

LOUISIANA
PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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About the Board

Purpose

We regulate the practice of physical therapy in Louisiana by only licensing individuals who minimally qualify to practice physical therapy and responding to complaints regarding the conduct of the individuals who hold a privilege to practice or are licensed by our board. We do this for the citizens of Louisiana, so that recipients of physical therapy care have the opportunity to improve their health in a safe environment.

Financials

The board operates on self-generated funds and financials are reported on a fiscal year, July 1st, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$1,181,306.92	\$1,071,429.64
Expenses	\$975,019.96	\$1,061,476.99
Net Income	\$226,434.98	\$9,952.65

Practitioners in Louisiana

License Renewals

The key objective in licensing is to only license individuals who are qualified to practice physical therapy, per statute and rule, while identifying and eliminating unnecessary barriers to entry for qualified individuals. The key activities performed include receiving information for initial license, reinstatement, and renewal applications. For all applicants initially applying for a license in Louisiana, an FBI background check is performed. The board maintains a database of licensees and displays license information on a website for public access.

2023 Actual PT 2023 Actual PTA
1725 812
Total 2537 (2705 eligible)

2023 Compact Privileges

In 2018, the PT Licensure Compact was established through the legislature to improve portability in the physical therapy profession. On July 22, 2019, Louisiana became an active member state issuing privileges to individuals who wish to practice in Louisiana through a Compact Privilege, rather than obtaining a license. Below is a chart to show how many Compact privileges were purchased in 2023.

Compact Privileges

Initial PT Initial PTA
113 29
Renewal PT Renewal PTA
40 21
Total 203

Board Members & Locations

The board is comprised of eight members who are all appointed by the Governor of the state of Louisiana for a three-year term. Each appointment by the Governor is submitted to the Senate for confirmation. No person may be appointed to the board if they have served for more than two consecutive three-year terms (La. R.S. 37:2403.F).

Judith Halverson, PT - Chairman

LHA Nominee | New Orleans | 2nd Term | 1/12/2018 - 1/11/2024

Katie Brittain, PT - Secretary/Treasurer

At-Large | Lake Charles | 2nd Term | 9/7/2018 - 9/6/2024

Dr. Meredith Warner, MD - Member

LMS Nominee | Baton Rouge | 2nd Term | 1/5/2018 - 1/4/2024

Phil Page, PT - Member

At-Large | Baton Rouge | 2nd Term | 9/18/2018 - 9/17/2024

John Marius, PTA - Member

At-Large | New Orleans | 2nd Term | 7/17/2020 - 11/17/2023 (Resigned)

Oday Lavergne, PT - Member

APTA-LA Nominee | Alexandria | 2nd Term | 7/17/2020 - 7/16/2026

Tyra Mitchell, PT - Member

At-Large | New Orleans | 2nd Term | 9/15/2020 - 9/14/2026

Deandra Johnson-Narcisee M. Ed - Member

Consumer Member | Lafayette | 1st Term | 11/11/2022 - 11/11/2025

Advisory Committee

The board may appoint an Advisory Committee not to exceed nine members to assist in the review of applicants' qualifications for licensure, conduct applicant interviews, review continuing education activities and courses, and other duties deemed necessary by the board (Rule §109.B)

Christopher Franks, PT - Lake Charles

Jeremy Dye, PT - Shreveport

Marie Vazquez Morgan, PT - Shreveport

Ben McRae, PTA - Monroe

Michael Hildebrand, PT - Monroe

Lindsey Robinson, PT - New Orleans

Michael Laudadio, PT - Boerne, TX

Naikia Woodrich, PT - New Orleans

John DeLara, PT - Houma

Staff Members

The board may employ an executive director and necessary clerical assistance to carry out the administrative work of the board, fix the compensation thereof, and incur other necessary expenses. (La R.S. 37:2405. B(5))

Charlotte Martin, MPA - Executive Director

Jessica Alwell, MHR - Assistant Executive Director

Danielle Linzer - Licensing Analyst 2

Stephanie Boudreaux - Compliance Officer

Anne Nims - Administrative Assistant

Recommendations

To improve the practice of physical therapy and operations of the Board, the board has formally authorized the Practice Act Committee to proceed with the comprehensive process of updating the Practice Act statutes, with a specific focus on regulating the profession of physical therapy and optimizing board operations.

In alignment with the board's commitment to continuous improvement, stakeholders were engaged and feedback was solicited by the board, as outlined below:

1. Engagement with American Physical Therapy Association Louisiana Chapter:

- Solicited valuable input regarding problematic language and recommendations for improvement.

2. Collaborative Workshop with APTA-LA President and LPTB Chairman:

- Participated in a national joint workshop facilitated by the Federation of State Boards of Physical therapy to review The Model Practice Act exploring potential language adjustments for the Louisiana Practice Act .

3. Statewide Survey of PT and PTA License Holders:

- Conducted a comprehensive survey among license holders, gathering insights on problematic statutes and rules.
- Explored proposed solutions and gauged interest in participating in a meeting addressing statute changes.

4. Virtual Stakeholder Meeting:

- Responded to expressed interest from the statewide survey by organizing and hosting a virtual stakeholder meeting.
- Extended invitations to interested individuals and representatives from APTA-LA.

5. Dialogue with Academic Programs:

- Facilitated a focused dialogue with representatives from Louisiana academic programs of Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant programs. Included the APTA-LA chapter in the meeting.
- Emphasized discussions on potential modifications, particularly those related to PT supervision of PTAs.

Drawing from the insights gained through these engagements, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (LPTB) has meticulously compiled a list of proposed changes to the statutes governing the practice of physical therapy and the operations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board. This systematic approach ensures that the proposed changes are informed and reflective of a collaborative decision-making process. Presented below is a concise overview of the proposed changes.

- Updating definitions in alignment with current national standards.
- Allowing the board to require reimbursement of costs related to licensure hearings.
- Clarifying language for confidentiality of board records.
- Removing age restrictions for licensure and specific accrediting agency references.
- Changing the term from "reciprocity" to "endorsement" for licensure.
- Allowing criminal background checks for licensure other than initial applications.
- Extending emergency exemptions from sixty to ninety days.
- Streamlining the authority to practice as a PT or PTA, reflecting the current referral-free practice landscape.
- Adding "physio" to restricted terms as per national recommendations.
- Adjusting procedures for conducting hearings and defining unprofessional conduct.
- Granting the authority to issue cease and desist orders directly to individuals violating Chapter regulations without going through their licensing board.
- Changing the board composition to eliminate potential biases and undue influence from special interest groups, ensuring a more diverse and independent board:

1. Removing special interest nominating groups.
2. Increasing the number of PTA board members from one to two.
3. Extending board terms from three to four years.

Accomplishment Roundup

Strategic Plan

In 2023, the Board finalized a 3 year strategic plan to begin January 1, 2024 through the end of 2026. The Board separated their goals into four categories:

- Organizational Effectiveness
- Licensure
- Enforcement
- Education and Outreach

Each goal was broken into smaller sub goals and assigned to the Board's standing committees:

- Continuing Education
- Discipline
- Practice Act
- Operations & Outreach
- Website

To read more about the Board's strategic plan, scan the QR code.



Updates & Improvements

The Board first sent a survey to the entire licensee population to request input from licensees regarding the issues they face in daily practice with existing statutes and rules. Some licensees indicated an interest in attending a meeting with the committee to discuss these issues in more detail.

The Practice Act committee then held a meeting with stakeholders in which they included multiple stakeholders, including the professional association (APTA-LA). The goal of the meeting was to discuss the issues further and ascertain if recommendations could improve the state of physical therapy in Louisiana while also maintaining the best protection of the public. More information on the following page.

Physical Therapy Minimum Data Set (PTMDS) Survey

In 2021, the Board began collecting workforce data via the PTMDS survey also utilized by other physical therapy boards across the nation. The PTMDS is a set of data elements regarding demographics, education, training, licensure, and employment collected on all licensees at regular intervals, typically at licensure renewal. Jurisdictions may collect their own set of data elements which would be referred to as workforce data rather than the PTMDS.

Data is securely stored by the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and only provided in aggregate form so as to ensure the privacy of all licensees.

Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants renew their license every 2 years. To obtain a complete data set, the Board waited for 2 renewal periods. Upon the collection of the 2022 data set, the Board looked at the quality of the data and determined that some questions and their defined responses could use improvement. Thus, the Board agreed to utilize questions from the Cross-Profession Minimum Data set (CPMDS) provided by the Health Regulatory Research Institute, in addition to some existing PTMDS questions. The goal of this set of workforce questions is standardize workforce information gathering across healthcare professions and provide a better view of the workforce needs across the nation.

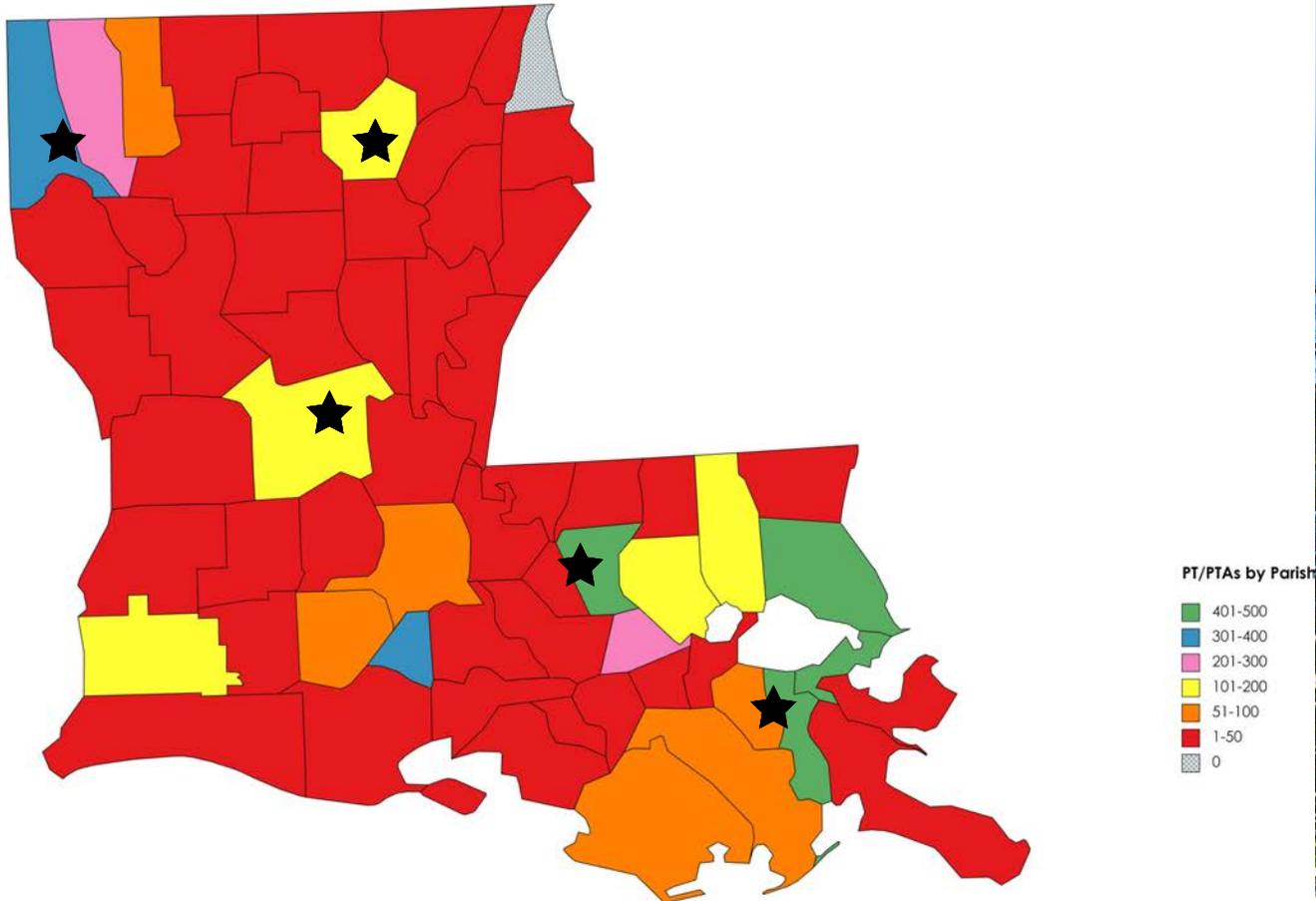
The new questions will be utilized beginning with the Board's 2024 license renewal cycle and the public can expect to see updates on the Board's website.

To read more about the CPMDS, scan the QR code below.



Louisiana Licensees by Parish

The map shows the density of physical therapists and physical therapists assistants by parish based upon their reported home address. The stars indicate the location of PT/PTA programs in the state.



Timeline for Approval

Within 7 business days of a receipt of a complete application

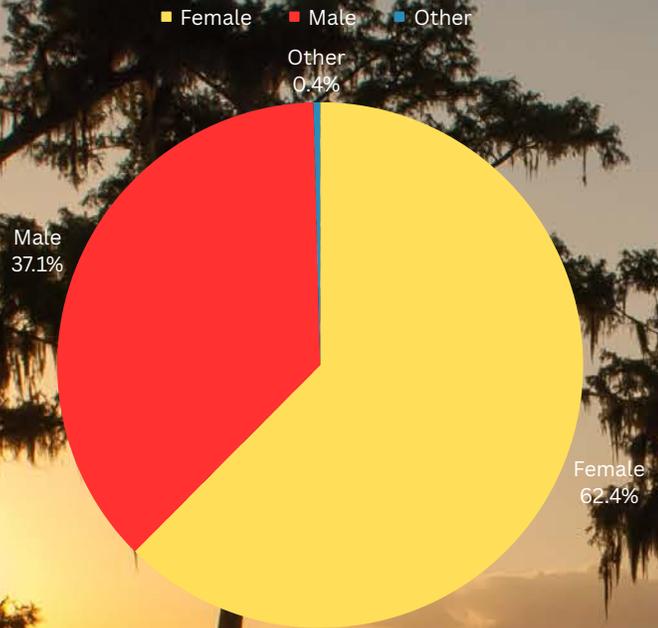
PT & PTA Academic Programs

Bossier Parish Community College | Bossier City | PTA Program
Delgado Community College | New Orleans | PTA Program
Franciscan Ministries | Baton Rouge | PTA Program
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Louisiana Christian University | Pineville | PTA Program
LSU Health Science Center | Shreveport | PT Program
LSU Health Science Center | New Orleans | PT Program

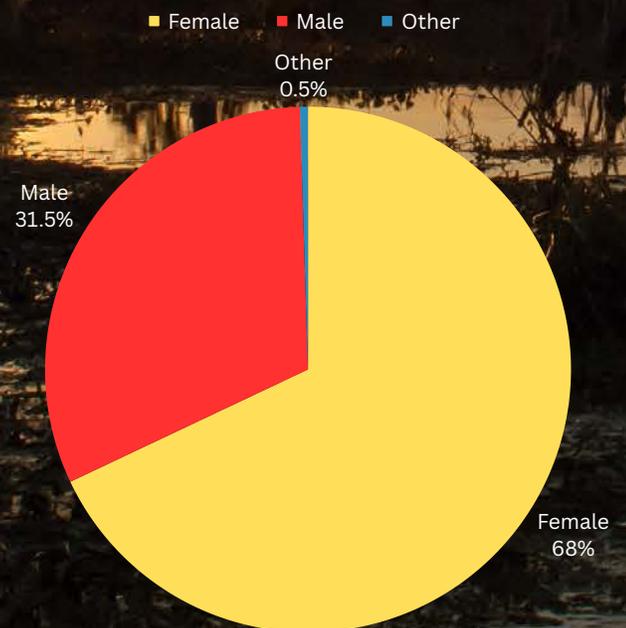
By Parish

Parish	Licenses Issued	Licenses Renewed
Out of State	53	105
Acadia	4	25
Allen	0	2
Ascension	4	111
Assumption	0	3
Avoyelles	2	15
Beauregard	4	10
Bienville	0	5
Bossier	16	122
Caddo	11	167
Calcasieu	8	84
Caldwell	0	3
Cameron	0	1
Catahoula	3	0
Claiborne	0	6
Concordia	2	6
De Soto	2	14
East Baton Rouge	28	225
East Carroll	0	0
East Feliciana	0	9
Evangeline	4	13
Franklin	1	4
Grant	1	6
Iberia	4	16
Iberville	2	12
Jackson	0	4
Jefferson	37	272
Jefferson Davis	0	13
La Salle	2	8
Lafayette	14	193
LaFourche	5	36
Lincoln	4	45
Livingston	12	51
Madison	0	2
Morehouse	0	5
Natchitoches	1	13
Orleans	24	173
Ouachita	6	87
Plaquemines	0	8
Pointe Coupee	0	4
Rapides	5	93
Red River	0	4
Richland	0	3
Sabine	1	5
St. Bernard	2	11
St. Charles	7	24
St. Helena	0	0
St. James	1	8
St. John the Baptist	1	6
St. Landry	3	24
St. Martin	1	14
St. Mary	1	4
St. Tammany	28	246
Tangipahoa	9	66
Terrebonne	4	34
Union	1	17
Vermillion	1	23
Vernon	2	13
Washington	3	15
Webster	2	25
West Baton Rouge	1	15
West Carroll	1	1
West Feliciana	0	2
Winn	0	3
TOTAL	328	2537

2022-2023 PT Gender



2022-2023 PTA Gender



Physical Therapists Issued a License during 2023

Adams, Madison	Dufrene, Austin	Lin, Juliann	Schingle, Ellen
Aguillard, Emmi	Dufrene, Ross	Liu, Taishi	Schuetz, Morgan
Akotaobi, Ngozi	Dunford, Dylan	Lockett, Tremia	Short, Abigail
Allbritton, Dakoda	Dykes Hetzler, Madison	Lonibos, Alexa	Simpson, Brian
Allred, Sarah	Eakin, Andrew	Lovelace, Lauren	Smith, Angela
Alston, Jameson	Edwards, Kathryn	Luong, Kevin	Smith, Matthew
Arkelian, Ryan	Eisner, Gabriel	Maccarriello, Michael	Sonnier, Breigh
Atmore, Amy	Esch, Blake	MANCIL, SAMUEL	Stanton, Justin
Aucoin, Sarah	Ezernack, Matthew	Manguno, Victoria	Stears, Baylie
Aultman, Javis	Falvey, Kyle	Marino, Benjamin	Steed, Claire
Baeza, Mia	Fanguy, Rachel	Marionneaux, Laken	Stiegler, Lauren
Barnes, Pamela	Farnet, Courtney	Marsh, Bailie	Storr, Kaelyn
Basinger, Caleb	Farrell, Morgan	Matherne, Grant	Svecova, Katerina
Bates, John	Fennell, Chelsea	Matherne, Ryder	Tapper, Amanda
Bautista, Lindsay	Fernandez, Angela	Mayeux, Carli	Tate, Christopher
Beckermeyer, Collin	Fernandez, Jose	McClure, Courtlyn	Taylor, Dayla
Beckner, Matthew	Fleming, Matthew	McLeod, Kelsea	Thomas, Michael
Belsome, Grant	Florczyk, Victoria	McManus, Mollye	Toups, Kaylee
Blakley, Erin	Fontaine, Emily	McMurry, Reed	Triche, Brennan
Blanchard, Katelyn	Fradella, Hannah	McRaney, Adoree	Troe, Jennifer
Boland, Megan	Gaddy, Denise	Menzies, Saya	Vohra, Ravneet
Bourg, Sidney	Galema, Marjorie	Miller, Marcilet	Weston, Bailey
Bourgeois, Emma	Garrett, Madison	Miller, Sabrina	Wheat, Karlie
Boutin, Kimberly	Gilbert, Shakari	Miller, Tina	Whisenand, Lauren
Braddy, Kassidy	Goldammer, Lauren	Miller, Tyler	Wicklund, Kali
Broadway, Mitchell	Goldman, Emma	Molina, Ronald	Wilkerson, Lovely
Brown, Zachary	Gomez, Dom Ernest	Moran, Brady	Williams, Angela
Bruno, Natalie	Groce, Alexis	Moran, Hannah	Wisniewski-Top,
Bullard, Randi	Haggermaker, Carly	Morgan, Chase	Connor
Burkhalter, David	Hamilton, Kelly	Murphy, Ann	Witt, Chelsea
Burns, Jania	Hargis, Bryce	Nelson, Sarah	Woodruff, Shelbi
Buvsen, Kyle	Harson, Abby-Gayle	Newell, Stacey	Woods, James
Campbell, Alyssa	Hart, Geoffrey	Nguyen, Bryan	Yi, Nuo
Carlson, Sloane	Hebert, Abigail	Nichols, Susanna	Yoder, Carly
Carr, Stephanie	Hennigan, Casady	Norsworthy, Derward	Young, Brennan
Carter, Kyle	Hepting, Bailey	Ong, Marilyn	Young, Lauren
Caruthers, London	Hicks, Abigail	Ourso, Kaitlyn	Zeringue, Bryce
Chagnard, Jenna	Higdon, Jack	Parbhoo, Atisha	
Chopin, Kacey	Hocevar, Olivia	Parr, J'olee	
Chung, Pui	Holt, Jessica	Parrott, Katherine	
Cimo, Christopher	Hymel, Seth	Patterson, Erik	
Coffman, Julie	Ibarrola, Gabriella	Pertuit, Kacie	
Cohen, Jesse	Jackson, Dyneisha	Petkovich, Brooke	
Cole, Emma	James, Jennifer	Pfizenmayer, John	
Conlin, Daniel	Jang, Shera	Phipps, Natalie	
Connick, Dillon	Katt, Bradley	Pierce, Jacob	
Cook, Adam	Keel, Ashley	Pohlmann, Timothy	
Cook, Landon	Knotek, Maggie	Proctor, Jacob	
Cordell, Chloe	Koon, Hillary	Rankin, Danielle	
Cotton, Chelsey	Kovach, William	Raslowsky, Brandon	
Crowley, Margaret	Labbe, Megan	Rauch, Brianna	
Cryer, Brooke	LaFontaine, Gabrielle	Rea, Christian	
Curry, Carli	LaGrange, Brittany	Reggie, Amy	
Daigle, Catherine	LaHaye, Nicholas	Renton, Emily	
Dailey, Cassidy	Lakin, Riley	Reyes, Jonathan	
Davidson, Emily	Lapeyre, Rebecca	Reynolds, Edward	
Dawson, Heather	Lash, Coulson	Riddle, Austin	
DeLaurentiis, Olivia	Layne, Haylee	Robichaux, Brandon	
Delgado, Kristina	Lazard, Ramona	Robinson, DeTerriyon	
Deuel, Daniel	LeBlanc, Grant	Romero, Jose	
Dewart, Kenneth	LeBlanc, Macey	Ross, Emily	
Dheming, Hannah	LeBlanc, Peyton	Rusciano, Vincent	
Dickinson, Sadie	Lenard, April	Russell, Dalton	
Downey, Megan	Lewis, Sarah	Sampere, Randa	
Drewes, Dustin	Liljeberg, Julia	Schiele, Carley	

Physical Therapists Assistants Issued a License by the Board during 2023

Balius-Gauthier, Regan	Koenig, Austin
Baudoin, Chelsea	Kruise, Laura
Becnel, Savannah	Lapeyrouse, Julia
Beyer, Megan	Lee, Raymond
Blair, Hallie	Lindsay, Jenna
Breaux, Macie	McGowen, Jason
Bridges, Garrett	Meade, Zachery
Brignac, Leslie	Meeks, Laura
Burdine, Latina	Milstead, Heath
Calix, Jeremy	Mitchell, Amber
Cascio, Hailey	Murphy, Mary
Churchill, Bethany	Nguyen, Du
Coston, Cephas	Nugent, Gracie
Cotton, Deandre	Patel, Parii
Crider, Katy	Perez Martinez, Claudia
Crockett, Angelia	Pharris, Amanda
Daniels, YaSiavonne	Porter, Tre
Davis, Brodie	Primeaux, Oliver
Davis, Gerring	Reese, Joshua
Deshotel, Mindi	Riviere, Taylor
DuCote', Jasmine	Runnels, Justin
Dungan, Melissa	Russell, Brittany
Dupre, Carlo	Savoy, Michael
Ester, Ayanna	Schafer, Mark
Fontenot, Brooke	Schnebelen, Sydni
Fremen, Madison	Sciortino, Gabrielle
Galofaro, Stephen	Seltzer, Herman
Garden, Timothy	Simpson, Chandler
Gaubert, Nicholas	Smith, Cassie
Gilmore, Samantha	Sonnier, Meghan
Goodwin, Andrew	Stauffer, Kelly
Hamous, Cody	Suarez, Leigha
Hansen, Johnette	Taylor, Bryant
Haralson, Maria	Taylor, Spencer
Harrell, Hannah	Templet, Carly
Hazlett, Kristen	Thibodaux, Julie
Hermann, Laureen	Treadway, Matthew
Holcomb, Claudia	Turner, Kristy
Hoppe, Ryan	Turner, Meagan
Howell, Anna	Vincent, Allison
Jaber, Shroq	Vizena, Layni
Jackson, Micah	Walker, Chelsey
Johnson, Morgan	Walker, Shametrashun
Johnston, Alyssa	Washington, Derrick
Jones, Mariah	Wiley, Hailey
Jordan, Kelli	Williams, Zachary
Keith, Leah	Woodward, Branson
Kessling, Kayla	Yoder, Shane
King, Malia	

Disciplinary Action

The representatives of the board completed training on how to investigate reports of sexual misconduct. In 2023, Board members attended the annual Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy meeting and attended the keynote "Understanding the Process of Committing Boundary Violations: How Regulators Can Respond".

Information on the chart below is as of December 31, 2023. Cases in **red** are related to sexual misconduct and pending.

CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2023

2019-I-003 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-010 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-021 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-022 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-023 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-024 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-027 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2019-I-032 | Boundaries | Final Board Order
2020-I-026 | Previous Disciplinary Action | Board Order
2021-I-009 | Unlicensed Individual | Dismissed
2021-I-016 | Substance Abuse | Letter of Concern
2022-I-013 | Substance Abuse | Consent Order
2021-I-021 | Boundaries | Pending
2022-I-003 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2022-I-006 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2022-I-009 | Boundaries | Pending
2022-I-042 | Substance Abuse | Pending
2022-I-018 | Boundaries | Dismissed
2022-I-019 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Consent Order
2022-I-020 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Consent Order
2022-I-032 | Boundaries | Consent Order |
2022-I-036 | Medical Malpractice | Dismissed
2022-I-037 | Practice Issue | Letter of Concern
2022-I-038 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2022-I-039 | Previous Disciplinary Action | Letter of Concern
2022-I-044 | Substance Abuse | Dismissed
2022-I-046 | Substance Abuse | Dismissed
2022-I-047 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed
2023-I-001 | Substance Abuse | Dismissed
2023-I-002 | None Listed | Dismissed
2023I003 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I004 | Substance Abuse | Dismissed
2023I005 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Dismissed
2023I006 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Dismissed
2023I007 | Improper billing/Documentation | Dismissed
2023I008 | Medical malpractice | Letter of concern
2023I009 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I010 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Letter of Concern
2023I011 | Substance Abuse | Letter of Concern
2023I012 | Substance Abuse | Dismissed
2023I013 | Unlicensed Individual | Dismissed
2023I014 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I015 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I016 | Unlicensed Individual | Dismissed
2023I017 | Failure to Renew | Consent Order
2023I018 | Substance Abuse | Pending
2023I019 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Dismissed
2023I020 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I021 | Improper billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I022 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I023 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending

2023I024 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I025 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I026 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I027 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I028 | Unlicensed Individual | Dismissed
2023I029 | Substance Abuse | Letter of Concern
2023I030 | Previous Disciplinary Action | Dismissed
2023I031 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I032 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Consent Order
2023I033 | Unlicensed Individual | Pending
2023I034 | Cont. Education Audit | Dismissed
2023I035 | Cont. Education Audit | Pending
2023I036 | Criminal Conviction | Pending
2023I037 | Substance Abuse | Pending
2023I038 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I039 | Unprofessional Conduct | Letter of concern
2023I040 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I041 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I042 | Failure to Renew | Consent Order
2023I043 | Boundaries | Pending
2023I044 | Criminal Conviction | Pending
2023I045 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Dismissed
2023I046 | Practice Issues | Dismissed
2023I047 | Practice Issues | Pending
2023I048 | Substance Abuse | Pending
2023I049 | Practice Issues | Pending
2023I050 | Practice Issues | Pending
2023I051 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I052 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I053 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I054 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I055 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I056 | Improper Billing/Documentation | Pending
2023I057 | Unprofessional Conduct | Pending
2023I058 | Unprofessional Conduct | Pending
2023I059 | Unprofessional Conduct | Pending
2023I060 | Failure to Renew | Pending
2023I061 | Unlicensed Individual | Pending

Complaint 2023-I-032|Matthew Bridges, PT A10023|Practice Issues|

PTA Bridges wrote a fraudulent work excuse for a friend using workplace letterhead. The document stated that the friend received physical therapy treatment at the facility for three separate days. However, the individual was not a patient of the facility. On 12/14/2023, a consent order was approved by the Board and the licensee's license was placed on probation for two and a half years. Per the agreed upon order, Board representatives will make random monitoring visits to the licensee's workplace. The licensee shall provide a copy of their consent order to their employers, supervisors, and any physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical therapy technicians they work with or supervise. The licensee shall complete an additional 4 hours of continuing education in ethics.

Complaint 2022-I-020|Marcus Houston, PT 07911|Practice Issues|

PT Houston failed to properly document billing records and used physical therapists to perform physical therapy services for contracted businesses under their name. Among the Board's findings were treatment notes without proper signatures, treatment notes which lacked signatures on several occasions, and falsely signed notes with fabricated treatment times. The licensee failed to maintain the standard of practice and put patients in a considerable potential harm by documenting vital signs and measures that would inform care provided by other healthcare providers in the home health medical team. On 12/14/2023, a consent order was approved by the Board and the licensee's license was suspended for a minimum of six months, after which the licensees would be on probation for a minimum period of five years. The licensee shall provide a copy of their consent order to their employers, supervisors, and any physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical therapy technicians they work with or supervise. Prior to the end of the suspension period, the licensee shall complete the PBI Medical Ethics and Professionalism course.

Complaint 2023-I-042|Diana Sims, PTA A8737|Failure to Timely Renew|

PTA Sims failed to renew her license in 2020 and 2022. The licensee practiced with an expired license during this time. On 11/1/2023, a consent order was approved by the Board. Prior to reinstatement of their license, the licensee must complete 60 hours of continuing education coursework and all other requirements for reinstatement. Upon reinstatement of their license, the licensee will be on probation for a minimum of two years.

Complaint 2023-I-017|Brian Simpson, PT 01248|Failure to Timely Renew|

PT Simpson failed to timely their license for the 2023 renewal period and subsequently practiced after the license expired on 4/30/2023. On 5/18/2023, the Board approved a consent order and the licensee's license was reinstated. The licensee must provide documentation verifying charges for services rendered during the time in which their license was expired have been refunded.

Complaint 2022-I-032|Catherine Bowen, PT 10711|Boundaries|

PT Bowen engaged in an intimate relationship with a patient during their course of treatment. On 4/19/2023, the Board approved a consent order which suspended the licensee's license for a minimum period of one year. The licensee is required to complete, at their own expense, a fitness for duty evaluation by a board-recognized provider. The licensee's license will remain suspended until the Board's receives an evaluation report stating the licensee is safe to return to practice. Once the licensee's license is reinstated, the licensee shall be on probation for a minimum of 1 year. During the probationary period, the licensee shall provide a copy of their consent order to their employers, supervisors, and any physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical therapy technicians they work with or supervise.

Complaint 2022-I-031|Lorraine Doucet, PT 02040F|Practice Issues|

PT Doucet failed to properly document initial evaluations, treatment provided to patients, progress notes, re-evaluations, re-assessments, and discharges. On 1/11/2023, a consent order was approved by the Board, placing the licensee's license on probation for a period of 2 years. During the probationary period, a third party approved by the Board will monitor and review the licensee's records to determine compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. The licensee shall also complete additional continuing education regarding documentation.

Complaint 2022-I-019|Ginny Daily, PT 08848|Supervision|

PT Daily delegated patient care to physical therapy assistants (PTAs) without providing a documented initial evaluation and/or a plan of care. The Board also found the licensee provided inadequate documentation of progress notes, patient care conferences with the PTAs, and reassessment. On 4/19/2023, a consent order was approved by the Board which placed the licensee's license on probation for a period of 3 years. During the probationary period, will make random unannounced visits to the licensee's worksite and review the licensee's records to determine compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. During the probationary period, the licensee shall provide a copy of their consent order to their employers, supervisors, and any physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical therapy technicians they work with or supervise. The licensee is also required to complete additional continuing education coursework as outlined by their consent order.

Complaint 3/16/2023|Angela Brewer, PTA A8915R|Substance Abuse|

On or about 4/4/2022, the Board received a confidential complaint wherein it alleged that PTA Brewer was arrested on or about 3/31/2022 on charges related to substance abuse. The licensee's PTA license is suspended until such time that the licensee submits for a fitness for duty evaluation. The licensee's license will remain suspended until receipt of an evaluation report stating that licensee agrees to follow all treatment recommendation resulting from the evaluation. Upon completion of the suspension period, the licensee's license shall be on probation for a minimum of 5 years. During the suspension and probationary period, the licensee shall participate in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program (RPTP). During the probationary period, the licensee shall provide a copy of their consent order to their employers, supervisors, and any physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or physical therapy technicians they work with or supervise.

Complaint 2020-I-026|Alexander Cocke, PT 04820|Substance Abuse|

PT Cocke was under previous consent orders for testing positive for drugs on a drug screen. While under these consent orders, the licensee was non-compliant with the terms and conditions related to abstaining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances. As a result of the non-compliance and failed drug screens, the Board conducted a hearing on 2/1/2023 to address the non-compliance issues. The hearing resulted in a order that revoked the licensee's license.

Complaints 2019-I-003, 2019-I-010, 2019-I-021, 2019-I-022, 2019-I-023, 2019-I-024, and 2019-I-027, and Suspension in Complaint

2018-I-014|Philippe Veeters, PT 01437F|Boundaries| PT Veeters pled guilty of 6 counts of second degree battery of female physical therapy patients. The guilty plea activated the Interim Consent Agreement and 9/12/2023 Board order and automatically revoked their license number 01437F. The individual is prohibited from practicing physical therapy in the state of Louisiana in any form, whether as a physical therapist, a physical therapy assistant, a physical therapy technician or working in a physical therapy clinic or facility or in any facility where physical therapy services are rendered in any form.



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