



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

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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*

- (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,

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

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

