

GM800 Michele Chee:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?

I am committed to supporting the integrity and advancement of the profession of physical therapists. I have been blessed to have had wonderful mentors and instructors and would like to ensure physical therapists continue to play a role in promoting health and wellness with a holistic awareness of life for the diverse members of our delegation.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Physical Therapy?

To provide peer leadership and guidance to regulate members licensed under the Board of Physical Therapy to ensure competence in practice and adherence to regulatory requirements to protect the public served under this jurisdiction.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Physical Therapy member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I am a local resident who has been born and raised in this community with a comprehension of the unique culture of Hawaii. While I have been educated out of state and continue to work nationally and internationally within my organization, I have served as a physical therapist to the members of Hawaii for the past 20+ years. I am deeply committed to promoting the greatest quality of life for our residents. I am a firm believer of life-long learning and strive to be current with evidence based treatments for the profession of physical therapy within regulatory guidelines.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to continue to ensure licensure of physical therapists who are able to demonstrate competence of state licensure regulatory requirements and advancement of the profession of physical therapy. I would like to protect our community by ensuring compliance with current regulatory requirements with the ability to stay current with evidence based treatments to provide best practice care for our population.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Physical Therapy

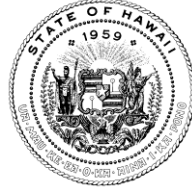
1. Integrity: I am trustworthy and accountable; I am completely invested in the members licensed under the Hawaii State Board of Physical Therapy and I am conscientious in all aspects of my work.
2. Empathy: I am good listener and I am able to discern situations from multiple perspectives with promotion of collaboration and respect to achieve positive outcomes in my interactions.
3. Decisive: I am highly focused in my interactions; I am able to assess a situation with efficiency and objective discernment to produce collaborative outcomes.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Physical Therapy member.

I am a member of the Rehab Executive Council for Shriners Children's; this has been a great opportunity to work collaboratively with my peers to hear issues and concerns from various states and a variety of settings (i.e. Inpatient Rehab Units, Outpatient, Sub-Acute and Acute care) each with a variety of regulatory requirements. This experience has enhanced my ability to be highly focused and efficient in communication and being able to produce outcomes.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Physical Therapy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

No, I do not foresee any possible conflicts. If a conflict were to arise I would overcome this situation by remaining objective and upholding the highest moral and ethical standards to achieve an appropriate outcome.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 800, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHELE CHEE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Dr. Michele N. Chee to the Board of Physical Therapy (Board) as a licensee member.

Dr. Chee graduated from the University of Montana and has years 24 of experience in the field of physical therapy. Dr. Chee currently works as the director of rehabilitation services at Shriners Hospital for Children in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Chee is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Pediatric Section and she has participated in numerous conferences. She also participates in multiple committees and boards including the Rehab Executive Council for Shriners Children's Hospital and Schroth based Scoliosis Specific Exercise Task Force.

The Department believes that Dr. Chee's extensive professional experience will offer an invaluable perspective to the Board. With Dr. Chee's professional background and her dedication to helping others, the Department believes that she will positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 1, 2022

Re: Appointment for Michele Chee DPT

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Michele Chee DPT, professionally for over 20 years. For more 17 years I was the manager of the Rehab department at Shriners Hospital and Michele was one of my staff clinicians. Through those years I was able to observe Michele's clinical practice and level of professionalism. She exhibited a drive for ongoing professional growth and a strong desire to provide each patient with the best care possible. Michele demonstrated a high level of professional, ethical behavior with all her encounters and within her clinical practice patterns. My faith in Michele as a strong leader was exhibited in 2019 when I encouraged her to assume the managerial position after my departure.

Michele and I have continued to collaborate as peers over the past 3 years and she continues to show growth and a desire to promote excellence in our clinical profession. This is why I whole-heartedly support her appointment to the State Board of Physical Therapy.

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Chairperson, Hawaii State Board of Physical Therapy



April 4, 2022

Senator Rosalyn Baker
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Senator Baker,

This letter is intended to serve as a reference for Dr. Michele Chee relative to her application to serve Hawai'i as a member of the Hawai'i State Board of Physical Therapy.

Dr. Chee currently serves Shriners Hospitals for Children-Honolulu as the Director of Rehabilitation. Shriners Hospitals for Children- Honolulu has a nearly 100-year history of serving the keiki and families of Hawai'i. Dr. Chee exemplifies the Mission of Shriners Hospitals and would extend that attitude of service to the whole of Hawai'i through her selection to the Hawai'i State Board of Physical Therapy.

Throughout her career, Dr. Chee has expertly navigated many of the challenges facing healthcare today. She has championed efforts for the inclusion of rehabilitation in all facets of patient care, promoted safety, engaged in research and advocated for evidence-based practice as the basis for all patient care. Dr. Chee represents Hawai'i as a member of the Shriners Rehabilitation Executive Council, responsible for leading rehabilitation initiatives across the entire Shriners International Healthcare System. She is an active member of her community and commits a considerable amount of her time and talents to local and national professional organizations aimed at the promotion of rehabilitation at all levels.

Dr. Chee has been a strong voice for rehabilitation throughout her career and within the Shriners International Healthcare System. I strongly support and recommend her appointment to the Hawai'i State Board of Physical Therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

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