MISSION OF THE BOARD

The mission of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board is to actively promote and protect the health of Ohioans through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics.

Goals to achieve this mission include:

- Ensuring that individuals practicing occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics meet sufficient standards of education, training, competence, and ethics, as defined in the laws and rules governing the profession.
- Investigate and discipline licensees whose practice falls below the minimal standards of care.
- Define and advocate for standards of safe OT, PT, AT, OPP practice, and ensure that the laws and rules governing the practice accurately reflect current standards.
- Provide information about the licensees of the OTPTAT Board, the Board’s functions and operations, and the laws governing the practice of OT, PT, AT, and OPP.
- Achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of organizational efficiency.

The primary mission of the OTPTAT Board is public protection. This is accomplished through effective assurance that professionals meet entry-level requirements to practice in Ohio and that the license holders follow the law and uphold professional integrity.

History of the Board

In 1976, the 111th General Assembly established the Ohio Occupational Therapy Board for the purpose of licensing and regulating occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants within Ohio. Chapter 4755. of the Ohio Revised Code was amended in 1977 creating the Ohio Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Board. Prior to 1977, the Medical Board regulated physical therapists. Physical therapist assistants were also included in the 1977 legislation, which established the Physical Therapy Section. With the enactment of Senate Bill 80 in 1990, Chapter 4755. of the Ohio Revised Code was again amended to include the Athletic Trainers Section, thus creating the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. Finally, with House Bill 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, the board took on oversight of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics in 2018. These professions are governed by Chapter 4779 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Duties of the Board

The Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Board to license practitioners of physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics either through examination or reciprocity. The licensure process involves evaluating the applicant’s credentials and formal education, implementing testing procedures, and conducting hearings, if needed. The Board is also empowered to investigate complaints and concerns relative to alleged violations of Chapters 4755 and 4779 of the Ohio Revised Code, which can result in the suspension or revocation of a license, or the refusal to issue or renew a license. In addition, the Board is permitted to subpoena witnesses in connection with investigations, make applications to courts when appropriate, and issue injunctions, restraining orders, or other actions, as may be appropriate and granted by a court. These essential functions are accomplished by a team of 9.5 FTEs and payroll drives the bulk of the agency’s budget.
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Payroll drives the OTPTAT Board budget, comprising 72-73% of the total spend. With collective bargaining payroll increases and an additional pay period in FY 2020, it is difficult for the Board to avoid needing an increase in appropriation. The Board does its best to find cost containment in other areas of the budget, such as limiting travel expenses and leveraging the eLicense system to conduct electronic communications in alternative to mailings. But these savings cannot total enough to make up for the payroll increases. This is especially so when some of the other costs are difficult to predict, such as costs for administrative 119 enforcement hearings and costs for accommodations for taking the national exam. In some years, these costs could be small, but just a few expensive cases can be costly to the Board and break the budget.

### AGENCY SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

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<th>Category</th>
<th>FY16 Actual</th>
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### Current Fees Charged

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BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Board is comprised of three sections that enforce the practice act of their respective profession. The Occupational Therapy Section consists of four occupational therapists and one occupational therapy assistant. The Physical Therapy Section consists of nine physical therapists, while the Athletic Trainers Section has four athletic trainers and one physician. The three sections combine for the joint board to discuss budgetary and administrative matters of the state agency. At the joint board, all Athletic Trainer and Occupational Therapy Section members serve, as well as five Physical Therapy Section members and one public member. Members are paid an hourly rate for each hour employed in the discharge of official duties. In addition, all members are reimbursed according to state travel rules for travel expenses. The Orthotics Prosthetics and Pedorthics Advisory Council also convenes to advise the Joint Board on activities related to those professions.

In FY 2018, the Board employed nine full-time employees. The Executive Director oversees day-to-day operations. The table of organization includes:

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<th>Position</th>
<th># of Full-Time Equivalents</th>
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Licensure Activities

The licensure responsibilities of the three sections of the Board ensure that only individuals who meet certain standards of education, training, and competency are licensed in Ohio.

### Number of License Holders by Fiscal Year

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<th>License</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>7,824</td>
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<td>25,933</td>
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<td>5.01%</td>
<td>6.31%</td>
<td>7.50%</td>
<td>5.28%</td>
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<td>6.5%</td>
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Enforcement Activity

To ensure compliance with Chapters 4755 and 4779. of the Revised Code, the Board employs three investigators to investigate complaints and conduct investigations. All complaints made to the Board must be in writing. When the Board receives a complaint, a case number is assigned and an investigator will determine whether the facts in the case support the alleged violation.

The investigator provides all information and a recommendation to the investigative review panel of the appropriate section upon completion of the investigation. The investigative review panel then reviews the complaints to determine if any disciplinary action is needed. The chart below gives a snapshot of some of the enforcement activity from FY 2018.

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<td>On-going Monitoring</td>
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Occupational Therapy Section

**Board Member**
Beth Ann Ball, OT, MS, OTR/L
Joanne Phillips Estes, OT, Ph.D, Secretary
Mary Lavey, OTA, COTA
Anissa Siefert, MOT, OTR/L, Chair
Melissa Van Allen, OT, OTR/L

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Fremont
New
Washington
Columbus

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2021
2019
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2019
2020

**Term**
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Timothy McIntire, PT, DPT
Karen McIntyre, PT, DPT
C.J. Miller, PT, AT
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**City**
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Cleves
Fairlawn
Washington Twp
Avon
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Columbus
Pataskala

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2019

**Term**
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Athletic Trainers Section

**Board Member**
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Jason Dapore, DO, Secretary
Hollie Kozak, M.Ed, AT
Gary Lake, AT, M. Ed
Jeff Sczpanski, AT, M.Ed.

**City**
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Columbus
Willoughby
Wadsworth
Galloway

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Public Member

**Board Member**
Trevor Vessels

**City**
Columbus

**Term Expires**
2020

**Term**
3rd

Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics

**Advisory Council Members**
Tamara Daulton, LPED, Secretary
Jeffrey Hagman, LP
Derek Kinsella, LPO
Brian Weaver, LPO, Chairman
Don Weldon, LO

**City**
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Shaker Heights
Lancaster
Grove City
Canfield

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**Term**
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Joint Board Officers
Beth Ann Ball, OT, President
Hollie Kozak, M.Ed, AT, Vice-President
Lynn Busdeker, PT, Secretary
**Operational Changes:**

The Board already has scheduled some operational improvements for the FY 20-21 biennium, including the implementation of an ethics, laws and rules module to be completed for all physical therapist and physical therapist assistant renewals, process changes for new physical therapy licenses which will make it easier and faster to be eligible to take the national exam, and the elimination of the option for occupational therapy licenses to be escrowed (an option that was confusing to many and burdensome for the staff to administer). The Board will also continue to work toward full integration of the orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics licenses.

The Board also plans a complete review of laws and rules, which are overdue for updating. A rules reorganization is planned for the next biennium, and statute improvements are also being contemplated. This includes an alignment of Chapter 4779 of the revised code governing orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics with Chapter 4755, which governs the other OTPTAT professions.

Finally, the Board is pursuing operational improvements that will involve reporting metrics for its key functions: customer service, licensure, and enforcement. Such metrics increase accountability for the public and license holders. A review of customer service standards is important now that the Board has converted to eLicense and many of the internal processes have changed.