

# Board of Physical, Rehabilitative, and Developmental Health Care Professionals

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## *Full Board Meeting* **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**  
**1:04–2:21 p.m.**  
**Virtual Only**

### **A. Call to Order (00:00:10)**

#### **Board Members Present**

Barbara Doughty (Speech-Language Pathologist)  
Brace Hayden (Physical Therapist)  
Derek Stiegemeier (Physical Therapist)  
Jennifer Schoffer Closson (Speech-Language Pathologist) *(Left at 00:56:40.)*  
Samantha Schmidt (Physical Therapist)  
Sarah Harmon (Physical Therapist)  
Taylor Purchio (Athletic Trainer)  
Trent Gahl (Occupational Therapist)

#### **Board Members Absent**

(none)

#### **Staff Present**

Heidi Kaufman (Compliance Specialist)  
Kevin Bragg (Chief, Professional Licensing Bureau)  
Pam Hakala (Board Meeting Executive)  
Robin Graham (Administrator, Central Services Division)  
Sandra Mellott (Executive Officer)  
Sharon Peterson (Section Manager, Professional Licensing Bureau)  
Tori Koch (Attorney)

#### **Public Present**

Cortney Leverentz (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy)  
Emily Herndon (American Physical Therapy Association Montana)  
Kalyn Briggs (Montana Occupational Therapy Association)  
Kristen Neville (American Occupational Therapy Association)  
Kyle Jones (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy)  
Laurie Roberts  
Michael Crews  
Paul Capp  
Riley Ungaretti  
Shelby Midboe (Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association)

**B. Possible Modification and Approval of Agenda Order (00:05:47)**

- a. **MOTION (00:06:16)** Derek Stiegemeier made a motion to approve the agenda as written, and Trent Gahl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**C. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:06:50)**

- a. Shelby Midboe (00:07:41)
- b. Kristen Neville (00:40:01)
- c. Shelby Midboe (00:41:10)

**D. Department Updates (00:09:05)**

**E. Board Action (00:37:46)**

- a. Proposal for Rulemaking: Board merger (00:38:06)
  - 1. **MOTION (00:45:32)** Trent Gahl made a motion to approve the rules package for public comment as written, and Jennifer Schloffer Clossen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Appoint one delegate to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission (00:54:53)
  - 1. **MOTION (00:57:12)** Brace Hayden made a motion to nominate Derek Stiegemeier, and Sarah Harmon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Appoint one delegate to the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission (00:57:51)
  - 1. **MOTION (00:58:18)** Derek Stiegemeier made a motion to nominate Trent Gahl, and Sarah Harmon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Appoint two delegates to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission (00:58:55)
  - 1. **MOTION (00:59:08)** Barbara Doughty made a motion to nominate Jennifer Schoffer Clossen, and Trent Gahl seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- e. Election of Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer (01:01:53)
  - 1. **MOTION (01:02:57)** Barbara Doughty made a motion to nominate Trent Gahl for Presiding Officer, and Brace Hayden seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - 2. **MOTION (01:03:50)** Trent Gahl made a motion to nominate Taylor Purchio as Vice-Presiding Officer, and Brace Hayden seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**F. Executive Officer Reports (01:06:04)**

- a. Fiscal Report
- b. Licensing Report

**G. Future Meeting and Agenda Planning (01:07:25)**

**H. Adjournment (01:17:29)**

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