

**CAPTE Board of Commissioners
2026**

Individuals whose names are highlighted were elected or re-elected in 2025 to the CAPTE board and panels. Their new terms begin Jan. 1, 2026.

CAPTE Board		
Position	Name and Term	Term of Service
Chair	Kathy Zalewski, PT, PhD, MPA - WI	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Vice-chair	Christine Baker, PT, EdD, FAPTA - TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Candidacy/Initial Panel Chair	Claire Peel, PT, PhD, FAPTA - TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Reaffirmation Panel Chair	Susan Wainwright, PT, PhD-SC	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT RAI/AASC Panel Chair	Catherine Ortega, PT, EdD, OCS - UT	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Candidacy/Initial/ Panel Chair	Charlene Jensen, PT, DPT -VA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Reaffirmation Panel Chair	Elane Seebo, BA, MEd, MA, PhD -TX	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA RAI/AASC Panel Chair	Laura Sage, PT, DPT, MEd - CO	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA educator or clinician	Sammi Beckman, PTA, MBA - AR	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Clinician	Karen Bock, PT, MPT, PhD - MO	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Higher Education Administrator or non-PT	Kim Acquaviva, PhD, MSW, CSE -VA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Public Member #1	Laura Forester, JD - IL	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Public Member #2	Marina Thais Douenat, JD - TX	01/01/2024-12/31/2026

Physical Therapist Education Program Panels		
PT Candidacy/Initial Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Claire Peel- TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Educator	Barbara Gresham, PT, PhD-TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Educator	Sean Gallivan, PT, PhD-OH	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Educator	Stacie Fruth, PT, DHSc - MI	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Educator	Greg Kline, PT, DPT, EdD, MBA - OH	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Matthew Condo, PT – KY	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Sara Cwiak, PT, DPT	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Shelene Thomas, PT, DPT, EdD -SD	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Greg Ford PT, DPT, PhD, OCS -NY	01/01/2026-12/31/2028

Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Greg Frazer, PhD-AL	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Reaffirmation Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Susan Wainwright, PT, PhD-SC	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Educator	Patrick Berner, PT, DPT, RDN - AL	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Educator	Lisa Johnston, PT, DPT – NC	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Educator	Carole Likens, PT, PhD, MBA -TN	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Educator	Kevin Helgeson, PT, DHSc -WA	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Maureen Clancy, PT, DPT, OCS	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Adrian Suratos, PT, DPT, MS, GCS -FL	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Aaron Rindfleisch, PT, MPT, PhD – MN	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Barry Eckert, PhD – GA	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Sundra Kinsey, PhD	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT RAI/AASC Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Cathy Ortega-UT (2026)	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Educator	Nicoleta Bugnaria, PT, PhD, MBA -CA	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Educator	Cheryl Peters-Brinkerhoff, PT, MPT, MHA, EdD - MA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Educator	Yasser Salem, PT, MS, PhD - NY	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Educator	Priscilla Weaver, PT, DPT, PhD -AZ	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Toran Macleod, PT, MPT, PhD - CA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Kelly King, PT, DPT, C/NDT, MRMC – AZ	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Physical Therapist Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Elke Schaumberg, PT, MS, DPT, PhD-RI	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Mary Keehn, PT, DPT,MPHE-IL	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Kris Vacek, OTD – MO	01/01/2025-12/31/2027

Physical Therapist Assistant Education Program Panel		
PTA Candidacy/Initial Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Charlene Jensen,-VA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Educator	Vacant for 2026	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Educator	Erin Schumacher, PT, DPT, EdD - MN	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Educator	Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA-OK	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Educator	Angela Heaton, PT, MEd -OH	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA Educator	Christina Howard, PT, MPT, Ed.D. -OR	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Educator	Tammy Marcin, PT, DPT, MBA, EdD-FL	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PT Clinician who supervises PTAs	Christina Pettie, PT, DPT, MHA-FL	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Elizabeth Gifford, PTA, CLT – NC	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinician Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Niesha Stevens, PTA, MBA -FL	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Molly Kostenbauder, EdD – FL	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Gloria Oikelome, PhD, EdD-PA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Reaffirmation Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Elane Seebo-TX	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Educator	Amanda Bryson, PTA, AAS, MBA – TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA Educator	Tiffany Duran-MI	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Educator	Drew Wilcox, PTA, MHA, PhD	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Educator	Kim Vandergrift, PTA, EdD - OH	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Educator	Krissa Reeves-WI	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Educator	Jacki Klaczak Kopack, PT, DPT - PA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PT Clinician who supervises PTAs	Richard Saia, PT, DPT-IL	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinicians Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Matthew Sweet, PTA , ATC, MS- NY	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinicians Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Debra Ludwiczak-Henry, PTA, BBA, MSOL, WCC-MI	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Teresa Cowan, PhD – MI	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Brian Rash, PhD-LA	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA RAI/AASC Panel	Name	Term
Chair	Laura Sage-CO	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA Educator	Clarence Chan, PT, DPT-NY	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PTA Educator	Amy Cornell, PT, tDPT, CEAS-GA	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA Educator	Scott Hargraves, PT, MA, DPT-PA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
PTA Educator	Renee Pruitt, PT, DPT, MHA-TX	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
PTA Educator	Bruce Wassung, PTA, MSPH-FL	01/01/2025-12/31/2027

Physical Therapist Assistant Education Program Panel		
PT Educator	Cathy Peterson, PT, EdD -CA	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
PT Clinician who supervises PTAs	Shari Cartwright, DPT-SC	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinicians Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	David Faccini, PTA, LMT – NY	01/01/2025-12/31/2027
Physical Therapist Assistant Clinicians Active in Clinical Practice and Clinical Teaching	Brad Wood, PTA, BS, MATL-OH	01/01/2024-12/31/2026
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Gerald Koocher, PhD - MA	01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Higher Education Admin or non-licensed PT faculty	Kari Dundore Shrout, MEd-NY	01/01/2024-12/31/2026

Nominating Committee: Adrienne McAuley and Natalie Michaels