

Board of Physical, Rehabilitative, and Developmental Health Care Professionals

Full Board Meeting **AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
1 p.m.
Virtual Only

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A. Call to Order

Members of the public do not participate in the meeting unless called on. Ask the Presiding Officer's permission before speaking. Always begin by stating your name.

a. Presiding Officer: Call the meeting to order. State:

1. Your name.
2. The name of the board.
3. The time.
4. The date.
5. The location of the meeting.

b. Executive Officer:

1. Call roll for board members.

At least a majority must be present to form the required quorum.

Barbara Doughty (Speech-Language Pathologist)

Brace Hayden (Physical Therapist)

Derek Stiegemeier (Physical Therapist)

Jennifer Schoffer Closson (Speech-Language Pathologist)

Samantha Schmidt (Physical Therapist)

Sarah Harmon (Physical Therapist)

Taylor Purchio (Athletic Trainer)

Trent Gahl (Occupational Therapist)

2. Call roll for staff.

Sandra Mellott (Executive Officer)
Pam Hakala (Board Meeting Executive)
Kevin Bragg (Chief, Professional Licensing Bureau)
Tori Koch (Attorney)

3. Take attendance of the public and anyone not in the roll call.

B. Possible Modification and Approval of Agenda Order

- a. Public Comment
- b. Board Discussion
- c. Board Motion

C. Public Opportunity to Comment

- a. Presiding Officer, deliver this statement: The board now offers the public in attendance an opportunity to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the board that is not on the current agenda. The board cannot act but will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a future agenda. The Presiding Officer may limit the comment period to proceed with the board meeting.
- b. Public Comment

D. Department Updates

Informational only.

- a. Staff Report
- b. Board Questions

E. Board Action

- a. Presiding Officer, deliver this statement: Per Montana Code Annotated 2-3-203, the Presiding Officer may close the meeting for executive session to protect an individual's privacy—unless that individual waives the right to privacy—or to discuss litigation strategy.
- b. Proposal for Rulemaking: Board merger
Per House Bill 438 (new sections now Montana Code Annotated 2-15-1754 and Montana Code Annotated Title 37, Chapter 78). See rulemaking draft in board book.
 1. Executive Officer Memo
 2. Public Comment
 3. Board Discussion
 4. Board Motion
- c. Appoint one delegate to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission
The delegate must be a physical therapist, the public member, or the Executive Officer.
 1. Public Comment
 2. Board Discussion
 3. Board Motion

- d. Appoint one delegate to the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission
The delegate must be an occupational therapist, the public member, or the Executive Officer.
 - 1. Public Comment
 - 2. Board Discussion
 - 3. Board Motion
- e. Appoint two delegates to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission
The delegates must be the audiologist and a speech-language pathologist.
 - 1. Public Comment
 - 2. Board Discussion
 - 3. Board Motion
- f. Election of Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer
Officer positions are open to any board member.
 - 1. Public Comment
 - 2. Board Discussion
 - 3. Board Motion

F. Executive Officer Reports

Informational only.

- a. Fiscal Report
- b. Licensing Report

G. Future Meeting and Agenda Planning

No motion needed if no action taken.

- a. Board Discussion

H. Adjournment

No motion needed.

- a. Presiding Officer: Declare the meeting adjourned.

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