

APTA PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee provides strategic advice, counsel, and options to the Board of Directors regarding: 1) how APTA can be responsive to and advocate for society's needs for health care, rehabilitation, and other services provided by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; 2) current and emerging public policy issues impacting the provision of physical therapy, rehabilitation, and health care services, including, but not limited to, delivery systems, payment for services, public health, quality, research, education, and access to care; and, 3) how to advance the profession within public policy arenas, including but not limited to legislative and regulatory venues.

CHARGE

The Board of Directors' determined charge for the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is to:

- Identify and recommend public policy priorities for APTA to the Board of Directors. This work will be conducted to coincide with the session of the United States Congress.
- Recommend an annual state legislative and regulatory policy priority framework for state chapters consideration and implementation.
- Review and make recommendations to grow APTA's grassroots network of key contacts and federal affairs liaisons.
- Identify public policy opportunities and challenges for physical therapy and generate reports and recommendations on strategies to address these for the Board of Directors.
- Provide advice and counsel as requested to the Board of Directors and staff regarding the development of strategies on how to best position the physical therapy profession to meet the needs of society and the profession.
- Assess advocacy and member needs to empower members with information to be engaged in association policy efforts.
- Advise and counsel the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association policies, positions, and APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession, as requested.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders, when doing so can further the work of the committee.
- Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA Volunteer Commitment.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTEES

Shall be:

- An APTA member in good standing.

MEETINGS

This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a monthly basis, as needed.

SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP

The group shall consist of one APTA Board chair who shall be the APTA Vice President; nine additional members; and the APTA President, who serves as an ex-officio member and is not counted among the nine.

TERMS OF APPOINTEES

With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and shall not serve consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter. APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.