

South Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2026 VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patti Berg-Poppe, President
Leonard Suel, Vice-President
Rebeca Schmitz, Secretary
Matthew Weigel, Member
Brad Thuringer, Member
Linda Ahrendt, Lay Member
Janelle Toman, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Director
Katie Funke, Executive Assistant
Tamara Lee, SD Dept. of Health, General Counsel
Amanda McKnelly, Midwest Health Management Services, LLC

CALL TO ORDER: Berg-Poppe called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM CST.

ROLL CALL: Tellinghuisen Geddes called the roll. Berg-Poppe, yes; Suel, yes; Schmitz, yes; Thuringer, yes; Toman, yes; Ahrendt, yes; Weigel, yes. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Toman made a motion to approve the agenda. Schmitz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2025: Weigel made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2025. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported year-end financials as of November 30, 2025: revenue of \$104,520.00, expenses of \$74,615.30 and a cash balance of \$1,226,450.48.

MIDWEST HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES- HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HPAP): McKnelly, Executive Director of Midwest Health Management Services, gave an overview of the HPAP program and how they work with South Dakota licensure boards. The program provides monitoring and case management services for various licensure boards whose health professionals may be experiencing symptoms of mental health or substance use illnesses. The program includes both voluntary and mandated enrollments. The board reviewed a draft agreement with Midwest Health Management Services. Following discussion, Suel made a motion to approve the agreement pending legal review and approval. Schmitz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

RENEWAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that 93 PT's and 38 PTA's have not renewed their license. Although their license is in expired status, they will have until July 1, 2026, to renew their license, after which point the license will be forfeited.

CROSS PROFESSION DATA COLLECTION DISCUSSION: The board discussed how they plan to utilize the cross-profession data collected on renewal applications during the recent renewal period. Tellinghuisen Geddes mentioned that the board's role is to license physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, ensure minimum competency and standards of practice and investigate complaints and enforce the practice act. Although the Board may be the most appropriate entity to collect the data, to avoid skewed data or sampling bias, it is outside the purview of the board to analyze or use the data for its own purposes as it could create a conflict of interest. Berg-Poppe mentioned that the University of South Dakota may be willing to compile and/or analyze the data. Board members mentioned the data may be helpful to the Association as well. There are still outstanding questions about how to best utilize and disseminate the data. Berg-Poppe advised she will reach out to the FSBPT liaison about how other states are utilizing their data and asked that Tellinghuisen Geddes reach out to the Department of Labor on whether would be willing or able to take on the analysis and dissemination of the workforce data set. The board will discuss it at a future meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES-IF ANY: There are no pending bills filed that have an impact on the Board at this time. However, board members mentioned they anticipate seeing bill that will allow Physical Therapists to certify eligibility for handicap placards. Although the board cannot take an official position on the bill until it is dropped, there was a consensus that the board would be supportive of this change.

HEALTHY PRACTICE RESOURCE TOOL: The board discussed FSBPT's Healthy Practice Resource Tool. Berg-Poppe mentioned she has made her way through some of the modules. Following discussion, the board asked that the link be distributed to board members so that they may all review the modules before deciding whether to add the continuing education to category 2 approved continuing education. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S): The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026, at 11AM MST/12 PM CST via Microsoft Teams. The following meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 11AM MDT/12PM CDT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2: The Board did not have a need to enter executive session.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS: One complaint was reported as pending.

RATIFICATION ON RE-ENTRY APPLICATIONS: None to report.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: Suel made a motion to approve the renewal of the executive secretary contract with Professional Licensing at the same rate as the current contract. Schmitz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Thuringer announced that he has been appointed to the Education Committee within FSBPT.

Toman made a motion to adjourn at 12:57 PM CST. Thuringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.



Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
Executive Director

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.