

FSBPT Annual Meeting Notes -2025

Thursday

Combined Board Chairs and Admins Meeting- Primary topic discussed was the concept of value and impact when it comes to licensing boards. Some of the ideas shared addressed who our audience is (Public, Licensees, State, etc) and how best to reach them. Jurisdiction Board Chairs- Open forum of topics discussed: **Combining Boards** – some jurisdictions have been successful in demonstrating value as an independent licensing board, others have not been able to avoid the consolidation effort. Success has been tied to communication with stakeholders and involvement of professional association to tell an effective story to legislators.

Friday

Presidents State of the Federation- FSBPT CEO Search: With the retirement of William “Bill” Hatherill, FSBPT completed a national search for a new CEO to replace him in 2026. Susan Newman has been named the new FSBPT CEO. **NPTE** continued development, no major changes. FSBPT continues to work with Prometric and interaction with exam takers to create a more efficient process. Exam pass rates continue to lag about 5% below pre-COVID levels. NPTE exam items rely on textbooks for basis, but contemporary education is changing. Exam Development Task Force to explore how to establish reference basis for contemporary practice exam.

Continuing Competence committee continues to work on standards and Healthy Practice Self Assessment Resource. **PT Compact** <https://ptcompact.org/40> participating jurisdictions, **HRRI** a resource available to members with initiatives and data ([HRRI](#) website) . Candidate Forum- heard from the candidates regarding their role and thoughts on issues facing FSBPT See election results here: <https://www.fsbpt.org/About-Us/Our-Organization/Board-of-Directors> . Demonstrating Value of Regulatory Boards: Assessing does the function serve the public protection and is it the least restrictive form of regulation as necessary. Having the facts is important but not the only element, need to have a compelling story. The review can help discover areas for improvement which helps demonstrate value. FSBPT Initiatives –**Healthy Practice Resource** continues to evolve with all modules now available and promotional videos created. **TOEFL** some changes to make the exam more user friendly and secure. Some scoring changes to align with Common European Framework of Referencing (CEFR) there may be some adjustments to be made stay tuned. **ELDD** Examination, Licensing, and Disciplinary Database an effort to make sure licensee issues are shared between states to protect the public. Ensuring Licensees know the Regulatory Rules: Jurisprudence Examination some jurisdictions require an open book exam with each renewal cycle. **Cross Profession Minimum Data Set Tool** -true workforce assessment needed to know the true FTEs treating patients. Workforce data can represent value to your jurisdiction.

Saturday

Building better relationships with State Agencies and Legislators- Being prepared and having facts is important, however personalizing how the issue or situation effects their constituents. Rule making is

critical and promoting the regulatory practice holds value to the profession. Effective Disciplinary Action: Some jurisdictions include things like community service. When we discipline does it work? Are we improving practice/protecting the public? Can it serve to educate? Some research in physicians supports remedial education as decreasing recidivism. Some keys to successful remediation it needs to be engaged, topic relevance, and personal supports. Barriers to remediation include cost, buy-in by the licensee, and clear measures of competence from the educational intervention. The Updated Code of Ethics: Code was last reviewed and updated in 2007-2009. It was reviewed and a process was put in place to now review the code every 10 years moving forward. New code will be effective January 1, 2026. Changes: the PT and PTA codes have been combined and there are aspirational components. FSBPT will be convening a task force in 2026 to look into an 'ethics standard' for jurisdictions.