

Board of Directors as a Delegation to the House of Delegates



BOD Y05-24-02-02 [Amended BOD Y06-19-07-07, Y01-16-02-03; Initial: BOD Y11-15-04-02] [Policy]

The APTA Board of Directors (Board) forwards motions to advance APTA's mission, vision, commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and strategic plan.

A majority vote by the Board is required to forward a motion to the House of Delegates (House).

Acting as a delegation, the Board provides delegates and other interested parties with its perspectives, when indicated, on motions in the House given the Board's fiduciary role and insight with governance of APTA.

For motions made by other delegations in the House, the Board takes positions on each motion and only communicates its positions to other delegations when the Board believes it is prudent to do so. The Board categorizes its positions as follows:

- Cosponsor: The Board agrees with the motion and advocates and acts in support of the motion.
- Agree: The Board agrees with the motion and no advocacy or action is taken.
- Neutral: The Board neither supports nor opposes.
- Disagree: The Board disagrees with the motion and no advocacy or action is taken.
- Oppose: The Board disagrees with the motion and advocates and acts for defeat of the motion.

The Board cosponsors motions to the House from other delegations that the Board intends to actively support and when the Board deems the motion necessary to advance APTA's mission, vision, commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and strategic plan.

The Board opposes motions to the House from other delegations that the Board intends to actively defeat, and when the Board believes the motion neither meets the Board's fiduciary responsibilities nor advances APTA's mission, vision, commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and strategic plan.

A two-thirds vote by the Board is required to cosponsor or oppose another delegation's motion. A simple majority vote by the Board is required to take a position of agree, neutral, or disagree with another delegation's motion.

The APTA president shares these definitions on an annual basis with the House through regular communication.

The APTA president assigns Board contacts to each motion, and the Board Contact engages with the motion maker(s) using a set of framing questions to assist with the position the Board takes on each motion.

Board Framing Questions:

- Does the motion advance the APTA's mission, vision, commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and/or the strategic plan?
- Is the motion already addressed in another way and/or is work already occurring that addresses the intent of the motion?
- Is the motion concept best served as an association policy, position, or binding ethical document, or is the motion concept served more effectively in another way?

- Do the motion concept and language align?
- Is the motion language contemporary and in alignment with APTA terminology?

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Explanation of Reference Numbers:

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure