



Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Following the 2018 Regular Session and three Extraordinary Sessions of the legislature, the board has been provided detailed information on legislation enacted this year that impacts the regulation of physical therapists in our state. In this newsletter, we have detailed information regarding changes that have occurred this year that are most impactful to our Board: The Physical Therapy Compact (see page 2), Consumer Board Member (see page 4, Chairman's Report), relative to disciplinary hearings by boards (see page 3), Occupational Board Compliance Act (page 3) and administrative procedure to identify necessary rule changes (page 3). Overall, these changes are positively received and work to ensure that your regulatory agency is working in a way that is efficient while being effective in accomplishing our mission of public protection. If you should have questions about any of the 2018 legislative changes, please do not hesitate to contact the board office. In addition, the final 2018 La Physical Therapy Board Rule changes that were mentioned in the Winter 2018 newsletter are anticipated to be published in the La State Register effective on September 20, 2018. I encourage you to attend one of the live Jurisprudence Seminars offered this year (see JP schedule on page 10) to learn more about these changes and have the opportunity ask questions and provide discussion in an open forum.

Charlotte Martin, M.P.A.,
Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Patrick Cook, PT Chairman	Sept 2018
Karl Kleinpeter, PT Secretary/Treasurer	Sept 2020
Kristina Lounsberry, PT	July 2018
Craig Prejean, PTA	Sept 2019
Julie Harris, PT	Dec 2019
Judith Halverson, PT	July 2019
Meredith Warner, M.D.	Jan 2021
Consumer Member	Vacant

IMPORTANT REQUEST: LICENSEE DASHBOARD REVIEW

Some time ago the board transitioned to the new website that you see today. Along the way, we have worked to ensure that all information is accurate and user-friendly, but there are sometimes details that may evade our best efforts. We encourage all licensees to log into their dashboards and check their contact information, workplace, and other relevant information for accuracy. If you spot something that isn't accurate, we ask that you send an email with corrections to info@laptboard.org. A member of the board staff will then go into your dashboard and update your information accordingly.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT (Act 524)

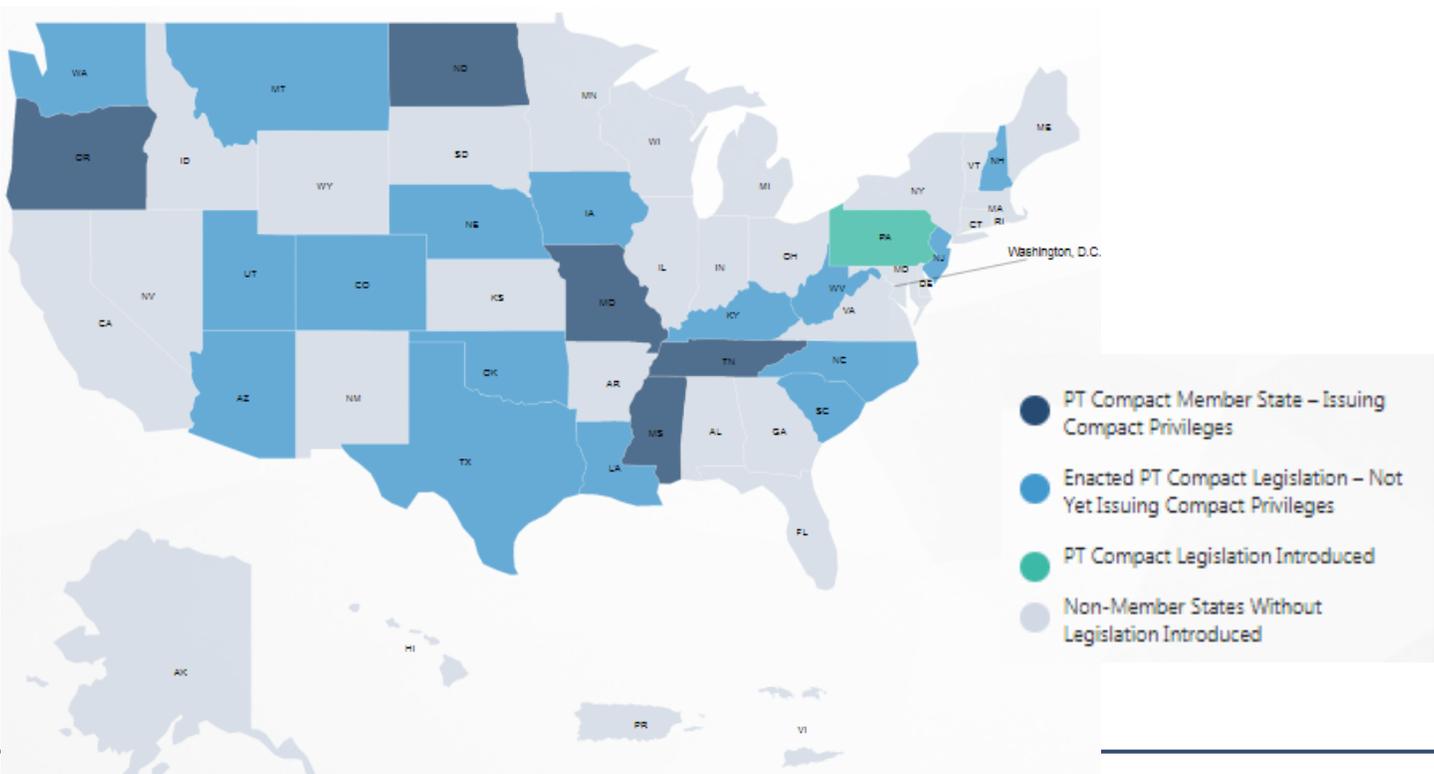
On May 23, 2018, Gov. John Bel Edwards signed Senate Bill 203, the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, into law in Louisiana (Act 524). At the present time, Louisiana has pending requirements to be addressed before officially being able to actively issue compact privileges. Until then, Louisiana-domiciled licensees will not be eligible to receive a Privilege to Practice in other states and Louisiana will not be able to issue privileges to practice for other member states' licensees.

A current map and updated information regarding the PT Licensure Compact can be found on the official website (www.PTCompact.org), which has helpful resources for licensees interested in obtaining a privilege to practice through the Compact. The Board urges interested licensees to visit the Board's website regularly in addition to the Compact's site to access the most up-to-date information regarding the national Physical Therapy Compact.

ONCE LOUISIANA IS ACTIVE...

Once Louisiana is active in the Compact, licensees who are domiciled in Louisiana will be eligible to apply through the Compact Commission for a privilege to practice physical therapy in other states participating in the Compact without having to go through the process of getting licensed in the states where they are not domiciled and that are participating in the Compact. Some eligibility requirements apply. For individuals who are not eligible, Louisiana-domiciled licensees can practice in other states by obtaining a license in each state where they wish to practice. For Louisiana-domiciled licensees who obtain a privilege to practice in the states where the Compact is in effect, those licensees will only need to renew their Louisiana license on the date when the Louisiana license expires. At the time of renewal, the Louisiana-domiciled licensee may choose which other states they wish to apply for a privilege to practice and all privileges to practice will expire on the date that the Louisiana license expires. Should a licensee move entirely to a new state, they *will* need to seek licensure in the state where they are domiciled.

COMPACT MAP AS OF AUGUST 10, 2018 (SOURCE: WWW.PTCOMPACT.ORG)



2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

ACT 454: PROCESSES TO REVIEW AGENCY RULES

Effective January 1, 2019, this Act provides for processes to review agency rules and to require agencies to conduct periodic hearings to have public comment on rules for the purpose of allowing any interested person the opportunity to comment on any rule of the agency which the person believes is contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome.

ACT 623: OCCUPATIONAL BOARD COMPLIANCE ACT

Effective January 1, 2019, the process for rule making will change, adding additional oversight and review from the state. A commission will be responsible for active supervision of licensing boards and all new rules must be submitted to the commission prior to submitting a notice of intent to the *La State Register*. The commission may approve and authorize the initiation of rulemaking or disapprove proposed rules providing reasons therefore, making recommendations, and requiring the board to resubmit.

ACT 655: RELATIVE TO DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

Effective August 1, 2018, Act 655 requires that board provide information to licensees and applicants regarding procedures to file a complaint about board actions or procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations:

- 1) La Physical Therapy Board, 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507; 337-262-1043; info@laptboard.org
 - 2) Comm on House & Gov Affairs; La House of Reps, P.O. Box 94062, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; 225-342-2403; obriens@legis.la.gov
 - 3) Comm. on Senate & Gov. Affairs; La Senate, P.O. Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; 225-342-9845; s&g@legis.la.gov
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DISCLAIMER

Be advised that the Acts of the legislature listed in this newsletter is not intended to be a full reflection of the legislation that passed this year; however, the intention is to highlight the legislation that would most interest the audience of this newsletter. To find more information on these Acts and other legislative matters from the 2018 Sessions, please visit www.legis.la.gov.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



On September 17, 2018, my term as a board member for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board will end. Over the last three years, it has been my honor to serve in this position. I have seen first-hand the direct impact that the board has in its efforts to protect the public and serve the needs of the licensees. I was present on the board for both the passage of Direct Access in Louisiana and also for the impending Rules Revision which will be published in September 2018. In both my role as a board member and Chairman, the focus of our board has always been ensuring that physical therapy services in Louisiana are safe and the public is protected from incompetent and unethical practitioners.

As you may know, board members are appointed by the governor to serve for a term of three years. In the interim, board members with expired terms are allowed to serve until their replacement has been chosen. Until this happens, I will gladly serve and help the board to the best of my ability.

My board term ending is not the only change the board will experience this year. On May 23, 2018 Gov. John Bel Edwards signed Senate Bill 40 into law which changes the Board's composition from seven members (5 PTs, 1 PTA, and 1 medical doctor) to eight members by adding a consumer member chosen from the state at large. The consumer member must possess the following qualifications: be a United States citizen, never have been licensed by any Louisiana Department of Health licensing boards (pursuant to R.S. 36:259(A)), nor can their spouse ever have been licensed by any Louisiana Department of Health boards (pursuant to R.S. 36:259(A)), have no felony convictions, and can have no material financial interest in any healthcare profession. This consumer member will also have full voting privileges equal to other Board members. If you know someone who may be interested in serving the public as a consumer member on the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, please have them submit an application by following this [link](#).

The LPTB sees this addition as a positive change, and we and the staff at the Board look forward to the fresh insight that a consumer member will bring to the table for discussion. The consumer member will provide an outside perspective which we see as highly advantageous in our mission to protect and serve the public and our licensees. If you have questions regarding this change to Board composition, I encourage you to reach out to the Board staff. We always appreciate questions and insights from licensees and encourage interaction with the Board.

Patrick Cook, PT, MPT, OCS, FAAOMPT
Board Chairman

BOARD VACANCIES

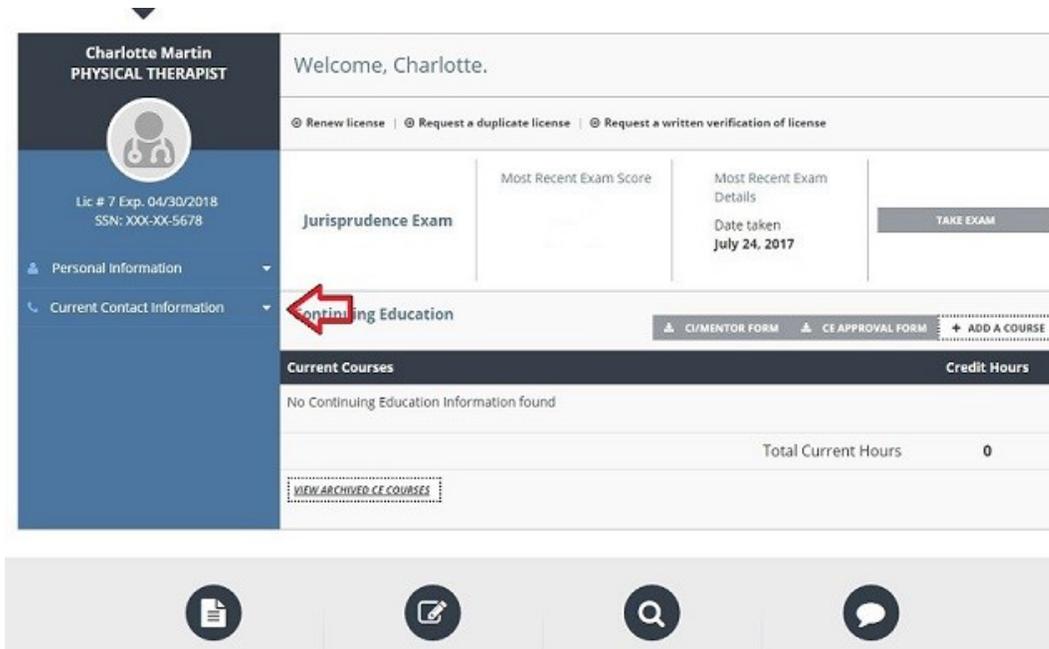
Are you interested in public service? Do you want to become more involved with your profession? The board currently has one At-Large nominee vacancy and will soon have one LPTA nominee vacancy coming open in September, in addition to the consumer member vacancy available later this month. Those seeking the opportunity to serve as a board member should have an unrestricted license and at least three years of experience practicing physical therapy in Louisiana. The consumer member must possess the following qualifications: be a United States citizen, never have been licensed by any licensing boards pursuant to R.S. 36:259(A), nor can their spouse ever have been licensed by any boards, have no felony convictions, and can have no material financial interest in any healthcare profession. In order to apply for the At-Large position, click [here](#) to complete the Boards and Commissions application via the Office of the Governor. If you know someone who may be interested in the Consumer Member vacancy and meets the above qualifications, please direct them to the same link. For LPTA members interested in the LTPA vacancy, please contact the association directly at office@lpta.org.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION VIA THE DASHBOARD

Pursuant to §2415.B, licensees must update their contact information within 30 days of any change taking place. You may update your contact information by mail (104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507) or directly on your Dashboard. Follow these simple steps for updating contact information directly on your Dashboard:

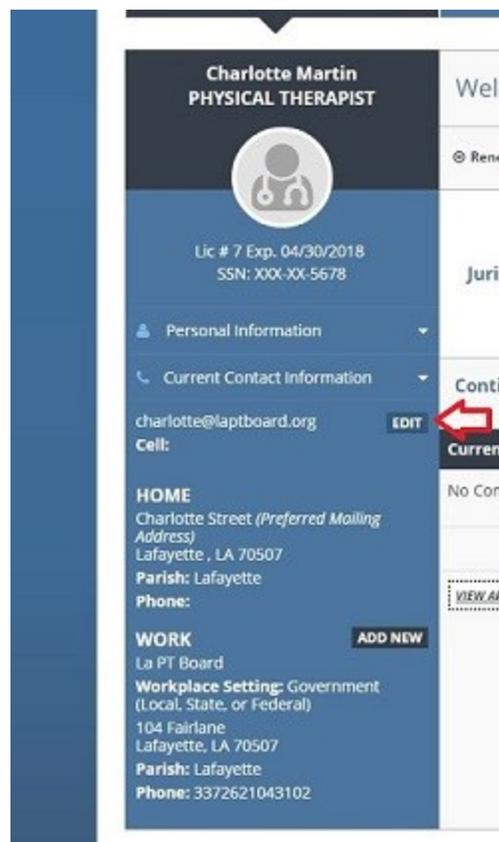
Step 1:

After [logging onto your dashboard](#), look to the far left where it reads “Current Contact Information”. Click on the small down arrow.



Step 2:

Click “Edit”.



UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION VIA THE DASHBOARD (CONTINUED)

Step 3:

Click update appropriate information and double check that you've selected your preferred mailing address. This is how the Board will contact you via paper means for events like License Renewals, CEU Audits, etc. Click save at the bottom right-hand corner.

Addresses

Email:

Cell Phone:

Home Address

Home Phone

Please fill out this field.

Work Address

La PT Board:

Work Phone

Identify Preferred Mailing Address

Work Home

CANCEL **SAVE CHANGES**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NEW RULE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT IN 2018. LOOK FOR THE BOARD WEBSITE TO BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



BOARD MEETINGS 2018 SCHEDULE

September

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm

October

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm

December

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm

*Board Meeting time and dates are subject to change.
Check our website for the most up-to-date information.
www.laptboard.org/Meetings*

TRAVELING JURISPRUDENCE 2018 SCHEDULE

To register for a Live Jurisprudence Seminar, email your name, license number, and desired Jurisprudence location to ceu@laptboard.org. Your certificate will be emailed to you following the completion of the seminar.

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Baton Rouge

1:00pm-3:00pm

In conjunction with the LPTA FALL Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Shreveport

6:00pm-8:00pm

Bossier Parish Community College

New Orleans

Date/Location—TBD

*Additional dates and locations may be added;
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our website for the most up-to-date information.
www.laptboard.org/JPLive*

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