



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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### MINUTES OF MEETING March 19, 2026

Board Members: Ramona Carper, PT, DPT, Chair  
Janice Kuperstein, PT, PhD, Chair-elect  
Stephanie Lutz, PTA  
Brad Profitt, PT, DPT  
Karen Ogle, PT, DPT  
Karen Thompson, PT

Board Staff: Stephen Curley, Executive Director  
Krista Barton, Executive Secretary  
Lisa Turner, Licensure Coordinator  
Keith Poynter, General Counsel

Board Member Absent: Michael Kleinert, Public Member

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy was called to order by the Board's Chair, Ramona Carper, at 9:01 a.m. EST on Thursday, 03/19/26, at the Board Office and via video teleconference. A quorum was present.

Dr. Carper began the meeting by reading into the record that the Board's mission is public protection as it pertains to the delivery of physical therapy services throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Each decision and action taken by the Board shall be in the best interest of public protection without bias and personal conflicts of interest. Dr. Carper asked the Board members to recuse themselves from both discussion and voting on any matter in which a conflict of interest exists.

Additionally, Dr. Carper stated the Board would operate within the defined scope of authority set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and Administrative Regulations. She requested the Board's General Counsel to guide and inform the Board on any contemplated or performed actions that fall outside the parameters of the Board's legal authority.

#### Minutes for Previous Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the 01/08/26 Board meeting.

**Action taken:** Following review and discussion, Dr. Kuperstein made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the Board meeting of 01/08/26. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

#### Civil Matters and Investigations

Dr. Ogle made the motion for the Board to retire into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), (f), and (j) to discuss deliberations of judicial or quasi-judicial bodies regarding individual adjudications that may lead to the discipline of credential holders. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

Subsequently, Ms. Lutz made the motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried. The Board returned to open session and voted on the following cases:

### **2023 Complaint Committee**

**BIC2023-10:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**CE2023-35**

**CE2023-107**

**CE2023-125:** The Complaint Committee reported that these three cases had a Notice of Hearing filed in 2023 and the cases are ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **2024 Complaint Committee**

**C2024-12:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2024-13:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves an individual who is currently under an Immediate Temporary Suspension for multiple violations of their IPTPC contract. The individual has maintained sobriety and has submitted a reinstatement application.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to have Board staff draft a proposed conditional reinstatement of credential to practice and settlement agreement with specified terms. Additionally, the individual shall make an in-person appearance before the Board in May. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

**BIC2024-25:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2024-26:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who was named in a malpractice suit and who was dismissed by the plaintiff in the malpractice suit.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to close this case. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**BIC2024-27:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who allegedly falsified records, however, through the investigative process it was determined that this allegedly took place in Tennessee.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to close the case and turn the case over to the Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2024-28:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who allegedly falsified records. The Board previously voted to issue a settlement agreement with specified terms; however, the credential holder has refused to sign the proposed settlement agreement.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Compliant Committee recommended and moved to issue a Notice of Hearing and Formal Charges. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

### **2025 Complaint Committee**

**BIC2025-02:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-03:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2025-05:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2025-06:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-09:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-12:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-14:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-16:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who has a DUI and has a previous history of DUIs.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to issue a Notice of Hearing if the credential holder does not sign an IPTPC agreement within twenty days of notification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**C2025-17:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who practiced 3 days on a lapsed credential.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to draft a proposed settlement agreement with specified terms. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

**BIC2025-19:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**BIC2025-20:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who allegedly practiced without an active plan of care.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the facts and circumstances of this case, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to have Board Counsel draft a proposed settlement agreement with specified terms. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

**BIC2025-21:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-22:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who allegedly provided substandard care.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the facts and circumstances of this case, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to issue a Private Admonishment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

**C2025-24:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-25:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2025-26:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**R2025-28:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves an individual who practiced on a lapsed credential. The Board previously voted to issue a settlement agreement and adhere to the current fine structure.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to accept the proposed signed settlement agreement and close this case. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**R2025-29:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves an individual who practiced on a lapsed credential. The Board previously voted to issue a settlement agreement and adhere to the current fine structure.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to accept the proposed signed settlement agreement and close this case. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

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**CE2025-60:** The Complaint Committee reported that these cases involve credential holders who failed to take the Jurisprudence Exam during the 2023-2025 biennium and were issued Private Admonishments with associated fines.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to close the cases in which the credential holder has accepted and paid their associated fines and come into compliance with their continued competency hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

Additionally, the cases in which the credential holder has not paid their associated fine will remain open.

**CE2025-62**

**CE2025-66:** The Complaint Committee reported that these cases involve credential holders who failed to take the Jurisprudence Exam during the 2023-2025 biennium, who were deficient with their continued competency hours, and issued a proposed settlement agreement with associated fines.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to close the cases in which the credential holder has accepted and signed the proposed settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ogle, which carried.

**CE2025-69:** The Complaint Committee reported that the credential holder was issued a settlement agreement for failing to take the Jurisprudence Exam during the 2023-2025 biennium and who was deficient with their continued competency hours. The credential holder requested to voluntarily surrender their credential instead of paying the associated fines.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to rescind the proposed settlement agreement and authorized Board staff to draft a voluntary surrender of credential to practice and settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**CE2025-72**

**CE2025-74**

**CE2025-76**

**CE2025-82**

**CE2025-83**

**CE2025-90**

**CE2025-93:** The Complaint Committee reported that these cases involve credential holders who were deficient with their continued competency hours in the random audit and were issued Private Admonishments and associated fines.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to close the cases in which the credential holder has accepted the Private Admonishment and paid their associated fine and come into compliance with their continued competency hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

**CE2025-84:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who did not send all of the requested continued competency documentation during the audit. The credential holder was issued a Private Admonishment and the associated fine and afterwards sent in the requested additional documentation.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to rescind the original Private Admonishment and issue another Private Admonishment with the associated fine of \$300 for failing to turn in their documentation when requested. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ogle, which carried.

**CE2025-88:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who failed to turn in any of their continued competency documentation during the audit. However, the credential holder did send in their continued competency after the audit was concluded.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to rescind the original Private Admonishment and issue another Private Admonishment with the associated fine of \$300 for failing to turn in their documentation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ogle, which carried.

**CE2025-96:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who was issued a Private Admonishment and the associated fines for being deficient with their continued competency hours and would like to voluntarily surrender their credential to practice.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to rescind the Private Admonishment and authorized Board staff to draft a voluntary surrender of credential to practice and settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**CE2025-99:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who was issued a settlement agreement because they were deficient with their continued competency during the 2025 audit and they were deficient with their continued competency in a previous audit cycle. The credential holder was issued a proposed settlement agreement with associated fines.

**Action taken:** The Complaint Committee recommended and moved to accept the proposed signed settlement agreement and close the case. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

## **2026 Complaint Committee**

**BIC2026-01:** The Complaint Committee reports that this case is ongoing.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

**C2026-02:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a facility that is allegedly engaging in fraud and material deception.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to open an investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

**BIC2026-03:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who was previously named in a malpractice suit; however, it was determined that the Board had already opened an investigation in this case.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to merge this investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

**C2026-04:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a facility that is allegedly practicing substandard care.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to open an investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

**C2026-05:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a facility that is allegedly fraudulently billing. The Complaint Committee reviewed the billing documentation, and it was determined appropriate.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the facts and circumstances of this case, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to take no action. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

**C2026-06:** The Complaint Committee reported that this case involves a credential holder who had an Adverse Action in Tennessee for fraud and material deception.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Complaint Committee recommended and moved to open an investigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

### **IPTPC Report**

Mr. Fingerson presented the written IPTPC report dated 03/10/26. IPTPC cases that previously have come to the attention of the Board or were discussed at length during the Complaint Committees' reports were reviewed.

### **Update on Monitoring Probations**

The Board noted the following credential holders who are presently being monitored: Andrea Brown, PT (NCP); Donald Bruce Taylor, PT (NCP); William Barabas, PT; and John Brian Belcher, PTA; Shelley Newcom, PTA.

(NCP – indicates individuals that are not being actively monitored because they are Not Currently Practicing in the profession.)

Mr. Curley reported that he completed a monitoring visit on John Brian Belcher and Shelley Newcom because of difficulties in locating a Board monitor.

**Action taken:** After reviewing the information on the monitoring visits and it being determined there were no issues found, Dr. Kuperstein made a motion for the Board to release both John Brian Belcher, PTA and Shelley Newcom, PTA from monitoring. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carper, which carried.

## **Board Discussions, Committees and Opinion Requests**

### **Practice Act Review Committee**

Mr. Curley provided an update on HB48 that the Bill passed out of the Senate Committee and was placed on the consent agenda for a future date.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **TOEFL Task Force**

Mr. Curley disseminated the recommended changes from the TOEFL Taskforce for the Board to review.

**Action taken:** After review, Ms. Lutz made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed changes to 201 KAR 22:070, and authorized Mr. Curley to begin the legislative process.

### **Informed Consent Task Force**

Mr. Curley reported that the Informed Consent Task Force met on 02/23/26, and the next meeting will be held in the near future.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Ethics Task Force**

The Ethics Task Force was tabled until the May Board meeting, pending additional information.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **KBPT Monitors**

Mr. Curley discussed with the Board reworking the Board Monitor program to include changes to the orientation, development of a regional map for monitors, and creating a mentorship program. The Board created a Monitor Task Force to include Dr. Kuperstein, Dr. Ogle, and Dr. Profitt. Additionally, Mr. Curley discussed the possibility of increasing the hourly rate the Board reimburses monitors.

**Action taken:** After discussion, Dr. Ogle made a motion for the Board to increase the hourly rate from \$60 to \$75 per hour for Board monitors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

### **Consortium**

Mr. Curley discussed the possibility of speaking at the Kentucky/Ohio Consortium on Physical Therapy programs.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Mental Health Expansion/IPTPC**

Mr. Curley reported that he met with Mr. Fingerson and Mr. Poynter to discuss the expansion of the IPTPC program to advertise and update materials to highlight the IPTPC program as a resource to assist with mental health for credential holders.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Rural Health**

Mr. Curley presented the results of the data from the Center for Excellence in Rural Health. Additionally, he reported that a report will be created and be made available to the public.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **201 KAR 22:010 & 201 KAR 22:070**

Mr. Curley presented the proposed changes to 201 KAR 22:010 and 201 KAR 22:070 for the Board to review.

**Action taken:** After discussion, Dr. Kuperstein made a motion for the Board to accept the proposed changes and authorized Mr. Curley to begin the process to amend both regulations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

### **Board ID's & Board Apparel**

Mr. Curley disseminated the form to Board members to fill out if they would like a Board member state identification. Additionally, Mr. Curley provided information on KBPT apparel.

**Action taken:** The Board requested that Mr. Curley create a report on apparel costs and present it at the May Board meeting.

### **CAPTASA**

Ms. Thompson, Mr. Poynter, and Ms. Turner recently attended the 2026 CAPTASA Conference in January. They briefly reported on their experiences.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Jurisprudence Exam Item Writers' Task Force**

Mr. Curley discussed with the Board the need to appoint Item Writers to the 2027-2029 Item Writers' Task Force for the 2027-2029 Jurisprudence Exam.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Board appointed Dr. Carper, Dr. Kuperstein, Ms. Lutz, and Ms. Deborah Turner to serve as Item Writers for the 2027-2029 Jurisprudence Exam.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Curley offered a report that addressed the Board's finances for the Third Quarter of the 2026 Fiscal Year.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Additional Education and Training**

The Board tabled this discussion until the May Board meeting.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **PT Compact State Status Report**

Mr. Curley provided and discussed with the Board the quarterly report regarding the Physical Therapy Compact from the Compact Commission.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

## **Staff Reports and Discussions**

The Board reviewed the following staff reports:

- (a) Mr. Curley and Ms. Barton presented a final report on the 2025 Continued Competency Audit.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

- (b) Staff Inquiry - S.S. Endorsement Application - KBPT staff brought before the Board an endorsement application to be reviewed because the applicant answered "yes" to having a disciplinary action by another licensing authority. Mr. Curley reported that the individual previously was denied a credential in Kentucky due to the Adverse Action taken in West Virginia. Additionally, Mr. Curley reported that the applicant had met all terms and conditions of the Agreed Order in West Virginia and their license is in good standing.

**Action taken:** After review, Ms. Thompson made a motion for the Board to approve the application and authorized Board staff to issue a credential. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

- (c) Staff Inquiry – KBPT staff brought before the Board a question regarding the use of a Non-FDA approved electrical stimulation device.

**Action taken:** After discussion, the Board asked staff to respond that the use of a non-FDA approved electrical stimulation device does not violate the Practice Act. However, the use of such a device would not be advisable. There could be other laws outside the Physical Therapy Practice Act that are being violated, and this could have the potential of civil litigation.

- (d) Application Questions: Mr. Curley provided a brief update on the ongoing review of changing questions on applications and will provide another update at the May Board meeting.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **KBPT General Counsel's Legal Report**

Mr. Poynter provided a presentation to the Board regarding various topics and articles salient to their role on the Board.

**Action taken:** No action taken.

### **Conferences and Meetings Relating to Physical Therapy**

The Board reviewed the following schedule of upcoming conferences:

- a. FSBPT Regulatory Workshop  
(04/09-11/26 Alexandria, VA)  
(Dr. Kuperstein, Dr. Profitt, Ms. Turner, and Mr. Curley shall represent KBPT at FSBPT Regulatory Workshop. (All representatives except for Mr. Curley are attending remotely).
- b. Leadership Issues Forum (LIF)  
(07/18-19/26 Arlington, VA)  
(Dr. Carper & Stephen Curley shall represent KBPT at LIF).
- c. 2026 CLEAR Conference  
(09/14-17/26 Portland, OR)  
Ms. Lutz made a motion for the Board to pay for the registration fees and associated travel costs for up to two Board members to attend the 2026 CLEAR Conference in Portland, Oregon. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.
- d. 2026 FSBPT Annual Education Conference  
(10/22-24/26 Greenville, SC)  
Ms. Thompson made a motion for the Board to pay for the registration fees and associated travel costs for up to four Board members to attend the 2026 FSBPT Annual Education Conference. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lutz, which carried.

### **New Licensee/Reinstatement/Renewal Applications**

**Action taken:** Dr. Kuperstein made the motion to review, approve, and ratify the list of persons issued licenses and certificates since the last meeting, as well as a list of examination and reinstatement applicants. This motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, which carried.

### **Future Topics**

Mr. Curley discussed moving the date of the May Board meeting.

**Action taken:** Mr. Curley will send an email to Board members to determine the date of the May 2026 Board meeting.

### **Board Member Per Diems and Expenses**

Ms. Lutz made a motion to approve per diems for Board members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Lutz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. EST, seconded by Dr. Ogle, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Curley  
Executive Director