

# BOARD OF REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES

## OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**April 8, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**

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**Call to Order:**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>  <b><u>Present Board Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Angela Grice, Board Chair</li> <li>• Ms. Rayan Hagona-Wordie, Board Member</li> <li>• Dr. Bernardine Evans, Board Member</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Absent Board Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Gillian Rai, Board Member (Arrived after Roll Call)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Board Staff:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director</li> <li>• Ms. LaKisha Ross, Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Mr. Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney</li> <li>• Ms. Whitney Moore, Investigator</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Public Guest:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristen Neville - State Affairs Manager with the American Occupational Therapy Association</li> <li>• Francille Pineda – NBCOT Representative</li> <li>• Regina Okogun – Applicant</li> <li>• Marisa Alonso – Applicant</li> <li>• Reza Ghafoorian – Attorney for Ms. Alonso</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0408-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>  Acceptance of the April 8, 2026 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>  Motion made by Ms. Rayan Hagona-Wordie to accept the April 8, 2026, Open Session Agenda as written. Seconded by Dr. Bernadine Evans.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b>  Dr. Angela Grice, Dr. Bernadine Evans and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passes.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0408-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Herndon provided remarks regarding the impact of recent federal changes on the</li> </ul>	

	<p>classification of professions within the District of Columbia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Herndon reported that the subcommittees for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology have continued meeting to prepare draft updates to the regulations for both professions. She noted that once these drafts are complete, the process will move on to the remaining professions. She also stated that when the full draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for review and comments, and members of the public will also be given the opportunity to provide feedback.</li> <li>• Ms. Herndon reported the need to fill all vacant Board seats. She stated that she will be seeking a Recreation Therapist to fill the seat previously held by Mr. Charles Bond. If the Board is unable to fill the Recreation Therapist position, the subcommittee members may possibly serve as the point of representation for the Recreation Therapist role.</li> <li>• <u>Census:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Therapists: 1416</li> <li>• Physical Therapist Assistants: 76</li> <li>• Recreation Therapists: 34</li> <li>• Audiologists: 124</li> <li>• Speech-Language Pathologists: 984</li> <li>• SLP- Clinical Fellows: 40</li> <li>• SLP Assistants: 17</li> <li>• Occupational Therapists: 973</li> <li>• Occupational Therapist Assistants: 69</li> <li>• Recreational Therapist: 34</li> <li>• Legislative Updates: None</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>CEU Course Approvals:</u></li> </ul> <p><b>B. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counsel discussed the required number of Board members and noted the recent amendment allowing non-District of Columbia residents to</li> </ul>	
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	<p>apply for Board positions. Counsel also clarified that appointments to the Board are ultimately made by the Mayor’s Office and the DC Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counsel also noted that there has been recent progress in the appointment of Board members for other professions.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>There was no report from the Board Chair. However, Dr. Grice noted that she would be departing today to attend the National Black Association for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists conference in Atlanta, where she will be serving as a presenter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Member Dr. Evans reported on the upcoming Physical Therapy Workshop taking place this week and weekend, noting that she will serve as the Delegate for the event in Alexandria, Virginia. She also provided a brief update on the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) and mentioned that a delegate has not yet been selected for the PT Annual Meeting and virtual forums. She emphasized the need for both a delegate and an alternate delegate from the Rehabilitative Therapies Board. Dr. Evans also highlighted upcoming outreach projects scheduled to take place in Washington, DC on June 11, 2026.</li> <li>• Ms. Herndon also discussed a potential collaboration with an individual who reached out regarding opportunities for students in the Arts who may have interests or roles that intersect with Rehabilitative Therapies. She noted the possibility of developing a career fair to support mental health professionals and Speech-Language Pathologists working in the entertainment sector, with the goal of providing resources and assistance to individuals within the Entertainment Industry.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0408-03</b></p>	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 11, 2026 Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Ms. Rayan Hagona-Wordie to accept the February 11, 2026, Open Session Agenda as written. Seconded by Dr. Bernadine Evans.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Angela Grice, Dr. Bernadine Evans and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0408-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Delegation of Authority</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the delegation of authority of each of the professions and determine if any changes are necessary.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Each Board previously had its own delegation of authority.</p> <p><b><u>Board Discussion:</u></b> Each Board Member presented their comparative analysis of the current delegated authorities for their respective boards to help determine what a unified delegated authority framework for the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies might look like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Grice completed the analysis of delegated authority related to the Board Chair across the professions.</li> <li>• Ms. Hagona-Wordie completed the analysis of delegated authority for Health Licensing Specialists.</li> <li>• Dr. Evans completed the analysis of delegated authority for the Executive Director role, in consultation with Board Counsel.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Rayan Hagona-Wordie to accept the new and revised Delegated Authorities as presented. Seconded by Dr. Bernadine Evans.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Angela Grice, Dr. Bernadine Evans and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0408-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of</p>	

	<p>review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Bernadine Evans to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded by Ms. Rayan Hagona-Wordie.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Angela Grice, Dr. Bernadine Evans and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0408-08</b></p>	<p><b><u>NBCOT Presentation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> A presentation regarding information from National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).</p> <p>Ms. Pineda spoke and presented a slide show on what NBCOT is and how NBCOT may be used to assist the Boards and applicants with resources, services and certification policies. Ms. Pineda also talked about the NBCOT exam and accreditation standards. She shared the website information and explained a little how the platform works.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0408-09</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE &amp; ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>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> 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> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9).</li> <li>4. 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 style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Roll Call Vote</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> A motion was made by Dr. Grice to move into the Executive Session Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Grice, Dr. Evans, Dr. Gillian Rai and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">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 § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Motion to Adjourn at 1:00 pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> A motion was made by Dr. Angela Grice to temporarily close the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies Board Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Hagona-Wordie.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Grice, Dr. Evans, Dr. Gillian Rai and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Executive Session Board Report</u></b></p>	

	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of applications approved - 0</li> <li>• Number of disciplinary actions – 0</li> <li>• Number of interviews – 2</li> <li>• Number of Investigations - 4</li> </ul>	
	<p><b><u>Motion to Adjourn Rehabilitative Therapies April Meeting 1:31 PM</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> A motion was made by Dr. Angela Grice to close the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies Board Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Hagona-Wordie.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Grice, Dr. Evans, Dr. Gillian Rai and Ms. Hagona-Wordie voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
	<p><b><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></b></p>	
<p><b>FY-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Voluntary Closure</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> <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>	

	<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>FY-02</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Voluntary Withdrawal</a></u></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>	
<p><b>FY-03</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">DC Health Warns of Health Professional License Scam</a></u></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.</p> <p>If you happen to receive unsolicited phone calls, emails or faxes</p>	

	<p>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="#">How To Avoid a Government Impersonation Scam   Consumer Advice</a></p>	
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The Executive Session Minutes continues on the next page with '**Motion to Adjourn**'.

The next meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**. This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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