

# **ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2020**

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**Ohio Occupational Therapy,  
Physical Therapy, and Athletic  
Trainers Board**

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The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio  
77 South High Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Governor DeWine:

In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 149.01, please find the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report.

The OTPTAT Board's mission is centered on the public protection of the people of Ohio. To meet that end, the Board and its staff work hard to enforce the requirements of the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes in as efficient and responsive a manner as possible. The second half of FY 2020 was especially challenging as the Board began providing services while teleworking and was faced with critical questions and challenges due to COVID-19.

Each Section of the Board – occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers – meets bi-monthly, for a total of at least six times per year. In addition, the Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council met four times to advise the Board on matters related to the OPP licenses.

This year, the Board had a focus on several initiatives, including:

- Implementing State Budget language authorizing the Board to approve 3-D Printing of Open-Source Prosthetics Kits
- Development of a new Jurisprudence Assessment Module for PT and PTA licensees
- Supporting the passage of the PT Interstate Licensure Compact by the Ohio Senate and participating in the development of the OT Interstate Licensure Compact in an effort to streamline licensure across state lines
- Updating and integrating the orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics rules
- Participating in the Governor's working group on the Strauss report by examining the Board's investigatory practices and efforts to inform licensees of their duty to report
- Incorporating an affirmation into the licensure renewal process that licensees have a duty to report another licensee who is violating the laws and rules

The Board looks forward to continuing the important work of public protection in Fiscal Year 2021. Thank you for your review of the OTPTAT Board Annual Report.

Missy Anthony  
Executive Director

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# About the Board

## Mission

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

- Ensure 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.

## History

In 1976, the 111<sup>th</sup> 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 132<sup>nd</sup> 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 (71%).

## Financial Summary

### Revenues and Expenditures

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainer Board operations are supported solely through revenue generated from licensure fees. All revenue is deposited into the state Occupational and Professional Licensing Fund (4K90), which is shared by most of the licensing boards in the state. The Board's revenues consistently exceed expenditures.

<b>Revenues</b>	
Licensure fees	\$1,152,957.22
Fines and penalties	\$21,479.01
Total	\$1,174,436.23
<b>Expenditures</b>	
500 – salary and benefits	\$698,387.31
510 – purchased services	\$16,566.41
520 – supplies, maintenance, rent, travel and expense, etc.	\$243,157.80
595 – refunds	\$25.00
Total	\$958,136.52
<b>Appropriation</b>	
Fiscal Year 2020	\$1,137,397.00

## Fees

Category	Fee	Category	Fee
OT/OTA Application	\$100	OT/OTA Renewal	\$70
OT/OTA Reinstatement Application	\$100	OT/OTA License Verification	\$15
PT/PTA Application	\$100	PT/PTA Renewal	\$70
PT/PTA Reinstatement Application	\$100	PT/PTA License Verification	\$15
AT Application	\$100	AT Reinstatement Application	\$100
AT Renewal	\$70	AT CE Approval	\$25
AT License Verification	\$15	Duplicate Wall Certificate	\$10
OPP Application	\$100	OPP renewal	\$70
OPP Reinstatement Application	\$100	OPP License verification	\$15
OPP License Consolidation/Upgrade	\$50	OPP CE Approval	\$25
OT/OTA CE Approval	\$25	3-D Printing Authority	\$25

## Board Members and Staff

### Athletic Trainers Section

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trevor Bates, AT, DHSc, Chair	Sylvania	2020	1st
Ben Burkam, MD, Secretary	Dublin	2022	1st
Hollie Kozak, M.Ed, AT	Willoughby	2022	2nd
Gary Lake, AT, M. Ed	Wadsworth	2021	1st
Jeff Sczpanski, AT, M.Ed.	Galloway	2020	1st

## Occupational Therapy Section

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>
Beth Ann Ball, OT, MS, OTR/L	Worthington	2021	3rd
Joanne Phillips Estes, OT, Ph.D	Cincinnati	2022	2nd
Mary Lavey, OTA, COTA, Chair	Fremont	2021	3rd
Anissa Siefert, MOT, OTR/L	New Washington	2022	2nd
Melissa Van Allen, OT, OTR/L, Secretary	Columbus	2020	1st

## Physical Therapy Section

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mario Baker, PT	Bowling Green	2022	1st
Lynn Busdeker, PT, DPT	Tiffin	2020	3rd
Anthony Ganim, PT, OCS, MBA	Hilliard	2021	1st
Erin Hofmeyer, PT, DPT, Chair	Cleves	2020	2nd
Ronald Kleinman, PT	Fairlawn	2020	3rd
Timothy McIntire, PT, DPT, Secretary	Dayton	2020	2nd
Karen McIntyre, PT, DPT	Avon	2021	1st
C.J. Miller, PT, AT	Marengo	2022	3rd
Linda Pax Lowes, PT, Ph.D	Columbus	2021	1st

## Public Member – Joint Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trevor Vessels	Columbus	2020	3rd

## Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council

<u>Advisory Council Members</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>
Tamara Daulton, LPED, Secretary	Batavia	2019	1st
Nicholas Denroche, LP	Columbus	2022	1st
Derek Kinsella, LPO	Lancaster	2021	2nd
Brian Weaver, LPO, Chairman	Grove City	2020	1st
Don Weldon, LO	Canfield	2020	1st



## Staff

Melissa Anthony, MPA	Executive Director
Jan Hills	Executive Assistant
Carlton Jones	Office Professional

### Licensing Coordinators:

Rosa Avery  
Debra Fulk  
Thanh Mai Vo

### Enforcement Division:

Jeffery Duvall	Enforcement Division Supervisor
Jaklyn Shucofsky	Paralegal





# Enforcement and Discipline Statistics

	Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy	Athletic Trainers	Orthotics, Prosthetics, Pedorthics	Total
Investigations Initiated of Potential Violations of the Practice Act	104	172	51	2	329
Consent Agreements	10	16	4	0	15
Reprimands	0	5	0	0	5
Fines	3	4	2	0	9
On-going Monitoring	5	19	4	0	28
Probation	2	3	2	0	7
Suspension	2	2	0	0	4
Disciplinary License Surrender/Revocation	5	4	1	0	10
R.C. 119. Hearings	9	3	0	0	12
Revocation	1	4	0	0	5
Suspension or Probation	4	5	2	0	11
Application Denial	0	0	1	1	2
No Disciplinary Action Taken	5	26	3	1	35
<i>Evidentiary Reviews in Lieu of R.C. 119. Hearing</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Revocation	1	4	0	0	5
Suspension	2	2	0	0	2
Fine and Written Reprimand	3	9	2	0	14
Application Denial	0	0	1	1	2
No Disciplinary Action Taken	94	157	44	1	296
<i>Non-Disciplinary Resolutions</i>	89	109	40	0	238
<i>No Violations Found</i>	5	26	3	1	35
<i>Cases Not Yet Resolved</i>	25	48	10	1	84

## License Activity

Type of License	FY 2020 Active	FY 2020 New
Occupational Therapist	6,650	432
Occupational Therapy Assistant	5,170	218
Physical Therapist	10,578	602
Physical Therapist Assistant	8,842	351
Athletic Trainer	3,094	177
Orthotist	80	8
Pedorthist	79	2
Prosthetist	69	5
Prosthetist – Orthotist	144	11
Temporary Orthotist	1	0
Temporary Pedorthist	1	0
Temporary Prosthetist	1	0
Temporary Prosthetist – Orthotist	1	1

## Administrative Rules

The Board processed approximately 96 rules in Fiscal Year 2020 after review via a public hearing, stakeholder input, Common Sense Initiative, and Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. For more information on the rule-making process, visit <https://otptat.ohio.gov/Rules-Updates>.