



2024 House of Delegates

Disposition of House Motions by the Board of Directors

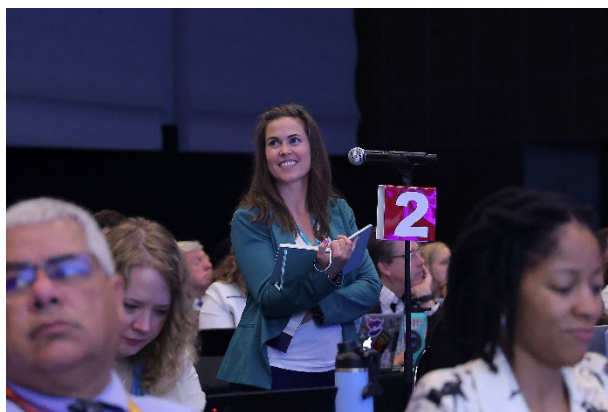
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Vision for the Physical Therapy Profession

*Transforming society by
optimizing movement to improve
the human experience.*



Mission for the Association

*Building a community that
advances the profession of
physical therapy to improve the
health of society.*

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Overview of the 2024 House of Delegates

The annual session of the House of Delegates is held during three points throughout the year. The spring meeting focuses on information sharing; the summer meeting focuses on motion deliberation and generative discussion; and the fall meeting is focused on APTA elections for national office.

The 80th Annual Session of the House of Delegates of the American Physical Therapy Association, which began on April 13 with the first meeting, continued in Kansas City, MO with four meetings held over two days: Sunday, July 21, and Monday, July 22, 2024. The final meetings of the 2024 Annual Session will occur in November 2024.

The House met virtually on April 13 to accomplish a portion of the business including adoption of the General Order of Business, adoption of the Rules of the House, and review of required House reports.

Twenty-four motions were forwarded to the 2024 House for consideration during its July meetings. The House acted on 21 motions, with 18 motions passed including one referred to the Bylaws and House Documents Committee, two motions postponed indefinitely, and one motion defeated. No motions were withdrawn. Three motions were not considered.

In July, the House met for 10.5 hours. Approximately 75% of its time was spent in active deliberation of motions compared to 50% in 2023 and 60% in 2022. Remaining time was spent on formal introductions, guidance on the use of ARS devices, announcements, and two generative discussions: one on payment and reimbursement and one on workforce sustainability.

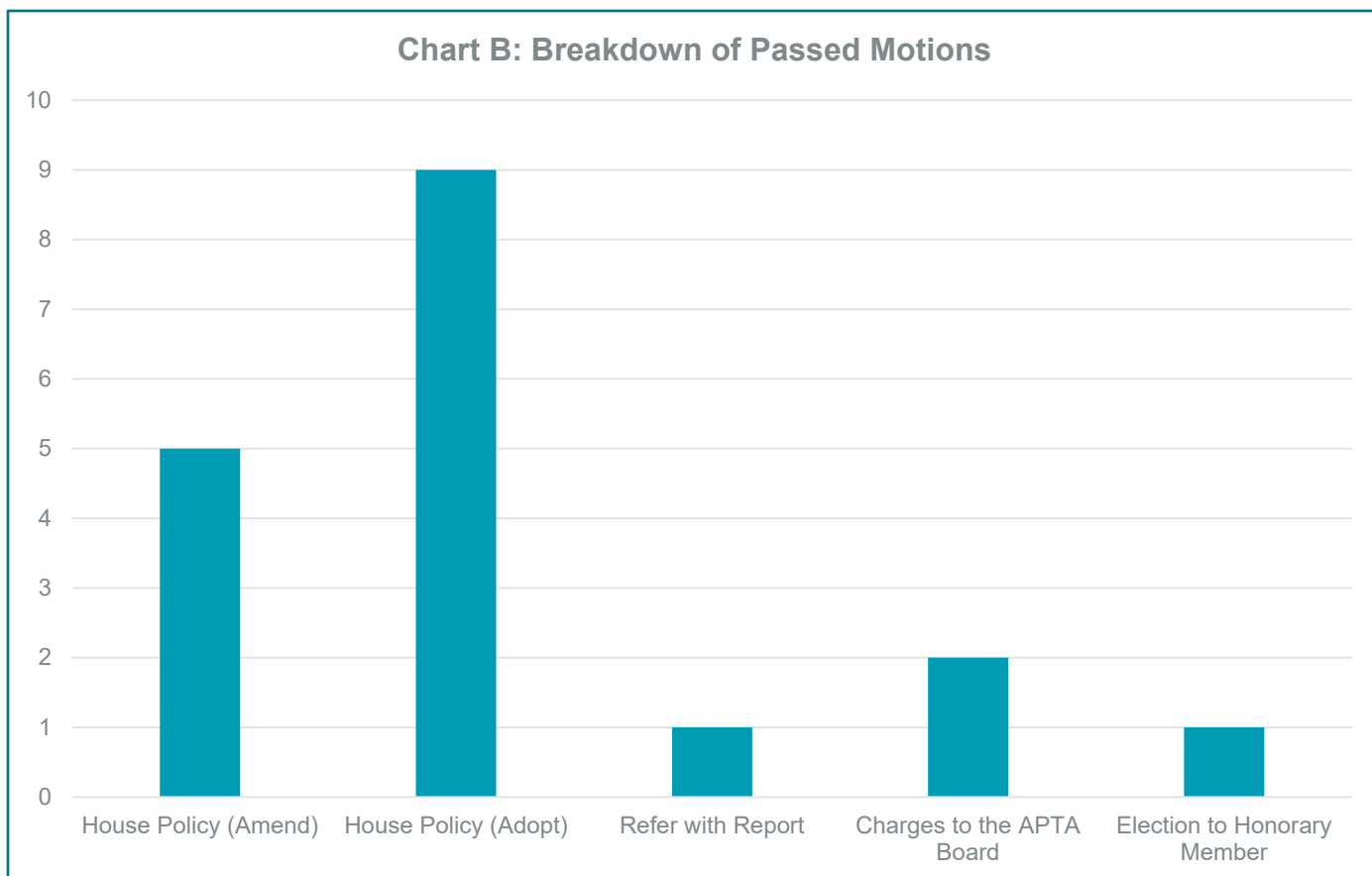
The July House was held as part of the Leadership Congress, an annual event that brings together APTA's leadership groups including the APTA Board of Directors, leaders of APTA's chapters, sections/academies, the House of Delegates, APTA Association Leadership Scholars and APTA's standing committees, for several days of meetings to advance the association.



Chart A: Motions Presented to the 2024 House and the Action by the Assembly

Total Motions	24
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Passed Motions for APTA Board of Directors to Dispose	18 <i>(Includes one referred to Bylaws and House Documents Committee)</i>
Motions Defeated	1
Motions Postponed Indefinitely	2
Motions Withdrawn	0
Motions Ruled Out of Order	0
Motions Not Considered	3

Chart B: Breakdown of Passed Motions



Work and Deliverables from 2024 House of Delegates

Chart C: Passed Motions by Classification and Action Expected (*September 2024*)

Classification	RC	Action Expected	Current Strategic Plan Alignment	Financial Implications (Does not include staff hours)	Projected Completion
Amendment to Existing House Policy (5)	RC 1-24 Amend: Physical Therapists as Primary Care and Entry-Point Providers (HOD P06-18-28-22)	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024. References to this position will be updated on the Primary Care webpages by December 2024.	Demand and Access	Minimal	12/31/2024
	RC 04-24 Amend: Physical Therapists as Practitioners of Choice to Rehabilitate Persons With Vestibular-Related Balance Disorders (HOD P05-07-18-18)	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024.	Quality of Care	Minimal	10/18/2024
	RC 9-24 Amend: Commitment to Interprofessional Education and Practice (HOD P06-19-69-33)	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024.	Quality of Care	Minimal	10/18/2024
	RC 13-24 Amend: Digital Health Technologies and Therapeutics in Physical Therapist Practice (HOD P08-22-07-10)	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024. References to this position will be updated on the website by Oct. 2024.	Quality of Care	Minimal	10/18/2024
	RC 14-24 Amend: Cultural Competence (HOD P06-19-44-17)	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024. Changes to definition on website and other related documents will be made by December 2024.	Member Value	Moderate	12/31/2024
Adoption of New House Policy (9)	RC 2-24 Adopt: Equitable and Inclusive Process of Licensure by Endorsement for an Internationally Educated Physical Therapist	New position placed online Oct. 2024. FSBPT will be informed of this new statement after it has been added to the APTA website.	Member Value	Minimal	10/31/2024
	RC 3-24 Adopt: Preferred Nomenclature for an Internationally Educated Physical Therapist	New position placed online Oct. 2024. Use of IEPT nomenclature by APTA has been operationalized and continued use will be ongoing.	Member Value	Minimal	10/18/2024
	RC 6-24 Adopt: Support for Education and Training for Psychological Safety in the Workplace	New position placed online Oct. 2024. Resources created for Fit for Practice website to help members contribute to a psychologically safe environment.	Sustainable Profession	Minimal	3/31/2025
	RC 7-24 Adopt: Recommended Education on Trauma-Informed Care Across the Physical Therapy Profession	New position placed online Oct. 2024. Landing webpage created with resources by Dec 2024.	Quality of Care	Minimal	12/31/2024
	RC 10-24 Adopt: Fitness and Risk Assessments for Employer Safety and Health Promotion Programs	This position will be placed online once House minutes are final. Educational resources will be developed to include approaches to fitness and health risk assessments to assist in facilitating PTs in providing direct-to-employer services.	Quality of Care	Minimal	6/30/2025

	RC 11-24 Adopt: Ethical and Effective Integration of Artificial Intelligence Across Physical Therapist Practice	New position placed online Oct. 2024.	Sustainable Profession	Moderate	10/18/2024
	RC 12-24 Adopt: Inappropriate Use of Artificial Intelligence by Payers	New position placed online Oct. 2024.	Sustainable Profession	Moderate	10/18/2024
	RC 15-24 Adopt: Family-Forward Organizational Policies and Programs for Physical Therapy Employers	New position placed online Oct. 2024.	Sustainable Profession	Minimal	10/18/2024
	RC 24-24 Adopt: Physical Therapists as Entry-Point Providers	Revised position placed online Oct. 2024. References to this position will be updated in the APTA Guide to PT Practice by Dec 2024.	Demand and Access	Minimal	12/31/2024
Refer to the Bylaws and House Documents Committee (1)	RC 8-24 Amend: Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy (S06-20-35-29)	Referred to the Bylaws and House Documents Committee with a report to the 2025 House of Delegates.	Quality of Care	Minimal	1/31/2025
Charge from House of Delegates to Board of Directors (2)	RC 20-24 Charge: Assessing Existing Workforce and Future Projections in Specialty Growth Areas to Meet Population Health Challenges	APTA will assess the data in progress from the current workforce project to determine how additional elements in the charge can be captured.	Sustainable Profession	Moderate	3/31/2025
	RC 21-24 Charge: Develop Contemporary Operational Definitions of Terminology Impacting APTA Documents	APTA will develop contemporary definitions for terminology and forward motions to the House no later than 2026.	Quality of Care	Minimal	3/31/2026
Election to Honorary Membership (1)	RC 19-24 Election to Honorary Membership in the American Physical Therapy Association: Tad Fisher	Completed		N/A	



Work and Deliverables from Past Houses of Delegates

Chart D: Outstanding Charges from Past House of Delegates (2014-2023)

KEY:

COMPLETE: Work on this charge is complete.

CONTINUE: Work on this charge and reporting via this chart will continue.

ONGOING (FINAL REPORT): Work on this charge will be ongoing, long-term, and will be operationalized in the normal course of association work. No further reporting via this chart will occur.

Year	Year	Status (September 2024)
2023	RC 02-23 Charge: Promotion of Physical Therapists as Providers for the Treatment of Post-Acute Sequelae	ONGOING (FINAL REPORT): Post-event report and summary shared with Long Covid Summit participants from 18 orgs. APTA COVID/Long COVID community open to all members. Future advertising and advocacy potential for Long COVID awareness day (March 15, 2025.)
	RC 09-23 Charge: Explore Alternate Models for Physical Therapist Assistant Education and Practice	CONTINUE: Information gathering continues.
	RC 12-23 Charge: Social Media Marketing Strategies for Components	CONTINUE: Social Media Best Practices Tip Sheet, component PowerPoint, and social media graphics and templates developed by Dec. 31, 2024, and promoted through 2025. Quarterly content for components development underway for 2025.
	RC 14-23 Charge: Develop a Searchable System for House Business From 2018 Forward	CONTINUE: Consideration of functional parameters continues.
	RC 15-23 Charge: Resources Related to Screening, Referrals, and Authorization for Participation in Community-Based Health Promotion, Injury Prevention, and Physical Activity Programs	ONGOING (FINAL REPORT): Collaboration, Compassion, and Community: Establishing an APTA State Chapter-Affiliated Pro Bono Clinic - Perspective posted June. Interactive gym floor supporting knowledge about activity programs included at CSM 2025.
	RC 18-23 Charge: Develop a Plan to Promote Pay Equity on the Basis of Sex Assigned at Birth/Gender/Gender Identity in the Physical Therapy Profession	CONTINUE: Plan development continues.
	RC 22-23 Charge: Advocacy for Streamlined Credentialing Processes That Emphasize Portability	ONGOING (FINAL REPORT): Meetings with companies to discuss delegated credentialing opportunities continues.
2022	RC 17-22 Expanding Prescriptive Authority Within Physical Therapist Scope of Practice (Referred to Board)	CONTINUE: Report to the House of Delegates will be published Jan. 2025.
	RC 18-22 Charge: Explore Opportunities to Enhance Engagement, Collaboration, and Knowledge-sharing in Physical Therapist Practice	COMPLETE: Member Engagement Groups have been established and an Association policy adopted by the Board will be posted to the Policy webpage in Q4. Additional information about the MEG structure is available on APTA's website and individual communities will be found on the APTA COMMUNITY online platform.

		COMPLETE: Resources that include related APTA and FSBPT positions and a quick reference checklist of standards that may be used by stakeholders when developing or reviewing continuing education courses, have been placed on APTA.org : https://www.apta.org/your-practice/continuing-competence .
	RC 19-22 Charge: Evaluation of Continuing Competence Requirements	COMPLETE: Resources that include related APTA and FSBPT positions and a quick reference checklist of standards that may be used by stakeholders when developing or reviewing continuing education courses, have been placed on APTA.org: https://www.apta.org/your-practice/continuing-competence .
2021	RC 8-21 Charge: Development of Resources to Address Productivity Standards	COMPLETE: SPAC has completed its work. Resources, including the environmental scan, definitions and considerations, funding resources for research, and an APTA Scholar paper on Productivity Measurement in Acute Care Physical Therapy are posted on APTA.org: https://www.apta.org/your-practice/productivity .
	RC 11-21 Charge: Promote Physical Therapist Services as Essential for People Who Have Had COVID-19	CONTINUE: As of April, APTA's Long Covid PSA was aired over 14,000 times, with almost 25 million impressions earning over \$6M in donated airtime. APTA hosted a meeting with Health and Human Services, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Occupational Therapy Association, and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and other groups focused on Long COVID, with an executive summary of the meeting under development.
	RC 12-21 Charge: Collaboration Between APTA and Components Identified as Host Locations for Events	CONTINUE: Manual process of notifying components continues. CRM implementation will help to progress to an automated process.
2020	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2019	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2018	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2017	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2016	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2015	None – All Charges Met	No Update Necessary
2014	RC 9-14 – Pursuit of DPT as Regulatory Designation of Physical Therapists	CONTINUE: In 2024, Alabama enacted legislation that provides specific title protection for the DPT and use of the title 'doctor' by PTs. APTA chapters can elect to introduce state legislation to change their licensure designation to from PT to DPT, however it will be up to individual chapters to decide whether they want to pursue such legislative change based on their chapter's legislative agenda, competing interests, and desire of the chapter's membership. APTA will assist chapters in this effort upon their request. It is anticipated this will be an ongoing effort by chapters over several years. It should be noted though that such a legislative effort may not be supported by a state's PT licensure board.