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Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

AGENDA Regular Board Meeting November 5, 2025

Location:

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
214 Jefferson St, Suite 102
Lafayette, LA 70501
Time: 9:00am

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Minutes**
 - August 21, 2025
 - September 10, 2025
- 4. Consent Orders**
 - 2025-I-003 License# 11519 Emily Fontaine
 - 2016-I-029 License# 08872 Daniel Henning (Reinstatement App & Consent Order)
 - 2025-I-011 License# A9309 Mitzi Romero
- 5. Executive Session**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), the board may enter into executive session to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.
- 6. Officer Reports**
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Executive Director
- 7. Unfinished Business**
 - RPTP Fee
- 8. New Business**
 - License Status Updates:
 - 2023-I-009 License# 09007R Russell Hearne
 - 2024-I-032 License# A8990 Steven Powell
 - 2023-I-018 License# 07848 Ashley Phillips
 - 2025-I-014 License# 11763 Gabriel Sonnier
 - 2024-I-024 License# 09533R Kelly Campbell
 - CE Committee Declaratory Statement
 - CE Policy Revision
 - CE Courses for Denial
 - Dry Needling & Support Personnel
 - Scope of Practice Question
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting November 5, 2025

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on November 5, 2025 at 214 Jefferson St, Suite 102, Lafayette, LA 70501. A quorum of Board Members was present, including Chairman Danny Lewy, Oday Lavergne, Claude Tremblay, Lee Rielly, Adam York, Ben Gaines, and Michael Hildebrand.

From staff, Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director, and Stephanie Boudreaux, Compliance Officer were present. Board attorney Jim Raines was present. Members of the Advisory Committee present were Jeremy Dye, Chris Franks, and John Rocco DeLara. Members of the public present were Daniel Henning and Rebecca Davis.

Chairman Lewy called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to approve the agenda. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to approved the August 21, 2025 and September 10, 2025 minutes. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Attorney Jim Raines presented the board with three consent orders for cases 2025-I-003 license# 11519 Emily Fontaine, 2016-I-029 license# 08872 Daniel Henning, and 2025-I-011 license# A9309 Mitzi Romero. Mr. Henning's also included a reinstatement application.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1) to address the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person or licensee. Adam York seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to exit Executive Session. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to approve the consent order for case 2025-I-003 Emily Fontaine license# 11519 as presented. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to approve the reinstatement application and consent order for case 2016-I-029 Daniel Henning license# 08872 as presented. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted. Michael Hildebrand abstained from the vote. All other members voted in favor.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to approve the consent order for 2025-I-011 Mitzi Romero license# A9309 as presented. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

A Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director's reports were presented. They are included in the minutes as an addendum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Martin presented to the board regarding the Recovering Physical Therapy Program's (RPTP) monthly participation fee.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize that the board waive fee for the CRPTP and that the entire board will consider waiver requests for participants in the non-confidential RPTP on an individual basis. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The board members reviewed the license status of individuals currently in consent order agreements with the board.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize the board staff to change the status of license# 09007R Russell Hearne from probation to active upon satisfactory completion of necessary consent order requirements. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize the board staff to change the status of license# A8990 Steven Powell from suspension to probation upon the satisfactory completion of necessary consent order requirements. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize the board staff to change the status of license# 07848 Ashley Phillips from suspension to probation upon the satisfactory completion of necessary consent order requirements. Lee Rielly seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize the board staff to change the status of license# 11763 Gabriel Sonnier from suspension to probation upon the satisfactory completion of necessary consent order requirements. Adam York seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion failed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to authorize the board staff to change the status of license# 09553R Kelly Campbell from suspension to probation upon the satisfactory completion of necessary consent order requirements. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly gave a presentation to the board regarding the CE Committee's latest work and background on the items the board would be considering for votes, including a declaratory statement, a CE policy revision, and courses for denial.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the CE Committee's declaratory statement as written. Adam York seconded the motion. The board voted. Lee Rielly voted yay. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne, Adam York, Michael Hildebrand, Claude Tremblay, Ben Gaines, and Chairman Lewy voted nay. The motion failed.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the CE policy revision as written. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to approve the following courses titles:

- Improving Neck & Shoulder Pain and Dysfunction Using Tai Chi (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)

- Evidence-Based Rehabilitation Using Tai Chi (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Rehabilitative Tai Chi for Chronic Pulmonary Conditions (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Rehabilitative Tai Chi for Lower Extremity Pain and Dysfunction (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Rehabilitative Tai Chi for Chronic Back Pain (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- The Latest Integrative Research and Approaches in the Successful Treatment of Chronic Pain Conditions (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Chronic Pain Solutions (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Therapeutic Yoga: Biopsychosocial Applications for Rehabilitation (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Therapeutic Yoga for the Neurological Patient (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Pediatric Yoga and Self-Regulation (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Mindfulness-Based Intervention (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Using Mindfulness and Meditation to Improve Your Therapy Practice (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education)
- Mindfulness Strategies for Medical Professionals (Sponsor: Colibri Healthcare, LLC)

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to deny the course titled Creative Therapeutic Play (Sponsor: Summit Professional Education) because the program content is not easily recognizable as pertinent to the physical therapy profession, as required by Rule §195.A. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Lee Rielly moved to deny the course titled A Comprehensive Guide to Manual Lymphatic Drainage (Sponsor: Colibri Healthcare, LLC) due to the instructor not meeting the speaker qualifications of the CE Policy. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin requested that the board clarify if it is within the scope of practice for support personnel to participate in dry needling. Lee Rielly moved to authorize the Executive Director to draft a statement regarding support personnel participation in the practice of dry needling to be considered at the December board meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin presented a question from a licensee:

We have a local surgeon that has asked our Physical Therapist to pull a JP drain and I would like confirm with the board that this is within the physical therapist's scope of practice prior to proceeding with this order.

Lee Rielly moved to authorize the Executive Director to have the attorney review a response that the practice act would not prohibit a physical therapist from proceeding with this order, but noted that the physical therapist would need to evaluate the patient and establish a plan of care prior to providing this service. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Secretary/Treasurer Lavergne moved to adjourn the meeting. Claude Tremblay seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.



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November 5, 2025

Treasurer's Report Oday Lavergne, Secretary/Treasurer

Report: Quarterly Financial Report – Q1

Overview of Financial Performance

In Q1 (July 1 – September 30), the board brought in more income than budgeted and spent fewer expenses than budgeted, resulting in a positive Net Ordinary Income of over \$100K more than expected in the budget.

	Q1 Actual	Q1 Budgeted	Annual Budget
Income	\$ 566,453	\$ 521,071	\$ 1,319,307
Expense	\$ 262,377	\$ 320,181	\$ 1,306,691
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 303,856	\$ 200,890	\$ 12,616
Other Expense	\$ 32,326	\$ 86,482	\$ 469,000
Net Income	\$ 271,530	\$ 104,408	\$ (456,384)

Income Notes:

Total Income was about \$45K more than budgeted, largely due to CE and Short-term interest income.

- CE: The board brought in about \$12K more than budgeted.
- Short-term interest: CD and Savings interest was about \$36K more than budgeted.

Expense Notes:

Total Expense was about \$58K lower than budgeted, most significantly due to the following categories:

- General Counsel: The board budgeted \$20K and only spent \$280.
- Payroll Expenses: The board spent \$6,400 less than budgeted. Salaries were \$3K less than budgeted, Payroll Expenses Other, retirement and taxes were all about \$1K less than budgeted.
- Travel –The board spent \$4,700 less than budgeted in travel overall (in-state and out-of-state).
- Per Diem – Board: The board spent \$3,750 less than budgeted for board per diem. This could be due to expense forms not being submitted in a timely manner. In October, the board can expect a spike in per diem due to the FSBPT conference attendance.
- Professional Services – The board spent \$0 in professional services. The board budgeted \$15K for the year and have spent nothing, but the board distributed the \$15K evenly throughout the year because we do not know when we will need the professional services.

- Court Reporter – The board has not spent any money on a court reporter this year, but the board budgeted \$14,000 and distributed that evenly throughout the year in the budget, so we are \$3,500 under budget.
- Credit Card Fees – The board paid \$1,501 in credit card fees, but budgeted \$5K. We expect that we will have significantly higher credit card fees during renewal season, but we distributed the fees evenly throughout the year.

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025

	09/30/2025	09/30/2024
Checking/Savings	\$ 154,230	\$ 158,056
Accounts Receivables	\$ 158,842	\$ 182,931
CDs or Money Market	\$2,264,391	\$2,550,023
Computer & Software (A/V)	\$ 327,773	\$ 116,140
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 71,138	\$ 13,310

Balance Sheet Notes:

Overall, the board is doing well. We were able to invest some of our board designated funds into fixed assets (A/V and furniture) and some into one-time expenditures of the statewide conference and board retreat. Our accounts receivable is completely related to disciplinary funds that are scheduled to be reimbursed to the board.

Conclusion & Outlook

The Board remains well-positioned to meet its financial obligations while advancing its strategic initiatives.



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August 21, 2025

Executive Director's Report Charlotte F. Martin, Executive Director

Complaint Summary

Status of complaints since the last board meeting.

Currently Open (Licensees)

Violation Type

- Boundaries – 3
- Fraud/Billing/Documentation – 7
- Substance Abuse – 0
- Malpractice Claim – 0
- Arrest/Criminal Conviction – 12
- Previous Disciplinary Action – 0
- Practice Related Issues – 2

Currently Open (Non-Licensees) – 3

Complaints Received since 8/15/2025 - 3

Informal Conference Conducted since 8/15/2025 – 1

Hearings Scheduled/Notices Sent – 0

Appeals – 0

Proposed Consent Orders Issued to Respondents – 4

Closed Cases – 6

- Letter of Concern – 2
- Consent Orders/Board Orders – 2
- Dismissed – 1
- CRPTP – 1

Total Open Investigations – 27

RPTP Report

Enrolled in RPTP – 9
Pending enrollment – 4

Licensure Report

The following numbers show the licenses issued since the last board meeting.

License Applications Approved from August 15, 2025 – October 20, 2025

Physical Therapist

Initial License – 7
Reciprocity Licenses – 13
Reinstatement Licenses – 2
Provisional Licenses – 4

PT's licensed – 26

Physical Therapist Assistant

Initial Licenses – 21
Reciprocity Licenses – 1
Reinstatement Licenses – 0
Provisional Licenses – 3

PTA's licensed – 25

Overall Total – 51

Compact Report

Compact Privileges Purchased from August 16 – October 24, 2025

Initial PT – 24
Initial PTA – 5
Total Initial – 29

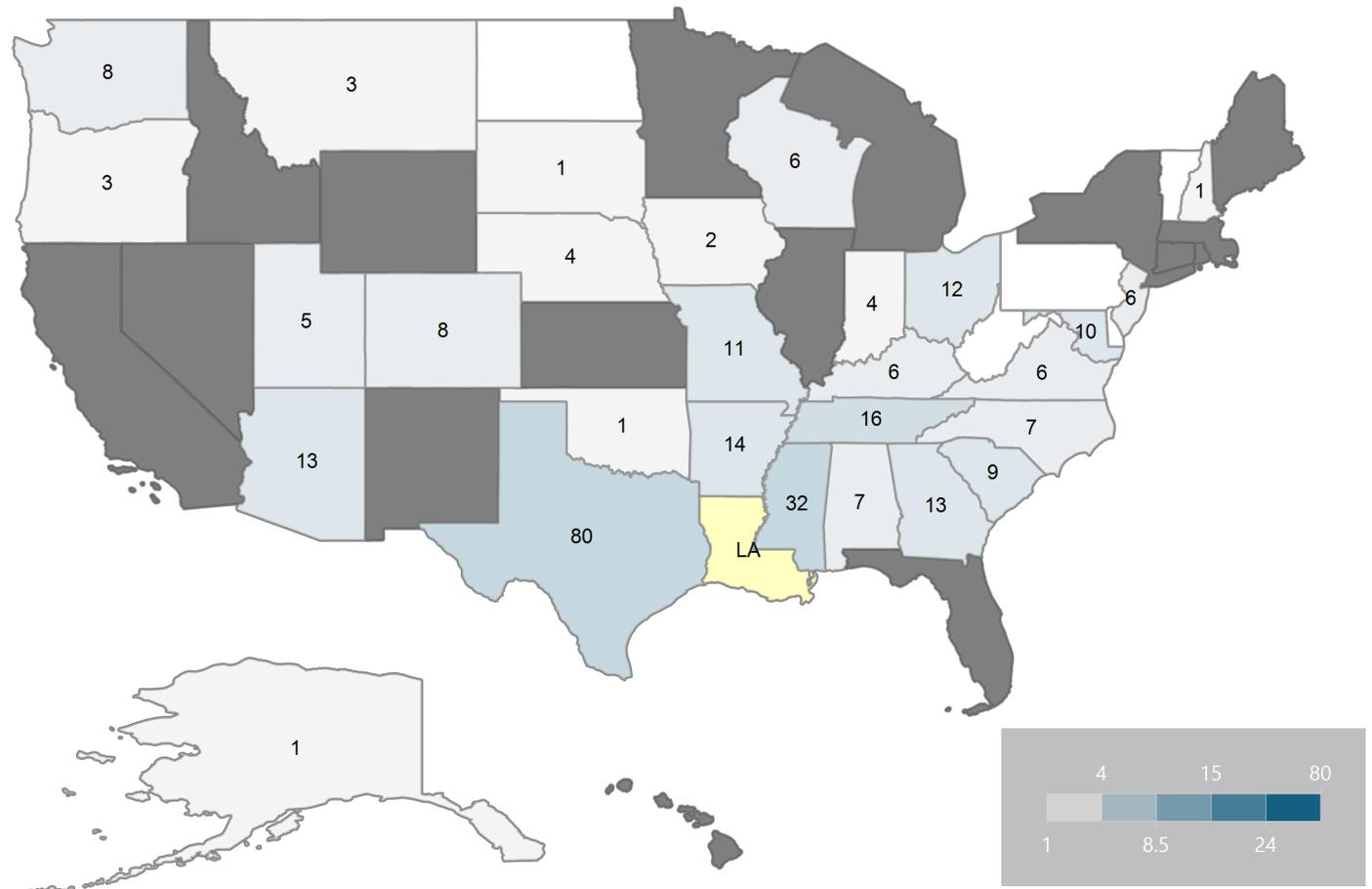
Renewal PT – 5
Renewal PTA – 2
Total Renewal – 7

Overall Total – 36

PT Compact LOUISIANA Status Report

October 1, 2025

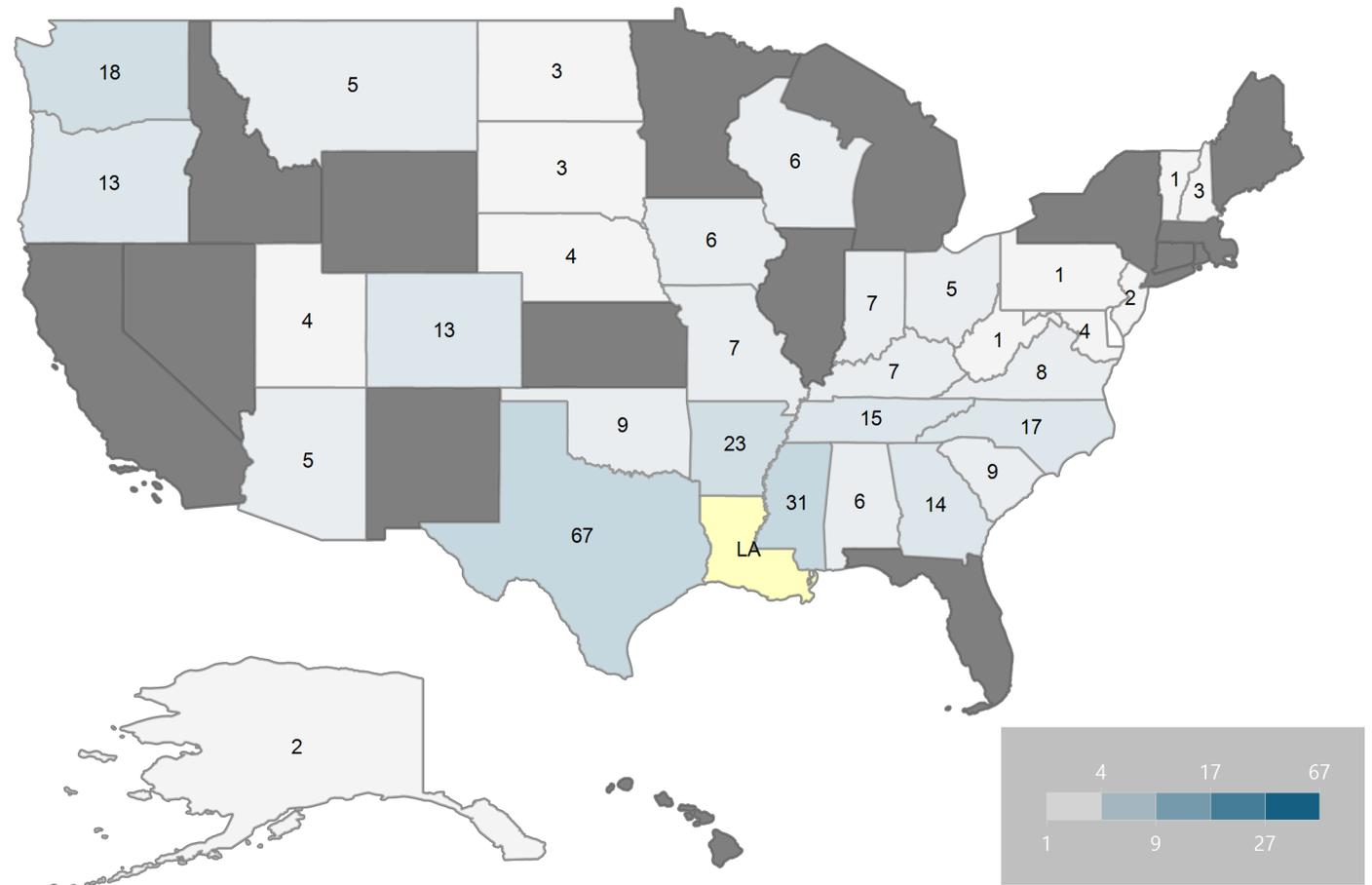
Where do individuals live that have a Compact Privilege for LOUISIANA? (Coming From)



Home State	Privilege State	Privilege PTs	Privilege PTAs	Privilege Totals
TX	LA	67 (28.76%)	13 (22.03%)	80 (27.40%)
MS	LA	25 (10.73%)	7 (11.86%)	32 (10.96%)
TN	LA	14 (6.01%)	2 (3.39%)	16 (5.48%)
AR	LA	2 (0.86%)	12 (20.34%)	14 (4.79%)
AZ	LA	9 (3.86%)	4 (6.78%)	13 (4.45%)
GA	LA	13 (5.58%)	0 (0.00%)	13 (4.45%)
OH	LA	11 (4.72%)	1 (1.69%)	12 (4.11%)
MO	LA	6 (2.58%)	5 (8.47%)	11 (3.77%)
MD	LA	10 (4.29%)	0 (0.00%)	10 (3.42%)
SC	LA	5 (2.15%)	4 (6.78%)	9 (3.08%)
WA	LA	7 (3.00%)	1 (1.69%)	8 (2.74%)
CO	LA	7 (3.00%)	1 (1.69%)	8 (2.74%)
AL	LA	5 (2.15%)	2 (3.39%)	7 (2.40%)
NC	LA	6 (2.58%)	1 (1.69%)	7 (2.40%)
KY	LA	5 (2.15%)	1 (1.69%)	6 (2.05%)

WI	LA	6 (2.58%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (2.05%)
VA	LA	5 (2.15%)	1 (1.69%)	6 (2.05%)
NJ	LA	6 (2.58%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (2.05%)
UT	LA	4 (1.72%)	1 (1.69%)	5 (1.71%)
IN	LA	3 (1.29%)	1 (1.69%)	4 (1.37%)
NE	LA	3 (1.29%)	1 (1.69%)	4 (1.37%)
MT	LA	2 (0.86%)	1 (1.69%)	3 (1.03%)
DC	LA	3 (1.29%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.03%)
OR	LA	3 (1.29%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (1.03%)
IA	LA	2 (0.86%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.68%)
AK	LA	1 (0.43%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.34%)
NH	LA	1 (0.43%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.34%)
OK	LA	1 (0.43%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.34%)
SD	LA	1 (0.43%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.34%)
Totals		233	59	292

Where do LOUISIANA Licensees purchase Compact Privileges for? (Going To)



Home State	Privilege State	Privilege PTs	Privilege PTAs	Privilege Totals
LA	TX	51 (21.61%)	16 (18.82%)	67 (20.87%)
LA	MS	16 (6.78%)	15 (17.65%)	31 (9.66%)
LA	AR	14 (5.93%)	9 (10.59%)	23 (7.17%)

LA	WA	11 (4.66%)	7 (8.24%)	18 (5.61%)
LA	NC	13 (5.51%)	4 (4.71%)	17 (5.30%)
LA	TN	12 (5.08%)	3 (3.53%)	15 (4.67%)
LA	GA	10 (4.24%)	4 (4.71%)	14 (4.36%)
LA	CO	10 (4.24%)	3 (3.53%)	13 (4.05%)
LA	OR	10 (4.24%)	3 (3.53%)	13 (4.05%)
LA	OK	9 (3.81%)	0 (0.00%)	9 (2.80%)
LA	SC	7 (2.97%)	2 (2.35%)	9 (2.80%)
LA	VA	6 (2.54%)	2 (2.35%)	8 (2.49%)
LA	MO	5 (2.12%)	2 (2.35%)	7 (2.18%)
LA	IN	5 (2.12%)	2 (2.35%)	7 (2.18%)
LA	KY	5 (2.12%)	2 (2.35%)	7 (2.18%)
LA	IA	6 (2.54%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (1.87%)
LA	AL	5 (2.12%)	1 (1.18%)	6 (1.87%)
LA	WI	6 (2.54%)	0 (0.00%)	6 (1.87%)
LA	OH	5 (2.12%)	0 (0.00%)	5 (1.56%)
LA	AZ	3 (1.27%)	2 (2.35%)	5 (1.56%)
LA	MT	4 (1.69%)	1 (1.18%)	5 (1.56%)
LA	MD	2 (0.85%)	2 (2.35%)	4 (1.25%)
LA	NE	4 (1.69%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (1.25%)
LA	UT	2 (0.85%)	2 (2.35%)	4 (1.25%)
LA	SD	3 (1.27%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (0.93%)
LA	NH	2 (0.85%)	1 (1.18%)	3 (0.93%)
LA	ND	2 (0.85%)	1 (1.18%)	3 (0.93%)
LA	NJ	2 (0.85%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.62%)
LA	AK	2 (0.85%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.62%)
LA	DC	2 (0.85%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (0.62%)
LA	PA	1 (0.42%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.31%)
LA	VT	1 (0.42%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (0.31%)
LA	WV	0 (0.00%)	1 (1.18%)	1 (0.31%)
Total		236	85	321

LOUISIANA Revenue Generated Through Compact Privilege Purchases Thru October 1, 2025

Purchase Year	Purchaser Count *	Privilege Count	Refund Count	Net Revenue
2019	51	52	0	\$2,668.00
2020	112	120	0	\$10,580.00
2021	122	133	1	\$11,500.00
2022	182	202	0	\$18,308.00
2023	190	203	0	\$18,124.00
2024	177	202	0	\$18,400.00
2025	169	175	0	\$15,732.00

* Some individuals purchase their first Compact Privilege (CP) for a state and then renew the CP as they renew their home state license during the same year.