



**NC Board of PT Examiners (NCBPTE) Report - APTA NC Business Meeting
October 14, 2022**

By Kathy O. Arney, PT, MA, Executive Director

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (NCBPTE) is to regulate the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of North Carolina. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022. North Carolina Board of PT Examiners meetings are public. The public is welcome to attend in person.

1. Appointments to the Board:

The nominations and ballots for 2023 appointments to the Board of one (1) physical therapist, and one (1) medical doctor were completed by the APTA NC per NC GS Article 18E 90-270.91. APTA NC will notify Governor Roy Cooper of the results of the balloting for consideration and appointment of terms to the Board beginning January 1, 2023.

The Board would like to thank Ms. Jamie Miner, for her service to the Board from 2020 - 2022. Ms. Miner has served on the Investigative Committee of the Board for two years and the Public Protection Task Force in 2022. She will serve as delegate to the FSBPT House of Delegates in late October 2022. She is eligible for reappointment for another term.

The Board would like to thank Dr. Paul Garcia, for his service to the Board from 2016 by filling the unexpired term of the prior Medical Doctor member, through two 3 (three) year terms 2017-2019 and 2020 - 2022. He is not eligible for reappointment this term as he has served two successive terms.

The term is also expiring for the Board's public member Rosa M. Gonzalez, BSN, RN. She has served from 2020 – 2022 and has contributed to the Board by her service on the Public Protection Task Force and as Alternate Delegate to the FSBPT House of Delegates in late October 2022. She is eligible for reappointment for another term.

Current Board members will continue to serve until appointments are made by the Governor.

Board Member	Position	Term Expires
Teresa F. Hale, PT	Chair	2023
C. David Edwards, PT	Secretary/Treasurer	2023
Paul Garcia, MD	Medical Doctor	2022
Jamie Miner, PT	Member	2022*

**NCBPTE Report - APTA NC Business Meeting
October 14, 2022**

Rosa M. Gonzalez, BSN, RN	Public Member	2022*
Megan L. Wentz, PTA	Member	2023
Stephanie Bernard, PTA	Member	2024
Leslie P. Kesler, PT	Member	2024

*Indicates eligibility to serve another term

2. **Online Renewal:** Licensees are required to renew licenses annually online. Postcards will be mailed to the address on file at the Board office prior to November 1, 2022 specifying that the renewal period will be open online from November 1, 2022 until *January 31, 2023 5:00 pm EST*. Payment will require a credit card and be received by January 31 for the license to be renewed. **There will be no paper renewal applications or payments.** *(The Board **strongly** recommends that licensees renew online by January 15, 2023 to ensure timely processing. The renewal fee is \$120.00 plus processing costs.)* Questions will be answered by sending an email to: PTBoard@ncptboard.org. (Leaving multiple messages may delay response time.)

3. **Continuing Competence**

Continuing Competence Audits:

Annual audits are conducted at the end of license renewals. Typically, PT/PTA licensees in the reporting period just closed are selected at random to send documentation of their reported 30/20 points of activities to the Board office for audit.

To obtain continuing competence points that meet Board rules:

Review Board rules at the link below: (Scroll down to 21 NCAC 48G .0105 - .0112)

<https://www2.ncptboard.org/app/LawAndBoardRules/LawAndBoardRules.php>

As a reminder: regarding live, in person activities:

In person activities are not required. Continued Competence points may be obtained electronically as described below: 21 NCAC 48G .0109 CONTINUING COMPETENCE ACTIVITIES

- (a) Continuing Education activities are eligible for points as follows:
- (1) The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period for an interactive course offered through electronic media shall be 15.
 - (4) For registered participation in a non-interactive course offered by an approved provider by videotape, satellite transmission, webcast, DVD, or other electronic media, one hour of participation earns one point. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be 10.

**NCBPTE Report - APTA NC Business Meeting
October 14, 2022**

- (8) For completion of a home study physical therapy program furnished by an approved provider, one hour of home study earns one point. The maximum number of points during any one reporting period allowed shall be 10. (These may be online/electronic/live electronic).

4. Board Rules:

Permanent Rulemaking: No new rules have become effective since the report to APTA NC in 2021. The Board Rules Committee will continue to review and update rules in response to public feedback, modernization of Board processes, and other relevant topics. Feedback to the Board regarding rules is welcome at any time. Submit feedback on Board rules to: PTBoard@ncptboard.org. Link to the Board Rules:

<https://www2.ncptboard.org/app/LawAndBoardRules/LawAndBoardRules.php>

5. **Board Newsletter 2022:** The annual Newsletter will be posted on the Board website in early November 2022.

6. Board Meeting Minutes and Recent Scope of Practice Questions:

Approved Minutes of Quarterly and Special Board meetings are posted on the Board website under About Us, Recent Board Meeting Minutes. For additional information on Board responses to Recent Scope of Practice questions go to:

<https://www2.ncptboard.org/app/LandingPages/ScopeOfPracticeHome.php>

Public Protection Task Force

The Public Protection Task Force was established by the North Carolina Board of PT Examiners in June 2021 to evaluate risks and potential harms in physical therapy practice in North Carolina and make recommendations to the Board for actions that may be useful in eliminating or mitigating those risks and harms. Results of the work of this Task Force maybe found in statements by the Board, rulemaking and answers to scope of practice questions found on the Board website.

7. Licensing Updates

a. North Carolina State of Emergency and Temporary Exemptions from Licensure

During the North Carolina State of Emergency, temporary exemptions from licensure were issued to facilitate cross-border practice, licensee mobility and telehealth for patient access to physical therapy services during the pandemic. A total of 543 exemptions were issued from April 2022 through August 15,

2022 when the state of emergency was rescinded. Those licensees practicing with a temporary permit could continue to practice physical therapy in North Carolina with a PT Compact privilege or NC PT or PTA license.

During the state of emergency, actions were taken by the Board to assist applicants and licensees in specific ways to facilitate licensure for patient access to competent and qualified licensees. Currently, incomplete applications that were begun from April 2019 through August 15, 2022 will remain active until August 15, 2023 prior to expiration.

b. Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

North Carolina has been a member of the PT Compact since 2017 and began issuing “privileges to practice” in North Carolina on July 1, 2019. The PT Compact, which facilitates the interstate practice of physical therapy continues to serve as an alternative to a PT license for telehealth services, traveling physical therapy licensees and others to provide physical therapy services to the citizens of North Carolina. The PT Compact Commission has (34) thirty-four member states, of which 25 are issuing privileges to practice. To see participating states go to: <https://ptcompact.org/ptc-states>.

To date, a total of 520 privileges have been issued to licensees from other states who are practicing in North Carolina with 345 currently active. Verification of Compact privilege holders can be made on the Board website under Licensee Look-up or at ptcompact.org. For more information about eligibility for or obtaining a privilege in member states or the PT Compact Commission in general, go to: ptcompact.org

In compliance with the Compact law, NCBPTE must require FBI Criminal Background checks for all initial licensure applicants, maintain FSBPT IDs for all licensees, and share current licensure data with the commission weekly. North Carolina continues to be represented on the PT Compact Commission by Kathy O. Arney, PT, MA, as delegate and Commission Chair.

- 8. Licensee Changes of Address and contact information:** As required by rule, within **30 days** licensees should keep the Board apprised of any change in current home and work addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. A current email address on file with the Board office decreases the chance of missing timely communications from the Board. License renewal reminder postcards will be mailed in late October to the preferred address on file.
- 9. Board Office Location and Address:** NCBPTE, 8300 Health Park, Suite 233, Raleigh, NC, 27615. Website: <https://www.ncptboard.org>; Phone: (919) 490-6393 or (800) 800-8982; Fax (919) 490-5106; Email contact for questions: PTBoard@ncptboard.org.

10. Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2022 – YTD (September 21, 2022)

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Total Cases Reported and Investigated:	32
Total advertising complaints:	07
Total “other” complaints:	22
Total failure to renew	03
Total cont. comp complaints	00
Total Compact Privilege holder failure to complete JE in a timely manner	00

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RESOLVED in 2022 THROUGH August 24, 2022

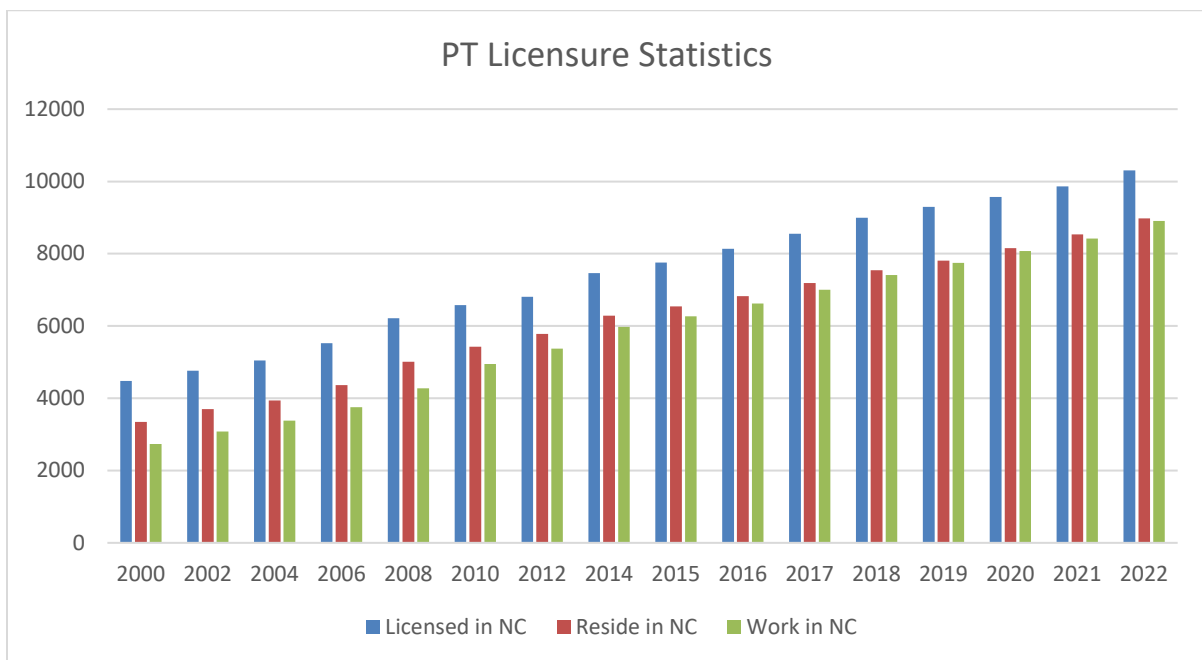
Total Cases Dismissed:	15
Total Suspensions Issued:	04
Total Probations Issued:	00
Total Warnings Issued:	02
Total Surrender of Licenses:	01
Total Revoked	01
Total Renewals Denied	02
Total Advisory Letters written:	06 (including 3 letters for failure to renew by deadline)
Total Letters sent regarding advertising:	04
Completed audit, no action required	00
Other: including invalid complaints-no name	02
Cases still pending:	10

11. Questions? Email PTBoard@ncptboard.org

**NCBPTE Report - APTA NC Business Meeting
October 14, 2022**

**Physical Therapist Statistics - Fall 2022
September 30, 2022**

DATE (Oct)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	2654	1890	1682
1994	3207	2269	2046
1996	3933	2693	2365
1998	4688	3193	2702
2000	4477	3343	2738
2002	4767	3699	3083
2004	5044	3935	3384
2006	5524	4365	3757
2008	6215	5014	4278
2010	6574	5426	4953
2012	6807	5782	5371
2014	7461	6285	5974
2015	7755	6542	6266
2016	8134	6826	6623
2017	8551	7187	7003
2018	8998	7541	7412
2019	9299	7813	7745
2020	9574	8158	8075
2021	9859	8538	8418
2022	10302	8979	8909



**NCBPTE Report - APTA NC Business Meeting
October 14, 2022**

**Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics - Fall 2022
September 30, 2022**

DATE (Oct)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	942	786	713
1994	1251	1055	975
1996	1633	1342	1163
1998	1968	1627	1500
2000	2047	1770	1358
2002	2141	1880	1529
2004	2285	2016	1665
2006	2479	2184	1836
2008	2718	2399	2000
2010	2836	2521	2237
2012	3033	2695	2419
2014	3327	2959	2750
2015	3511	3106	2898
2016	3674	3269	3103
2017	3856	3412	3271
2018	3985	3553	3436
2019	4110	3661	3591
2020	4210	3746	3749
2021	4270	3838	3793
2022	4300	3903	3953

