

## Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board 2024 Annual Report

- **Board Members in 2024:** Barbara Carter, PTA (Black River Falls); Todd McEldowney, Public Member (Rhinelanders); Brad Bulkow, PT (Milwaukee); Kate Brewer, PT (Milwaukee) and Steve Johnson, PT (La Crosse).
- **Officers in 2024:** Steve Johnson (Chair), Kate Brewer (Vice Chair), and Barbara Carter (Secretary)
- **2024 Liaison Appointments:**
  - Credentialing – Barb Carter, Brad Bulkow (Alternate – Kate Brewer)
  - Monitoring – Todd McEldowney, Steve Johnson (Alternate – NA)
  - Education and Exams – Steve Johnson, Barbara Carter (Alternate – Brad Bulkow)
  - Legislative – Steve Johnson (Alternate – Barb Carter)
  - Travel – Barbara Carter (Alternate – Steve Johnson)
  - Website – Barbara Carter, Brad Bulkow (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
  - Professional Assistance Procedure – Steve Johnson (Alternate – Todd McEldowney)
  - Screening Panel – Todd McEldowney, Steve Johnson (Alternate – Kate Brewer)
  - Licensure Compact – Kate Brewer (Alternate – Brad Bulkow)
- **Administrative Rules:**
  - The Board discussed a rule project relating to telehealth and supervision of physical therapist assistants, Wis. Admin. Code PT 1 and 5. Discussion will continue in 2025.
  - The Board began a rule project regarding the Compact privilege process, Wis. Admin. Code PT 1, in November 2024.
- **Conferences, Trainings and Special Meetings:**
  - Brad Bulkow attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Regulatory Workshop on May 16-18, 2024
  - Steve Johnson (delegate) and Tom Ryan (Executive Director) attended the 2024 FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) – July 13-14, 2024.
  - Steve Johnson (delegate) and Tom Ryan (Executive Director) attended the 2024 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly – October 31- November 2, 2024
- **Licensing Activity:**

	<b>PT</b>	<b>PTA</b>
Applications Received	601	150
Licenses Issued	450	101
License Renewals	33	8
	<b>PT</b>	<b>PTA</b>
<b>Bridge Licenses Issued (Act 10)</b>	15	6
<b>Predetermination reviews</b>	1	1

- **Enforcement Activity (PT and PTA):**

**Complaints received: 27**

Source of complaints received (*Note: A complaint may have more than one source*):

- Consumer: 14
- Employer: 1
- Professional Organization (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy): 1
- Self: 3
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services: 7
- State: 4 (PT Compact – 3, MN Attorney General’s Office -1)
- Family: 1
- Inmate: 1
- Insurance Company: 1
- Co Worker: 1

- **Number of respondents involved: 27**

- **Number of these cases opened for investigation: 7** (*Note: As of January 23, 2025, there are 5 complaints in “Complaint Received” status, therefore a screening decision has not been determined yet.*)

- **Total cases/respondents closed: 21**

*Note: Cases/respondents closed in 2024 may have been received in previous years.*

- Closed at screening: 15
- Closed after investigation: 3
- Closed with formal action: 3

- **Cases pending as of January 2024: 6** (*Note: Cases pending = status of open for investigation, open for legal action, hearing*)

- **Projects for 2025:**

- Explore feasibility of participating in the FSBPT ID database, the remaining area for Wisconsin in the Consumer Protection Rating (CPR) report
- Focus on outreach to increase awareness of the PTEB. Start with outreach to professional and educational communities
- Continue rulemaking regarding Wisc. Admin. Code PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTA’s