

August 19, 2026

The Legislative/Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy convened on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room #3, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Bureau, PT, DPT, Board President, Committee Chair
Melissa Fox, PT, DPT
Michele Wiley, PT, DPT, DHSc

DHP STAFF PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Sarah Georgen, Board Administrator
Annette Kelley, MS, CSAC, Deputy Executive Director
Laura Mueller, Senior Licensing Specialist
Matt Novak, Agency Regulatory Coordinator
Emma Sachs, Administrative Support Specialist
Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

BOARD COUNSEL:

Sara Blose, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT:

Tom Bohannon, Virginia Physical Therapy Association
Ken Hutcheson, Old Dominion Public Affairs
Becca L.
Paige Roberts

**Participant indicates attendance to count toward continuing education requirements*

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bureau called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and requested the Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

With three Committee members present at the meeting, a quorum was established.

Dr. Bureau read the mission of the Board, which is also the mission of the Department of Health Professions.

Dr. Bureau reminded the Board members and audience about microphones, computer agenda materials, breaks, sign-in sheets, and attendance for continuing education requirements.

Ms. Tillman Wolf then read the emergency egress instructions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Bureau opened the floor to any additional items to add to the agenda.

Upon a **MOTION** by Dr. Wiley and properly seconded by Dr. Fox, the Committee voted to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Discussion of Final Recommendations – Periodic Review of Regulations (Chapter 18VAC112-20-10 et seq.)

Mr. Novak provided an overview of the periodic review process. Mr. Novak noted that the proposed stage of regulatory action is currently at the Secretary's Office in the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) stage, and the Committee will finalize the regulatory language for adoption by the full Board once the regulatory action is before the Board later in 2026 or in early 2027.

Ms. Tillman Wolf provided a recap of amendments discussed at the previous Committee meeting related to the periodic review of regulations under 18VAC112-20-10 et seq., focusing on revised staff recommendations, informed consent and chaperone requirements for sensitive physical therapy treatment, and updates to continuing education requirements. Ms. Tillman Wolf reported that revisions from the prior meeting were incorporated into the drafts and further edits were being presented for Committee consideration.

Revised Staff Recommendations (18VAC112-20-10 et seq.)

The Committee reviewed the revised staff recommendations for 18VAC112-20-10 et seq., focusing on updates made since the previous Committee discussion to ensure clarity, consistency, and accurate reflection of concerns discussed.

Informed Consent, Use of Chaperones, and Sensitive Physical Therapy Treatment (18VAC112-20-120 and 18VAC112-20-170)

The Committee examined and discussed updates to the draft language related to informed consent, the use of chaperones, and sensitive physical therapy treatment under 18VAC112-20-120 and 18VAC112-20-170.

Continuing Education Requirements (18VAC112-20-131)

The Committee reviewed and discussed the revised draft of amendments to the continuing education requirements under 18VAC112-20-131.

Upon a **MOTION** by Dr. Wiley, and properly seconded by Dr. Fox, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the changes to 18VAC112-20-10 et seq., to include amendments related to informed consent,

use of chaperones, sensitive physical therapy treatment, and continuing education requirements as discussed and amended. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Additionally, the Committee provided feedback on the Continuing Education one-page summary, noting the inclusion of the total CE requirement of 30 hours for licensees.

Review and Consideration of Draft Guidance Document – Imaging Referrals by Physical Therapists

Ms. Tillman Wolf presented a draft Guidance Document on imaging referrals by Physical Therapists. She explained that the draft, included in the meeting packet, reflects discussions held in April 2026 and is intended to provide clearer direction on the circumstances and process under which physical therapists may initiate imaging referrals. Ms. Tillman Wolf stated that, if approved by the full Board based upon the Committee's recommendation, the Guidance Document would be posted to Town Hall for a period of public comment before it becomes effective.

Upon a **MOTION** by Dr. Fox, and properly seconded by Dr. Wiley, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board approval of the Guidance Document for imaging referrals by Physical Therapists as presented and discussed. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

NEXT STEPS

Dr. Bureau stated that the finalized recommendations regarding the Guidance Document will be presented to and considered by the full Board at the August 20, 2026, business meeting and the recommendations regarding the periodic review and regulatory amendments will be presented to and considered by the full Board at either the November 20, 2026, or February 2, 2027, business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bureau called for any objections to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections and with all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Corie Tillman Wolf, J.D., Executive Director

Date