

# BOARD OF REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES

## OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

**September 17, 2026**

**10:00AM**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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**Call to Order:**

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|                   | <b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>OS-0917-01</b> | <b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b><br><br><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br>Acceptance of the September 17, 2026 Open Session Agenda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>OS-0917-02</b> | <b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b><br><br><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br>Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from July 8, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>OS-0917-03</b> | <b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b><br><br><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br>Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.<br><br><b><u>Background:</u></b><br>The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.                                                                               |  |
| <b>OS-0917-04</b> | <b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u></b><br><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Executive Director's Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Recent Scam Targeting DC Health Licensees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational Status Update:</li> <li>• Licensure Census</li> <li>• Legislative Updates</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Board Attorney's Report</b></li> <li>3. <b>Board Chair's Report</b></li> </ol> |  |

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| OS-0917-05 | <p><b><u>Inquiry into DC Regulations for OTAs</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>The Board is to discuss an inquiry that was made into DC Regulations for OTAs with regards to OTAs dropping charges and whether they need to be cosigned.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>The Board was recently contacted by an OT Clinical Supervisor from a regional hospital regarding C regulations for OTAs. The hospital is planning to upgrade its electronic documentation system in 2027, and the vendor had questions about OTA charging and cosignature requirements.</p> <p>In the hospital's current system, OTA charges are embedded within the treatment note, which the supervising OTR signs daily. In the new system's workflow, charges will be entered separately from the treatment note. The OT Clinical Supervisor is seeking clarification on whether an OTA may bill without a cosignature on the charge itself. Specifically, is it sufficient for the supervising OTR to cosign only the treatment note that contains the service description, or must the charges also be individually cosigned?</p> |  |
| OS-0917-06 | <p><b><u>FY27 Board Meeting Dates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion:</u></b><br/>The Board is to discussion the following dates for monthly board meetings and determine which dates will be in-person board meetings.</p> <p>October 14, 2026<br/>November 11, 2026<br/>December 9, 2026<br/>January 13, 2027<br/>February 10, 2027<br/>March 10, 2027<br/>April 14, 2027</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |

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|                   | <p>May 12, 2027<br/>June 9, 2027<br/>July 14, 2027<br/>September 8, 2027</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>OS-0917-07</b> | <p><b><u>Motion to Temporarily Pause Open Session to go into Executive Session</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</li> <li>2. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9).</li> <li>3. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).</li> </ol> <p>At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.</p> |  |

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|  | <b><u>Roll Call Vote</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|  | <b><u>Executive Session Board Report</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|  | <b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br><br>Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of applications approved</li> <li>• Number of complaints closed</li> </ul> |  |

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|               | <b><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u></b><br><b><u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>FYI-01</b> | <b><u>Voluntary Closure</u></b><br>The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is the recognized accrediting body for education programs preparing students for the field of physical therapy. Accredited and developing programs include professional doctoral programs for the physical therapist and associate degree programs for the physical therapist assistant.<br><br>In accordance with US Department of Education regulations, we are notifying other accrediting agencies of the following voluntary closures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prairie State College informed CAPTE on 2/20/2026 the college is voluntarily withdrawing its Physical Therapist Assistant Program from the CAPTE accreditation process. The closure becomes effective on May 15, 2026.</li> </ul> Indiana Wesleyan University notified CAPTE on 2/20/2026 the program rescinds its decision to voluntarily withdraw from the CAPTE accreditation process. The university's plan is to complete the approved teach-out through May 2027 and admit a new cohort of students in summer 2027. |  |

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| <b>FYI-02</b> | <p><b><u>Voluntary Withdrawal</u></b></p> <p>The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is the recognized accrediting body for education programs preparing students for the field of physical therapy. Accredited and developing programs include professional doctoral programs for the physical therapist and associate degree programs for the physical therapist assistant.</p> <p>In accordance with US Department of Education regulations, we are notifying other accrediting agencies of the following voluntary closures.</p> <p>The St. Louis College of Health Careers - Fenton location will close its physical therapist assistant program effective 8/14/2026.. The program will teach out the last students currently in the core portion of the program and they will graduate on that date from the program.</p> <p>South University voluntarily withdraws accreditation for the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program at South University, Virginia Beach, effective June 22, 2026. The university has implemented a comprehensive teach-out plan to provide a clear and orderly pathway for current students to complete their education with minimal disruption.</p> |  |
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| FYI-03 | <p><a href="#"><u>DC Health Warns of Health Professional License Scam</u></a></p> <p><b>Phone Scam:</b> DC Health is warning the public of an ongoing scam in which scammers are impersonating DC Health representatives and other government officials in a phone, email and fax scam. Scammers are contacting health professionals via phone, email, or fax by replicating government phone numbers and outdated letterhead to appear legitimate. The scammers are requesting money in association with a District of Columbia health professional license, registration or certification regarding an alleged investigation or suspension. If you happen to receive unsolicited phone calls, emails or faxes similar in nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health will never contact you with a request for money. Do not share your credit card number, personal information, or other financial information. Do not wire transfer money or transfer funds to anyone you do not know.</li> </ul> <p>Do not feel pressured to act. To confirm the identity of D C Health personnel or verify any suspicious requests, please contact <a href="mailto:ohplb@dc.gov">ohplb@dc.gov</a> or call (202) 724-8800. For more information on how to avoid government impersonator scams, and where to report them, please visit the Federal Trade Commission at <a href="#"><u>How To Avoid a Government Impersonation Scam   Consumer Advice</u></a></p> |  |
| FYI-04 | <p><b><u>OT/OTA's Regulations- Educational/Training Requirements</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b><br/>This matter will need to be addressed during regulation updates.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>Per OT and OTA Regulations, all applicants must meet the educational, training and national examination requirements. This means that the Board should verify those requirements. To verify that information an official transcript and official exam scores are required. However, the Board staff is currently only verifying the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Exam score for examination applicants and the official NBCOT verification for endorsement applicants. If the Board had waived the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

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|  | <p>verification of the educational and training requirements (official transcript) then a policy statement should be developed. Currently there is no written official record that shows that this waiver was established previously.</p> <p>In December 2024, Ms. Konah Bernard, OT, NBCOT Ambassador, provided a short information regarding NBCOT Ambassador. Ms. Bernard indicated the ambassador go to different schools to strengthen the stakeholder’s relationship and to increase connection with the public. NBCOT has a new president. Ms. Bernard talked about the exam integrity and safeguard.</p> <p>In addition, the Board also voted to have NBCOT to discuss safeguard for the applicants and the Board to review the website/checklist.</p> |  |
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The Executive Session Agenda continues on the next page with ‘**Motion to Adjourn**’.

The next meeting is scheduled on **TBA 10:00am** This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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