



**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**  
**STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, AND PEDORTHICS**  
**BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2012**

This summary of Board actions and related items reflects information reported to and/or discussed by the Board at its June 13, 2012 meeting. Please be aware that some of this information is based on meeting minutes not yet approved by the Board. [Approved Board meeting minutes](#) constitute the formal record of Board actions. Please [contact the Board office](#) (Board Director) for further information regarding any item of particular interest to you.

**LICENSING** - [for online real-time license status verification, click to: [License Verification](#)]

The following **new license actions were approved** and/or reported:

<b><u>NEW LICENSE ACTIONS</u></b>	
Donald Hanigosky	LO.303
Nicole Pandora	LO.304
Thomas Sandy III	LO.305 Temp
Matthew Scoggin	LO.306 Temp
Matthew Walle	LO.307 Temp
Adam Engstrom	LP.301 Temp
Robin Lauer	LPED.218
Richard Plona	LPED.220 Temp
Reid Sittler	LPED.219 Temp

<b><u>UPGRADES REPORTED</u></b>	
Brad Poziembo	LP.258
Mark Graham	LO.302



\*pending results of criminal record check – Reciprocity (Florida)

→ **BOARD TO OFFER TESTIMONY ON “ALTERNATIVE PRACTITIONER” ALLOWANCE**

[HB 259, “regarding the provision of complementary or alternative health services,”](#) has passed the Ohio House of Representatives and is pending in the Ohio Senate. The legislation is the most recent version of a bill that has been introduced in several sessions of the Ohio General Assembly. The bill seeks to provide allowance for persons who self-identify as “Complementary or alternative health care service providers” to engage in a wide range of consumer-focused activities with no licensure or registration requirements and with no educational or scope of practice parameters defined. The bill defines the field as “the broad domain of health care and healing practices that may or may not be provided in addition to or in place of prevailing or conventional treatment options.” Board discussion indicated concern generally for legislation that seems to undercut Ohio public policy focused on assuring minimum education, training and competence in allied healthcare licensing. Discussion noted in particular language that seeks to allow what the legislation refers to as “Noninvasive instrumentalities,” a phrase that is undefined in the bill but would seem to include, based on common understanding of the words, orthotic bracing devices. The Board will state general opposition to the bill and will seek language protective of the scope of practice of Chapter 4779 licensees.

## → BOARD SERVICE – THREE MEMBERS “TIME OUT” IN DECEMBER 2012

In December 2012, three seats must be filled by new appointments, as incumbents are mid-way through their second consecutive terms of service:

- one Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Practitioner member
- the Pedorthic Practitioner member; and
- the “Doctor” member (M.D., D.O., or D.P.M.).

Board members are reimbursed for mileage and parking for Board business, but are otherwise not financially compensated. Anyone interested in serving must apply directly with the Governor’s office. [Click here](#). The Board office would appreciate receiving a courtesy copy of any application submitted.

## → RULES REVIEW IDENTIFIES POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TESTING PROTOCOL

As previously indicated by email announcement and [posting to the website](#), the Board is engaged in a regular review of administrative rules which govern various aspects of Practice Act administration. It was noted during review of the [rule on license examinations](#) that the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics is designated as the only recognized testing source for all three professions, but that the Board for Certification International (formerly Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification) currently adheres to NCOPE educational and testing standards in Pedorthics. It was suggested the Board seek to determine whether the BOC Pedorthist examination should be accepted in addition to the ABC Certified Pedorthist exam for entrance to the Licensed Pedorthist credential in Ohio. The Board is presently engaged in a fact-finding process to address this matter. All input, suggestions and comments are requested and encouraged. Send an [email to the Board office](#), subject: **Pedorthist Exam**.

## → PRACTICE ACT REVIEW ONGOING

Noting the changes in national credentialing standards being implemented through all NCOPE accredited educational entities, the Board has initiated a proposal and discussion process to outline and “flesh out” changes required for the Practice Act to maintain currency with national standards, and to adopt changes long requested by the practitioner community. Among the issues the Board hopes to address through the review, revision and legislative process:

- “tune up” licensing standards language to conform to current and developing national credentialing benchmarks
- “fill in the gaps” in licensing and jurisdictional issues by extending licensure to fitters and assistants and by providing for a process to address DMEPOS competitive bidding when it hits the OTS/OTC end of the prefabricated orthotic device spectrum
- grant the Board subpoena power to investigate allegations of unlicensed practice
- provide confidentiality in the complaint process and update complaint-related language
- make Continuing Education accrual standards subject to Board’s rulemaking authority so as to allow greater conformity with national credentialing requirements.
- provide an “escrowed” or inactive license status under certain conditions

To review language under consideration and provide comment to the Board in this regard, send an [email to the Board office](#), subject: **Practice Act Review**.

→ **LICENSE NUMBERING – WHAT’S UP WITH THE -1, -2, -3?**

In order to maximize the automation attributes of electronic renewal processing, we needed a solution to the annual calculation performed to determine which licensees were due to report CE based on initial issue date or number of renewals processed. It was confusing for you; it was confusing for us.

After consult with IT staff, it was determined that we could create a license "sub-type" for each license type issued. Those who were required to report OPPCE at the renewal due January 31, 2012, were designated sub-type "2". Those who will need to report for the upcoming renewal due January 31, 2013, are sub-type "3". We are not yet adding sub-type "1" to the remainder, pending the state of Ohio's procurement and roll-out of a new shared licensing database, but licensees with neither sub-type "2" nor "3" should assume their reporting cycle next lands on January 31, 2014.

→ CHECK YOUR OPPCE REPORTING SUB-TYPE AT THE [WEBSITE LICENSE LOOK-UP](#).

→ THIS DOES NOT DENOTE A CHANGE IN LICENSE NUMBER FOR CREDENTIALING PURPOSES. It is an administrative "tag" for better tracking of OPPCE reporting cycles.

→ **OPPCE REPORTING CYCLE REMINDER**

Ohio credentialing requirements in these professions require a licensee to confirm, subject to verification, accrual of a minimum amount of approved Continuing Education credits at every third license renewal. **Most national credentialing organizations that certify practitioners in these fields have a 5-year CE accrual window. The Board thus urges OPP licensees to think of their OPPCE obligation in terms of a yearly "rate" based on the 3-year rule.** Such a protocol assures current competence in the field, an identifiable plan to maintain national credential compliance, and compliance with the Ohio requirement when the targeted renewal rolls around.

3-year accrual requirements and the corresponding annual "rates" are as follows:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>3-year total minimum</u>	<u>Annualized Rate</u>
Pedorthics	LPED	33	11
Orthotics or Prosthetics	LO or LP	45	15
Orthotics AND Prosthetics	LPO, or LO & LP	75	25

✓ Please note: [OPPCE minimum requirements are set by statute](#) and are not subject to modification by the Board. No OPPCE requirement attaches to a Temporary license.

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