



**Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy
PO Box 55707
Jackson, MS 39296**

Annual Report to Governor for FY2024

The Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy is charged with safeguarding the public's health, safety and welfare preserving and protecting individual life and health, promoting public interest and welfare by statute (73-23-43). It establishes minimum qualifications and creates exclusive titles corresponding to the level of qualifications for individuals who wish to offer physical therapy services to the public.

Board Members:

Currently, the Board is composed of the following seven members, appointed by the Governor and conferred by the Mississippi State Senate.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>District Representation</u>	<u>Term</u>
Cheryl Ware, PT, DPT	1 st Congressional District	7/1/23 - 6/30/27
Leonard "Cooper" Lewis, PT	2 nd Congressional District	7/1/21 - 6/30/25
Billy "Cris" Bourn, PT, DPT	3 rd Congressional District	7/1/24 - 6/30/28
Laine Murret, PT	4 th Congressional District	7/1/22 - 6/30/26
Viriginia "Jenny" Bryan, PTA	State at Large	7/1/23 - 6/30/27
Robert Dews, MD	State at Large	7/1/24 - 6/30/28
Dock Daniel, Consumer	State at Large	7/1/22 - 6/30/26

Board members whose terms expire on 6/30/25 have been submitted for reappointment for another term.

The Board receives legal support from the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

The Board staff is bonded annually per HB 136, approved by the Governor on April 6, 2021, Section 1 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any public officer or employee handling or having the custody of public funds, by virtue of his or her office or employment, shall give an individual bond or be covered by a blanket bond of not less \$25,000 unless a specific amount is otherwise required by law.

Meetings:

The Board held regular quarterly meetings. All these meetings were open to the public.

January 25, 2024*

May 9, 2024*

July 25, 2024*

October 17, 2024*

*(In addition to the quarterly meeting an informal conference was held on these dates)

The Board held two Special Called Meetings. All these meetings were open to the public.

April 24, 2024

August 26, 2024

The Board will hold the following quarterly meetings. All these meetings will be open to the public.

January 30, 2025

April 10, 2025

July 24, 2025

October 16, 2025

The Complaint Committee met to discuss complaints.

January 18, 2024

April 16, 2024

June 7, 2024

July 16, 2024

September 30, 2024

The Board will meet each quarter in 2025 for a total of four (4) meetings. The tentative meeting schedule is posted on the Board website at www.msbpt.ms.gov and on the Mississippi Public Meeting Notice website at www.ms.gov/dfa/pmn. All meetings are scheduled to be held at the Board office located at 840 East River Place, Suite 503, Jackson, MS 39202. If there are any changes to the meeting schedule, public notice is given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Teleconference or Zoom attendance is allowed and in accordance with state law.

Budget & Expenditures:

The Board is operating during calendar year 2025 with a budget of \$353,517.00. The calendar year 2024 reflected revenue of \$383,811.30 and expenditures of \$282,351.70.

Licenses are renewed bi-annually, and half of the license holders are required to renew each year which ensures the agency has a consistent revenue stream.

Licensed Physical Therapist Practitioners:

The Board evaluated the qualifications of applicants and current licenses. The following actions were taken on behalf of the Board between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Active PT/PTA Licensees: 3,887

Regular Licenses Issued: 222

Temporary Licenses (New Graduate): 42

Temporary (T-60) Licenses: 0

Reissued Licenses: 7

Renewed Late/Reinstated: 13

Total Compact Privilege Licenses in 2024: 213

Total Regular Active Licenses and Compact Privilege Licenses: 4,100

Applications Received – Reciprocity/New Graduate: 260

Applications – Military Family Freedom Act: 0

Applications – Universal Recognition of Occupational Licensing Act: 0

Applications Denied: 0

Continuing Competency:

Each licensee is required to complete additional education to provide the highest quality services to Mississippi residents. This is to facilitate the use of advancements and current trends in physical therapy clinical and administrative practice. Unless continuing competence is prorated at the time of licensure, there is a requirement of thirty (30) CCUs with three (3) of the hours in ethics every two years.

Mississippi Jurisprudence Examination:

The examination assesses an applicant's knowledge of the legal requirements for practicing physical therapy within the State of Mississippi.

A total of 371 individuals completed the Mississippi State Law Examination during the 2024 calendar year.

Performance Audits of Physical Therapist Practitioners:

On a quarterly basis, physical therapist practitioners from a different region of the state are randomly selected for inspection. The Board staff or a designee enters and makes inspections of places where physical therapy is practiced from a Board approved check list. The list includes inspecting and/or copying any record pertaining to clients or the practice of physical therapy including a posting of all practitioner licenses.

Complaints and Disciplinary Actions for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024.

Complaints Received – 27

Informal Conference - 6

Reprimanded: 3

Disciplinary Actions: 5

Revocations / Suspensions: 2

Military Family Freedom Act (73-50-1):

No individuals have applied for licensure under the provisions of the Military Family Freedom Act.

Universal Recognition of Occupational Licensing Act (73-50-2):

No individuals have applied for licensure under the provisions of the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licensing Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board,



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