



NC Board of PT Examiners Report at the NCPTA Business Meeting

Sheraton at Four Seasons

Greensboro, NC

October 14, 2016

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1. **Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board 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 NC Board of PT Examiners is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 2016.

2. **Appointments to the Board:**

The 2017 Ballots for appointments of one (1) physical therapist and one (1) medical doctor were mailed in late July, 2016. On September 6, 2016, the ballots were counted at the NCPTA Headquarters and the candidates for appointment were forwarded to Governor Patrick McCrory on September 12, 2016 by C. David Edwards, DPT, NCPTA President. There are still outstanding appointments for one (1) physical therapist and one (1) physical therapist assistant for 2016. In addition to the aforementioned appointments, the term of the Public Member expires December 31, 2016 and will be up for appointment beginning January 1, 2017.

The Board would like to thank David Reed, PT, for his service to the Board from 2014 - 2016, and also for serving as Board Chair in 2016. The Board would also like to thank Stuart W. MacRoberts, for his service to the Board in 2016, completing the unexpired term of the Public Member. A special thanks to Michael Fajgenbaum, MD for serving on the Board from 2005 – 2007 and from 2014 – 2016.

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

Board Member	Position	Term Expires
David C. Reed, PT	Chair	2016
JoDell F. King, PTA	Secretary/Treasurer	2017
Christopher F. Dunn, PT	Member	2017
Angela B. Hunter, PT	Member	2017
Leslie P. Kesler, PT	Member	2015
Eric J. Smith, PTA	Member	2015
Stuart W. MacRoberts	Public Member	2016
Open Position to be filled	Medical Doctor	2016

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3. **Online Renewal:** Licensees are required to renew their licenses online. Postcards will be mailed prior to November 1, 2016 informing licensees that the renewal period will be open online from November 1, 2016 until January 31, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and that online renewals will require a major credit card. Licensees not wanting to use a credit card will be given the option to renew online, but pay by check or money order. *(The Board **strongly** recommends that licensees renew online by January 15, 2017 to ensure timely processing. The renewal cost is \$100.00.)*
4. **Continuing Competence – Fall 2016 Update**

Continuing Competence Audits: Audits for the January 1, 2014 - January 31, 2016 reporting period are complete, including PT and PTA licensees. As a result of auditing for this reporting period, one (1) licensee was issued an Advisory letter, and one (1) licensee was issued a Warning.

NCBPTE and NCPTA - Course and Provider approvals:

Communications continue between NCBPTE and NCPTA staff and PDCC as needed related to NCPTA Approved Providers and Board's rules interpretations. NCPTA approved provider activity Attendance forms are regularly submitted to the Board office in compliance with Board's rules.

5. **Board's Rules**
The Rules Committee of the Board convened August 11, 2016. Feedback to the Board is welcome regarding all rules. Relevant topics being discussed include: Continuing Competence, changes to Fees, PT educated taking the PTA exam, Licensure Compacts, Investigations and Complaints – accepting anonymous complaints among other topics posed by licensees and staff.
6. **Newsletter:** The Newsletter will be posted on the Board's website in mid-December, 2016. The Newsletter will include: Reflections from retired Executive Director, Ben F. Massey, Jr., PT, and other information and articles including those by John M. Silverstein, Board Attorney, regarding the NC State Legislature and Occupational Licensing Boards, David C. Reed, PT, Board Chair regarding Licensure Compacts, Debbie Ragan, PT, NCBPTE Deputy Director regarding the status of the continuing competence requirements since their inception in 2009.

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7. **NC Acupuncture Board Files Lawsuit:** In September 2015, the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board filed a lawsuit against the North Carolina Board of

Physical Therapy Examiners. The Physical Therapy Board has retained the law firm of Ellis & Winters LLP to defend the Board in this case.

8. **Changes of Address:** As there is a rule that requires notification to the Board of address and name changes within **30 days**, please keep the Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. License renewals will be mailed the first of November.
9. **Questions????**

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10. Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2016 – YTD (October 1, 2016)

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Total Cases Reported and Investigated:	36
Total advertising complaints:	04
Total “other” complaints:	24
Total failure to renew	08
Total cont comp complaints	00

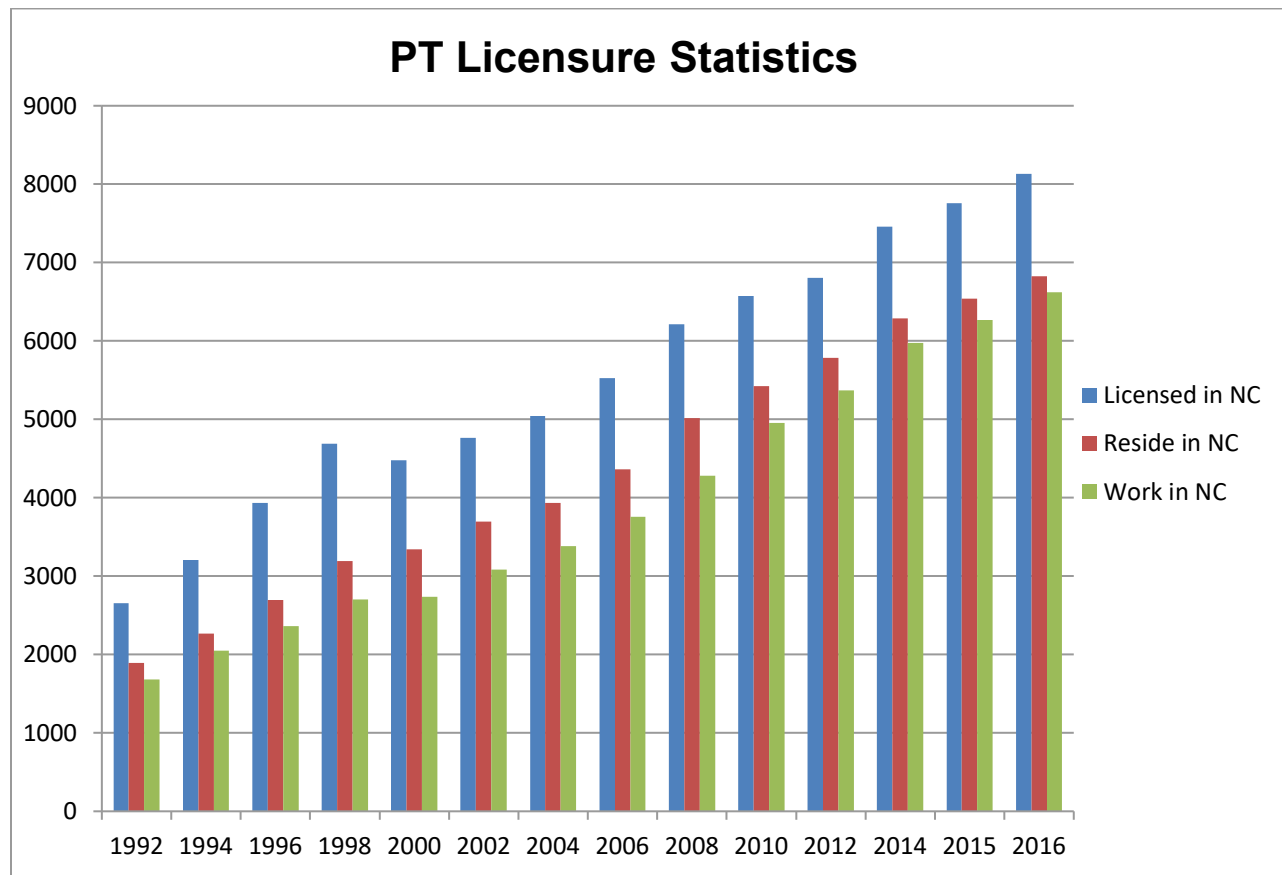
SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS THAT WERE RESOLVED THROUGH SEPT 22, 2016

Total Cases Dismissed:	07
Total Suspensions Issued:	00
Total Probations Issued:	01
Total Warnings Issued:	00
Total Surrender of Licenses:	00
Total Revoked	00
Total Renewals Denied	00
Total Advisory Letters written:	13 (including 8 letters for failure to renew by deadline)
Total Letters sent regarding advertising:	03
Completed audit, no action required	00
Other:	01 (invalid complaint – no name)
Cases still pending:	11

Physical Therapist Statistics - Fall 2016

October 2016

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



Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics - Fall 2016

October 2016

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

