



Communiqué

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⌘ RULES UPDATE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS POSTED

A copy of the PT Rules for 2005 was mailed to each licensee in October, and is available online. Remember, the Board no longer mails rules to licensees on a regular basis, due to the cost and the increasing availability of the web – which means it is up to you to keep track of rule changes. All rule changes made by the board are posted at the agency's website,

www.ecptote.state.tx.us. The Board meets three or four times a year. Rules proposed or adopted by the Board at those meetings will be posted after each meeting. Please check the website for the dates of the upcoming meetings, if you want to know when to expect other action to be posted.

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If you have put your email address on the voluntary email notification list (also on the agency's website), you will receive an email whenever the Board proposes or adopts a new rule.

Rulemaking Action at the November 2, 2005 Meeting

The Board proposed changes to the following rules. The full text of the proposed amendments can be found at www.ecptote.state.tx.us.

[§322.3, Supervision \(proposed\)](#)

[§329.5, Licensing Procedures for Foreign-trained Applicant \(proposed\)](#)

[§341.5, Waiver of Continuing Education Units \(CEUs\) \(proposed\)](#)

⌘ PUBLIC MEMBER, GEORGE SCOTT, DIES

George Scott, Jr., of Lubbock, died on November 23, 2005. Mr. Scott, 79, had been ailing for some time. His term on the Board ended on January 31, 2005, but he continued to serve as no replacement had been appointed. Mr. Scott was appointed to the Board in March 2002 by Governor Perry. The Board is currently awaiting appointment of three new members, including Mr. Scott's replacement.



Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board at the November 2, 2005 meeting

The Board votes on disciplinary actions at each board meeting. The actions taken at each meeting are reported in the newsletter that follows that meeting. All newsletters issued since Spring 2001 are available at <http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/pt/newsletter.html>.

- (1) **Ruthanne Wise, PT #1048049 (Rockwall)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required completion of the lacking continuing education hours.**
- (2) **Samuel Fontenot, PT #1001675 (Magnolia)** – failed to properly renew his license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (3) **Elizabeth Schuette, PT #1047165 (Mansfield)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required completion of the lacking continuing education hours and thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (4) **Sheryl Brown, PT #1094209 (Rowlett)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (5) **Craig Segree, PT #1095297 (McAllen)** – failed to properly renew his license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (6) **Lesley Tran, PT #1094290 (Southlake)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**
- (7) **Anthony Wright, PT #1137628 (Murphy)** – failed to properly renew his license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required proof of timely completion of the lacking CE hours by deadline; or provide sixty (60) hours of community service and the lacking continuing education.**
- (8) **Roel Salinas, PTA #2008546 (DeSoto)** – failed to properly renew his license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for sixty (60) days and required completion of the lacking continuing education.**
- (9) **Gary Thompson, PTA #2016820 (Holliday)** - failed to properly renew his license (**CE Audit**). Violation of §453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board rules. **Board Order required forty-five (45) day suspension of his license; completion of the lacking continuing education; and submit to evaluation re: competency to practice or limitations thereof.**

(10) **Gary Johnson, PT #1107241 (Bryan)** - misrepresented an unlicensed individual as a "PTA." Violation of §453.351 and §453.201 of the Act. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**

(11) **Robin Johnson (Bryan)** – was misrepresented as a "PTA" in local advertisements. Violation of §435.201 of the Act. **Board issued "cease and desist" Order.**

(12) **Susan Crow, PT #1035509 (Fort Worth)** – practiced in a facility that was not properly registered with the Board. Violation of §435.351 of the Act and Chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**

(13) **Tamara Hart, PT #3099800 (Lewisville)** – practiced as a temporary licensee without proper on-site supervision. Violation of §435.351 of the Act and Chapter 329 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspends her permanent license for one (1) day upon issuance.**



USEFUL CONTACTS

**Executive Council of PT & OT Examiners
Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**
www.ecptote.state.tx.us
512/305-6900 (voice)
512/305-6951 (fax)

Texas PT Association (TPTA)
*CE course approval, list of approved courses
www.tpta.org 512/477-1818

American PT Association (APTA)
www.apta.org 800/999-2782

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
*Score transfers; Links to PT Boards in the US
www.fsbpt.org 703/739-9420

TX Dept. of State Health Services (TSHS)
*Licensing and certification of all Health and Safety Code facilities (including hospitals), and of many other health professions
www.dshs.state.tx.us 512/834-6650

TX Dept. of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)
www.dads.state.tx.us
*long term care 800/458-9858
*nursing home 800/252-8016
*home health agency 800/228-1570

Texas Council on Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
www.eci.state.tx.us 800/250-2246

TX Education Agency (TEA)
www.tea.state.tx.us 512/463-9734

TX Workers' Comp Commission (TWCC)
www.twcc.state.tx.us 512/804-4000
TWCC is transitioning to TDI on 9/1/05 (see below)

Division of Workers' Compensation at the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)
<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us> 800/578-4677

State of Texas website - links to all state info
www.texasonline.com

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Trailblazer Health Enterprises
www.the-medicare.com

Medicare Part A 888/763-9836
(rehab depts, hospitals)

Medicare Part B 903/463-0720
(independent practitioners)

Medicaid 800/252-8263