Update

The website link is <https://ptcompact.org/> to learn more about all that the Physical Therapy Compact has to offer. The Compact website is verifying the jurisprudence scores before getting a compact privilege. The Bylaws and Rules are in place to be sure the requirements are being met. The next meeting of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission will be December 10, 2025.

9. Legislative Update

There is nothing to report at this time.

10. Stakeholders Communication Report Out

The Board will table this item until the next Board meeting.

11. Application Processing Report

This report is for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot of licensure activity.

12. Schedule Meetings for 2026

Meetings for 2026 will be as follows:

February 5, 2026

April 23, 2026

June 25, 2026

October 22, 2026

13. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

14. Topics for Next Meeting

Topics for the next meeting will be FSBPT Updates, Legislation Updates, Stakeholders Communication Report Out, Licensure Application Processing Report, Physical Therapy Compact Update, Celebrating FSBPT CEO Retirement Discussion, Per Diem Discussion, Voting for Officers, Voting for Delegates, Notice of Publication, and Public Comment. The next meeting date will be February 5, 2026.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

(signature on file)

Kimberly Oliphant, Secretary