

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



LOUISIANA  
PHYSICAL THERAPY  
BOARD

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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, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	1,167,400	1,086,536
Expenses	1,091,936	1,048,855
Net Ordinary Income	75,464	37,681
Other Income	94,849	4,136
Other Expense	19,123	0
Net Other Income	75,726	4,136
Net Income	151,192	41,818

## Staff Members

**Charlotte Martin, MPA** - Executive Director  
**Jessica Alwell, MHR** - Assistant Executive Director  
**Danielle Linzer** - Licensing Analyst 2  
**Stephanie Boudreaux** - Compliance Officer  
**Anne Nims** - Administrative Assistant

## 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. (La. R.S. 37:2403.F).

### Members serving as of December 31, 2024:

#### Lucien “Danny” Lewy, PT - Chairman

At-Large | Baton Rouge | 1st Term | 6/7/2024 - 6/6/2027

#### Oday Lavergne, PT - Member

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

#### Phil Page, PT

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

#### Deandra Johnson-Narcisee M. Ed

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

#### Adam York, PTA

At-Large | Lafayette | 1st Term | 6/7/2024 - 6/6/2027

#### Lee Rielly, PT

LHA Nominee | Shreveport | 1st Term | 3/22/2024 - 3/21/2027

#### Matthew Williams, MD

LSMS | Lafayette | 1st Term | 8/2/2024 - 08/1/2027

#### Claude Tremblay, PT

At-Large | Lafayette | 1st Term | 10/11/2024 - 10/10/2027

### Board service ended prior to December 31, 2024:

#### Judith Halverson, PT

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

#### Katie Brittain, PT

At-Large | Lake Charles | 2nd Term | 9/7/2018 - 10/11/2024

#### Dr. Meredith Warner, MD

LMS Nominee | Baton Rouge | 2nd Term | 1/5/2018 - 8/2/2024

#### John Marius, PTA (resigned)

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

#### Tyra Mitchell, PT

At-Large | New Orleans | 2nd Term | 9/15/2020 - 6/3/2024

#### Raven Lyons, PTA

At-Large | New Orleans | 1st Term | 12/22/2023 - 6/3/2024

## 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

**Merritt Hebert, PTA** - Lafayette

**Michael Hildebrand, PT** - Monroe

**Lindsey Robinson, PT** - New Orleans

**Michael Laudadio, PT** - Boerne, TX

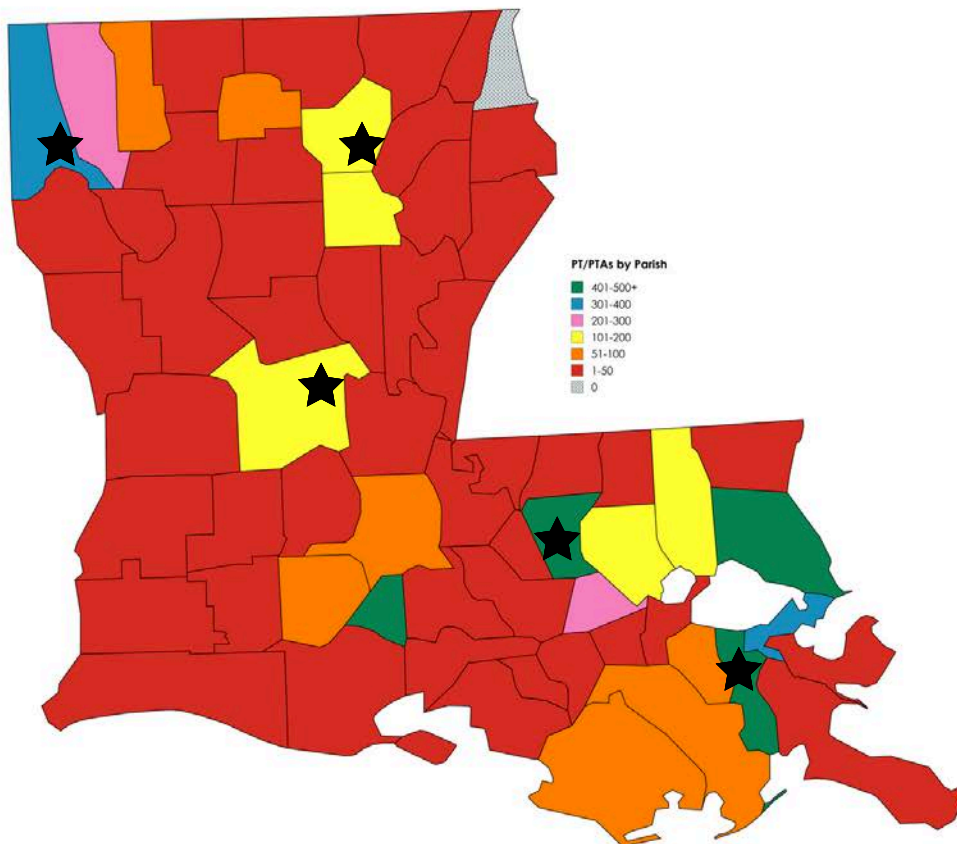
**Naikia Woodrich, PT** - New Orleans

**John Rocco DeLara, PT** - Houma



# 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.



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## 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 Missionaries of Our Lady University | Baton Rouge | PTA Program  
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University | Baton Rouge | PT Program  
Louisiana Christian University | Pineville | PTA Program  
LSU Health Science Center | Shreveport | PT Program  
LSU Health Science Center | New Orleans | PT Program  
University of Louisiana at Monroe | Monroe | PT Program



## Physical Therapists Issued a License during 2024

Andrews, Taylor	Fortenberry, Hayley	Patterson, Haylea	Williams, Sydney
Andries, Claire	Frank, David	Peavy, Sarah	Windsor, Dawson
Ashley, Hubert	Gauthier, Paige	Percle, Dustin	Winkler, Alyssa
Aucoin, Austin	Gosselin, Steven	Perrien, Nicholas	Zurheide, Alexis
Aucoin, Mary	Goudeau, Taylor	Petry, Colyn	
Backofen, Kyle	Green, Christina	Phillips, Anna	
Bailey, Malik	Guggenbuehl, Jordan	Phillips, Kalia	
Bailey, Nicole	Hart, Patrick	Pichon, Hannah	
Balch, Sara	Haynes, Peyton	Poché, Jada	
Barrios, Alanna	Hebert, Anne-Marie	Poen, Brandon	
Bench, Colleen	Hebert, Brock	Poole, Haley	
Berard, Christopher	Hedlesky, Sophie	Pope, Tamera	
Bereciartua, Nicolas	Heflin, Julia	Prejean, Desmond	
Bergeron, Brooke	Hemphill, Brannon	Ramsey, Stephen	
Berninger, Javan	Hennig, Steven	Ransom, Emily	
Bernstein, Olivia	Hill, Bailey	Rapp, Ethan	
Bickford, Miranda	Hoopes, Liza	Reese, Joseph	
Bieber, Courtlyn	Howard, Katelyn	Reiner, Julie	
Bienvenu, Joshua	Huckabee, Hannah	Reynolds, Edward	
Black, Trenton	Hughes, Eric	Reynolds, Katelyn	
Blackman, Caroline	Hughs, Caroline	Rice, Amanda	
Blanchard, Spencer	Ingram, Zachary	Richard, Baylor	
Blessinger, Ronald	Isidore, Esthere	Roan, Allison	
Bombardier, Linda	Jackson, Jacob	Robertson, Stacey	
Bonvillain, Peyton	Johnson, Taylor	Robin, Halie	
Bordovsky, Evelyn	Jones, William	Ross, Alexandra	
Bottrell, Rachael	Kaiser, Adam	Safford, Caroline	
Bourgeois, Alexis	Kampen, Kathryn	Sanders, Kenneth	
Bowen, Leo	Keller, Kaitlyn	Sandoval, Hayley	
Brabham, Katelin	Kelley, Jordan	Sarsour, Samer	
Brogdon, Justin	Kelly, Brody	Sassone, Karli	
Brown, Lynn	Krueger, Cassandra	Satches, Alvin	
Burkett, Daultin	LaBorde, Parker	Scheurich, Kaitlyn	
Campbell, Haley	LaCour, Victoria	Schexnayder, Kailyn	
Campbell, Jonathan	Landry, Daniel	Schiro, Therese	
Cannon, Brady	Lape, Jacob	Schwertfeger, Julie	
Canterino, Tracee	LaSavia, Annalise	Sculthorp, Kolby	
Cantu, Christopher	LeBlanc, Erin	Seay, Allison	
Capdepon, Gabrielle	LeBlanc, Gabrielle	Shah, Pooja	
Chang, Matthew	Lee, Madeline	Shanks, Mary	
Chisholm, Courtney	Leethy, Rebecca	Simoneau, Gabrielle	
Collins, Abigail	Leger, Kathryn	Simoneaux, Trae	
Courville, Adam	Lewis, Natalee	Simons, Gabrielle	
Daniel, Jeanne	Lightfoot, Mallory	Smith, Connor	
Dark, Jyra	Ligori, Jonathan	Smith, Lydia	
Davis, Lee	Liu, Hao	Smith, Mia	
DeBlieux, Julianne	Luke, Lauren	Smith, Stephanie	
Delphonse, Kervins	Lunderman, Leah	Sonneborn, Mikayla	
Dornan, Katherine	Matherne, Peyton	Sonnier, Gabriel	
Dorsey, Taylor	Matherne, Remi	Sproles, Haylee	
Drouin, M'Lee	McCallon, Scott	St. Pe, Elise	
Droy, Maggie	McCullough, Leah	Stephens, James	
Dublin, Paige	McGee, Kristen	Stephens, Linnea	
Dubois, Grayson	McNulty, Rachael	Stewart, Joshua	
Dubois, Zachary	Messina, Morgan	Struble, Chloe	
Ducote, Chloe	Mills, Hamilton	Talamayan, Mary	
Dufour, Peyton	Monrose, Aaron	Tanous, Claire	
Dunbar, Dillon	Morales, Ana-Maria	Thompson, Rachel	
Dunn, Noelle	Moreno, Erica	Tremblay, Theresa	
Dupree, Bridget	Morrison, Margaret	Varana, Evan	
Elliott, Madelyn	Nguyen, Jimmy	Waskom, Hollie	
Faber, Madison	O'Connor, Ross	Watts, Mary	
Federau, Emily	Osborn, Madeline	Webb, Deanna	
Fontenot, Joylin	Parker, Sarah	White, Peyton	
Fontenot, Micah	Patterson, Gregory	Wilkes, Allison	

## Physical Therapists Assistants Issued a License by the Board during 2024

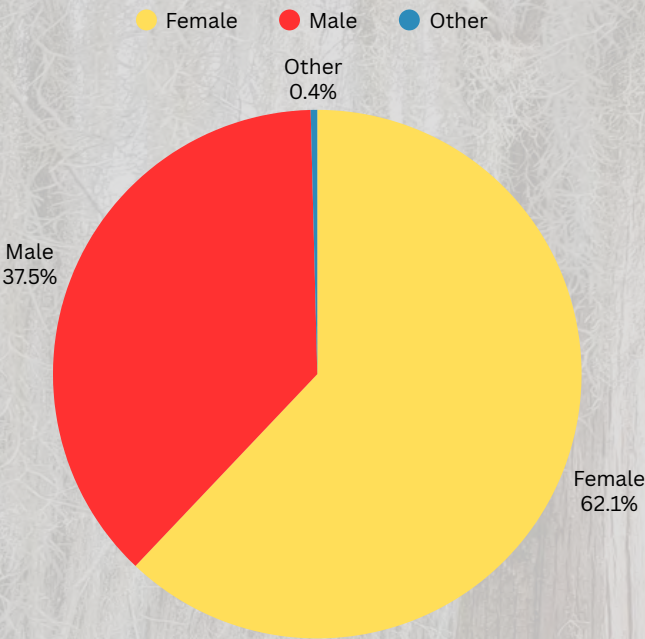
Albaral, Kyle	Lopez, Yessica
Allen, Sarah	Lowe, Brandon
Barrera, Mariana	Lucas, Kirby
Bierman, Emily	Maggio, Katelyn
Blakely, Hannah	Marchand, Kathryn
Bodin, Alisha	Martin, Joanna
Briggs, Jason	Martin, Sully
Brown, Hannah	McDonald, Kristin
Brunson, Christina	Menard, Braylyn
Bryan, Josie	Mitchell, Austin
Bryant, James	Montgomery, Leon
Butler, Kayla	Montgomery, Samuel
Cao, Thanh Loan	Morgan, Damion
Caulfield, Jordan	Nguyen, Trai
Cheramie, Caitlin	Patterson, Matilyn
Claiborne, Caitlin	Pennington, Gabriel
Cook, John	Rami, Brennon
Corso, Jen	Redmon, Donna
Crochet, Christian	Roberson, Rylie
Crowder, Hannah	Roberts, Lanna
Davis, Arianna	Rodgers, Ashley
Delrie, Sadie	Russell, Savannah
Dennis, Mikaela	Stevenson, Zoe
Dowden, April	Stone, Sherry
DuBois, Morgan	Tantillo, Diana
Edwards, Rachel	Tiburcio, Kristofer
Emanuel, Arielle	Tran, Andrew Truong
Flores, Braydon	Tran, Nguyen Nathan
Folse, Alexa	Walker, Shelby
Foster, Brian	Wright, Bailey
Fountain, Demetria	
Frederick, Kaitlyn	
Galofaro, Stephen	
Gammon, Kelly	
Gilpin, Halla	
Gonczi, David	
Goodwin, Andrew	
Hamm, Chantel	
Harper, Haylie	
Heithaus, Benjamin	
Hicks, Claire	
Hill, Justyce	
Jackson, Victoria	
Koestler, Christian	
LaBiche, Elizabeth	
LaBlue, Lauren	
Laperouse, Brin	
Lehr, Josiah	
Leveque, Justin	



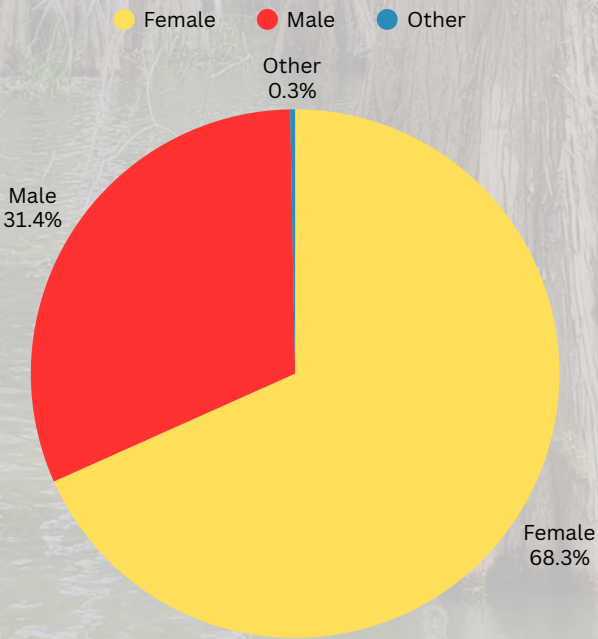
# By Parish

Parish	Licenses Issued	Licenses Renewed
Out of State	50	134
Acadia	2	23
Allen	0	1
Ascension	2	95
Assumption	1	6
Avoyelles	5	15
Beauregard	0	13
Bienville	0	2
Bossier	13	142
Caddo	14	149
Calcasieu	4	95
Caldwell	0	4
Cameron	0	0
Catahoula	0	2
Claiborne	0	2
Concordia	2	13
De Soto	3	21
East Baton Rouge	24	219
East Carroll	0	0
East Feliciana	3	10
Evangeline	0	13
Franklin	0	5
Grant	0	9
Iberia	3	23
Iberville	1	9
Jackson	0	2
Jefferson	29	249
Jefferson Davis	0	9
La Salle	1	7
Lafayette	16	189
LaFourche	5	39
Lincoln	1	43
Livingston	5	58
Madison	1	3
Morehouse	0	5
Natchitoches	0	22
Orleans	20	189
Ouachita	1	90
Plaquemines	1	8
Pointe Coupee	0	8
Rapides	7	85
Red River	0	0
Richland	1	5
Sabine	0	6
St. Bernard	1	11
St. Charles	2	29
St. Helena	0	0
St. James	1	10
St. John the Baptist	1	9
St. Landry	2	32
St. Martin	2	15
St. Mary	0	4
St. Tammany	14	246
Tangipahoa	10	70
Tensas	0	1
Terrebonne	4	35
Union	5	14
Vermillion	3	23
Vernon	1	12
Washington	2	14
Webster	4	22
West Baton Rouge	1	10
West Carroll	0	1
West Feliciana	1	4
Winn	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2587</b>

2023-2024 PT Gender



2023-2024 PTA Gender





# Disciplinary Action

The representatives of the board completed training on how to investigate reports of sexual misconduct.

Information on the chart below is as of December 31, 2024. Cases in **red** are related to sexual misconduct and pending.

## CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2024

2021I003 | Criminal Conviction | Pending  
**2021I021 | Boundaries | Pending**  
2022I003 | Documentation/Billing/Supervision | Letter of Concern  
**2022I006 | Practice Issues/Documentation/Boundaries | Board Order**  
**2022I009 | Practice Issues/Documentation/Boundaries | Board Order**  
2022I013 | Substance Abuse | Summary Suspension/Consent Order  
2022I042 | Criminal Conviction | Pending  
2023I009 | Documentation | Consent Order  
2023I018 | Criminal Arrest/Substance Abuse | Consent Order  
2023I020 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I021 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I022 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I023 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I024 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I025 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I026 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I027 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I033 | Unauthorized Practice | Dismissed  
2023I035 | CE Audit Violation | Consent order  
2023I036 | Criminal Conviction/Documentation | Voluntary Surrender of License  
2023I037 | Criminal Conviction | Pending  
**2023I043 | Boundaries | Dismissed**  
2023I044 | Criminal Conviction | Dismissed  
2023I047 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed  
2023I048 | Criminal Arrest/Substance Abuse | Consent Order  
2023I049 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed  
2023I050 | Supervision/Practice Issues | Letter of Concern  
2023I051 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I052 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I053 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I054 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I055 | Documentation/Billing | Letter of Concern  
2023I056 | Supervision/Documentation | Consent Order  
**2023I057 | Boundaries | Consent Order**  
2023I058 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed  
2023I059 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed  
2023I060 | Practicing with Expired License | Consent Order  
2023I061 | Supervision/Unauthorized Treatment | Dismissed  
2024I001 | Documentation/Billing | Dismissed  
2024I002 | Unauthorized Advertising | Pending  
2024I003 | Criminal Conviction | Dismissed  
2024I004 | Substance Abuse | Voluntary Surrender of License  
2024I005 | Criminal Arrest/Substance Abuse | Consent Order  
2024I006 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed  
2024I007 | Criminal Conviction | Letter of Concern  
2024I008 | Unauthorized Advertising | Dismissed  
2024I009 | Unauthorized Advertising | Dismissed  
2024I010 | Supervision/Billing | Dismissed  
2024I011 | Supervision/Billing | Dismissed  
2024I012 | Practicing w/ Expired License | Consent Order  
2024I013 | Documentation/Billing | Dismissed  
2024I014 | Unprofessional Conduct | Dismissed

2024I015 | Failure to Report | Reprimand  
2024I016 | Practicing w/ Expired License | Consent Order  
2024I017 | Practicing w/ Expired License | Consent Order  
2024I018 | Practicing w/ Expired License | Consent Order  
2024I019 | Practicing w/ Expired License | Consent Order  
2024I020 | Unauthorized Advertising | Dismissed  
2024I021 | Documentation/Billing | Pending  
2024I022 | Criminal Conviction | Pending  
2024I023 | Unauthorized Practice | Dismissed  
2024I024 | Criminal Conviction/Substance Abuse | Pending  
2024I025 | Unprofessional Conduct/Supervision | Pending  
2024I026 | PT Compact Violation | Dismissed  
2024I027 | Supervision | Dismissed  
2024I028 | Supervision | Pending  
2024I029 | Criminal Arrest | Pending  
2024I030 | Unauthorized Advertising | Dismissed  
**2024I031 | Boundaries | Pending**  
2024I032 | Documentation/Billing | Pending  
2024I033 | Criminal Arrest | Pending  
2022I042 | Criminal Arrest | Pending



**Complaint 2022-I-006/009|Cody R. Leblanc, PT 08870R|Practice Issues|** LeBlanc committed violations including improper delegation, fraudulent billing, unprofessional conduct related to inter-office relationships, and inadequate documentation. His license is suspended for three years with a required Fitness for Duty and Psychosocial Evaluation by a Board-recognized provider, the live 3-day PBI Professional Boundaries and Ethics Course (Essential Edition) and the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) documentation course. At the conclusion of the three-year suspension period, the respondent will be on probation for two (2) years. During the probationary period, the Board may make random unannounced monitoring visits to Respondent's work site.

**Complaint 2023-I-018|Ashley A. Phillips, PT 07848|Substance Abuse|** Phillips self-reported a May 23, 2023, DWI conviction from an August 8, 2021, arrest, which was not disclosed during license renewal. Treatment records revealed nine relapses between November 2021 and August 2023. Her license is suspended until successful completion of a fitness-for-duty evaluation. Upon clearance, her license will be on probation for five years, requiring compliance with treatment recommendations and participation in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

**Complaint 2023-I-060|Donna B. Redmon, PTA A7007|Renewal|** Redmon failed to renew her license in 2020 and 2022 and continued to practice with an expired license. Prior to reinstatement, she completed 60 hours of board-approved continuing education and met all reinstatement requirements. Upon reinstatement, her license was placed on probation for a minimum of two years.

**Complaint 2023-I-036|Roderick R. Smith, PTA A4816| Criminal Conviction|** Smith failed to maintain adequate treatment records and improperly treated patients without necessary reassessments. Smith also failed to disclose arrests and convictions (2001, 2008, 2018, 2022). He voluntarily surrendered his license, which has the effect of a revocation. He will be eligible to apply for reinstatement after five years, pending a fitness-for-duty evaluation. A hearing will determine his eligibility to return to practice, with possible requirements for remedial education and monitoring.

**Complaint 2023-I-056|Latisha L. Williams, PT 09078R|Supervision|** Williams failed to supervise appropriately, maintain records, reassess patients, or hold required patient care conferences. Her license is on probation for a minimum of two years, during which she will undergo random monitoring, complete specified ethics and documentation courses, and attend live jurisprudence sessions during renewal periods.

**Complaint 2024-I-004|Jeffery R. Reeves, PT 08293R|Substance Abuse|** A complaint revealed Reeves consumed alcohol during work hours as Clinical Director. An inpatient evaluation recommended substance use treatment. Reeves voluntarily surrendered his license, which has the effect of revocation. He will be eligible to reinstate in five years after completing a fitness-for-duty evaluation and following recommendations. A hearing will determine his eligibility for re-licensure.

**Complaint 2022-I-013|Angela C. Brewer, PTA A8915R|Substance Abuse|** In April 2024, Brewer participated in a random drug screen as a Participant in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program. She tested positive for alcohol, which violated her prior agreement with the Board and her license was summarily suspended. In May 2024, the board suspended her license until she completed a relapse-prevention program and received a report from a board-recognized provider stating that she is safe to return to the practice of physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety to the public. Upon reinstatement, her license was placed on probation for five-years, which includes participating in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

**Complaint 2023-I-035|Adam N. Casborn, Jr., PTA A7495|CEU|** The Continuing Education Audit for the 2023 Renewal Period resulted in a finding that Casborn was non-compliant with continuing education requirements, resulting in a reprimand. He is subject to two subsequent renewal period CEU audits.

**Complaint 2023-I-048|Elizabeth A. Haile, PTA A10789|Substance Abuse|** Haile was arrested for a DUI in September 2023 and failed to report the arrest in a timely manner. Her license was suspended until she completed a fitness-for-duty evaluation. Following her suspension period, her license was placed on probation for five years with required participation in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

**Complaint 2024-I-005|Jamie R. Floyd, PT 01920|Substance Abuse|** Floyd failed to report an August 11, 2023 arrest on her 2024 renewal application. The board suspended her license until she successfully completed all treatment recommendations following a fitness-for-duty evaluation. Following her suspension, her license was placed on probation for five years, requiring compliance with treatment recommendations and participation in the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

**Complaint 2023-I-009|Russell W. Hearne, PT 09007R|Practice Issues|** Hearne did not document the transfer of care or complete a discharge summary for patients he was assigned to from February 20, 2023 through February 24, 2023. His license is placed on probation for a minimum period of one year during which time he shall comply with random monitoring visits. Within the first six months of probation, he must complete PBI Education Medical Record Keeping Course.

**Complaint 2023-I-057|Daniel J. Allemond, PTA A8327|Boundaries|** Allemond engaged in unprofessional conduct related to inappropriate workplace communications with co-workers and co-professionals. Allemond's license is on probation for one year during which time he is required to complete individual psychotherapy with a Board-recognized provider. He is subject to monitoring visits and must present his consent order to his employer, direct supervisor, and any physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, or technicians he supervise or works for. He must also complete the PBI Education Professional Boundaries Course within the first 6 months of his probationary period.

**Complaint 2024-I-015|Ryan S. Neill, PT 10956|Practice Issues|** Neill failed to report to the Board behavior of a co-professional related to unprofessional conduct associated with alcohol consumption at the workplace. Neill's license was reprimanded and he is required to complete additional continuing education related to disclosure and duty to report.

**Complaint 2024-I-012|Lauren R. Luke, PT 07854|Failure to Renew|** Practiced with an expired license from May 1, 2024, to June 5, 2024. She must also complete the HPSO PT Spotlight Course: Liability for Business Owners and Supervisors.

**Complaint 2024-I-016|Hubert C. Ashley, Jr., PT 07961|Failure to Renew|** Practiced with an expired license from May 1, 2024, to July 10, 2024.

**Complaint 2024-I-018|Steven C. Gosselin, PT 08890R|Failure to Renew|** Practiced with an expired license from May 1, 2024, to July 10, 2024.

**Complaint 2024-I-017|Edward T. Reynolds, PT 11541|Failure to Renew|** Practiced with an expired license from May 1, 2024, to July 10, 2024.

**Complaint 2024-I-019|Mary C. Shanks, PT 00183|Failure to Renew|** Practiced with an expired license from May 1, 2024, to July 10, 2024.



# Recommendations

R.S. La 37:2405A(9)a.: Reporting annually to the governor and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature on the condition of the practice of physical therapy in the state, making recommendations for improvement of the practice of physical therapy or the operation of the board, and submitting a record of the proceedings of the board during the year, together with the names of all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to whom the board issued licenses during the year.

As reported in 2023, the board engaged stakeholders to provide feedback on improvements in the operations of the board and improvements to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy. The board members worked with legislators to improve the law, as it currently exists, and unfortunately the legislation did not successfully pass through the legislature in 2024. The Practice Act Committee of the Board spent the remainder of 2024 reviewing the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 46 Subsections 103-501 to determine if there are any Rules that are unnecessary or inconsistent with the law and agency's mission, and to determine whether the probable benefits of the Rule outweigh the burdens and costs on persons regulated by the rule.

The Committee determined that all rules are consistent with law and the agency's mission. Some rules; however, were identified to be redundant in law, which called into question the necessity of the redundant rules as they were simply a repeat of language in the law. There was discussion at the Committee level as to whether the removal of the redundant Rule would be problematic or not. At this time there is not a firm determination by the Board as to whether or not redundant Rules are unnecessary are not.

Due to high turnover of Board Members in 2024, the Rules identified at the committee level for potential removal or amendment were not formally brought forth to the full Board for review. The current plan is to review the Committee's recommendations at a Board Retreat in 2025 for a lengthy and detailed discussion regarding the burdens and costs on persons regulated by the rule.

Once the Board reviews the recommendations and makes a determination on each Rule identified, the plan of action is to hold a public hearing, which will be noticed in the State Register. Following the public hearing, the Board plans to submit the proposed Rule changes to the Louisiana Department of Justice through their Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for review prior to publishing a Rule change request in the State Register.

In the Board's 2025 Governor's report, which will be issued in 2026, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board plans to document the list of Rule changes that occurred in 2025 that improve the practice of physical therapy or the operation of the board.

## 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.

2024 Actual PT	2024 Actual PTA
1765	822
<b>Total 2587 (2768 eligible)</b>	

### 2024 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 2024.

#### Compact Privileges

Initial PT	Initial PTA
93	33
Renewal PT	Renewal PTA
62	14
<b>Total 202</b>	



# Accomplishment Roundup

## Announcement of First Educational Conference

In 2024, the Board began preparations for a Educational Conference for licensees, scheduled for 2025. Offered at no cost to Louisiana-licensed PTs and PTAs, this event is designed to give back to the profession by providing critical insights into complex healthcare regulations that impact daily practice.

In collaboration with subject matter experts and legislators, the Board has crafted a program that fosters a safe and non-judgmental environment, encouraging licensees to engage with important regulatory and public safety messaging. By removing financial barriers, the Board aims to make this educational opportunity accessible, ensuring practitioners stay informed while enhancing public protection.

## Analysis of MDS Results for 2023-2024 Renewal Cycles

To better understand the workforce landscape of PTs and PTAs in Louisiana, the Board shared de-identified Minimum Data Set (MDS) survey results with researchers from Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University's (Fran U) DPT program.

Using AI-driven analysis, Dr. Phil Page and Dr. Kirk Nelson examined workforce trends, producing a report that highlighted key findings—most notably that PTs and PTAs are concentrated in areas near academic programs. Two poster presentations were presented at the APTA-LA Statewide Conference and then donated to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board where they will be kept on display at the board office.

## Welcome Home Act

Following the passage of the Welcome Home Act in 2024, the Board reviewed current licensure requirements and proposed administrative and regulatory updates to align with the new law. While the Board's existing standards were already in strong compliance with the Act, staff identified additional areas for improvement to better support applicants.

## Pre-Application Determination Initiative

In response to Act 486 (2022), which allows individuals to request a pre-licensure eligibility determination based on past convictions, the Board developed an online form for prospective applicants.

Recognizing the potential impact on individuals already enrolled in physical therapy programs, the Board took proactive steps to inform Louisiana's academic institutions about this law—ensuring students can assess their eligibility before investing in education and training.

## Strategic Plan

The Board's Strategic Plan is a three-year initiative effective from January 1, 2024, through the end of 2026. The plan is structured around four key focus areas:

- Organizational Effectiveness
- Licensure
- Enforcement
- Education and Outreach

Each goal has been further divided into actionable 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.











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