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*To protect and enhance the health
and safety of the public through
effective medical regulation.*





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July 31, 2022

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the State Medical Board of Ohio (the board), I am pleased to submit this annual report for State Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 149.01 and Ohio Administrative Code 4731-30.

The role of the Medical Board is to license competent and qualified providers while ensuring their compliance to Ohio regulation. This mission is essential to positive health care outcomes and patient trust. Despite a changing health care landscape, our guiding principles remain the same and have kept us steady.

The board's workload has increased as more practitioners are licensed in the state and a growing number of complaints are received. This year, we have continued our focus on the handling of sexual misconduct complaints, which are often uniquely sensitive and difficult to navigate. The board adopted practices that escalate sexual misconduct complaints throughout the triage, investigation, enforcement, and discipline processes. It also identified key staffing roles essential to its continued development. Due to the requests made in the previous biennial budget we have been able to strategically hire additional investigators, a sexual misconduct enforcement attorney, and an additional hearing officer to better accommodate our needs.

At the very core of our work, we serve the public. That is why I am especially excited about the board's new public engagement campaign, *Get to Know SMBO*. We launched the campaign to educate the public about the board's core services and how to file a complaint when a concern arises. To support this effort, we have created a new section of the website complete with helpful patient-centered resources and launched a new YouTube series featuring SMBO staff and leadership explaining common board practices. We are also seeking opportunities to collaborate with our fellow state agencies and community partners.

Another key aspect of our regulatory responsibility is making sure those under our jurisdiction have access to proper resources and education. Mirroring the country, our health care workforce experienced exacerbated stresses and increased burnout as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of these factors, the board has emphasized the importance of provider wellness and partnered with the Ohio Physician Wellness Program to continually share important resources and information. We've also created a provider wellness section of the website, linked from the homepage which helps providers find wellness resources to address mental health, addiction recovery and stress management.

We have also heavily relied heavily on our relationships with the Ohio legislature, associations, and health care systems this year in crafting new policies and rules on timely topics. The stakeholder input we've received has been invaluable, especially for the complexity of crafting regulations for the rapid expansion of telehealth.

Above all, my staff and I are committed to the important work of the Medical Board. Its success means the protection of patients, safer provider practices and a healthier Ohio.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Loucka
Executive Director



ABOUT THE MEDICAL BOARD

The State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO, Medical Board, board) issues licenses for and oversees the practice of allopathic physicians (MD), osteopathic physicians (DO), podiatric physicians (DPM) and massage therapists (LMT) under the authority of the Medical Practices Act, Chapter 4731, Ohio Revised Code (ORC). The Medical Board continues to regulate naprapaths and mechanotherapists licensed by the board before March 1992.

The Medical Board also regulates Physician Assistants, ORC Chapter 4730; Dietitians, ORC Chapter 4759; Anesthesiologist Assistants, ORC Chapter 4760; Respiratory Care Professionals, ORC Chapter 4761; Acupuncturists, ORC Chapter 4762; Radiologist Assistants, ORC Chapter 4774; and Genetic Counselors, ORC Chapter 4778.

The Medical Board's regulatory responsibilities include investigating complaints against applicants and licensees and taking disciplinary action against those who violate the public health and safety standards set by the General Assembly and the Medical Board.

AGENCY MISSION

To protect and enhance the health and safety of the public through effective medical regulation.

Composition

The State Medical Board of Ohio is composed of twelve members: nine physicians (seven MDs, one DO, one DPM) and three non-physician public members. The board members are appointed by the governor and serve five-year terms. Appointment terms are staggered to provide continuity and board members may be reappointed. Two members are selected by their peers on the board to serve as the board's Secretary and Supervising Member. The Secretary and Supervising Member oversee the investigatory and enforcement processes.

In FY22, SMBO board meetings resumed meeting in person but continued to livestream on the Medical Board's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/statemedicalboardofohio). Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the board's website, med.ohio.gov.

The Executive Director oversees day-to-day operations of the agency. During FY22, 92 positions were authorized with 77 of those positions filled on 6/30/22. Medical Board operations are funded exclusively through licensing and other authorized fees that are non-general revenue fund sources.

Board members during FY22



Betty Montgomery, JD
Board President



Sherry Johnson, DO
Vice President



Kim Rothermel, MD
Secretary



Bruce Saferin, DPM
Supervising Member



Amol Soin, MD, MBA



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Board Committees

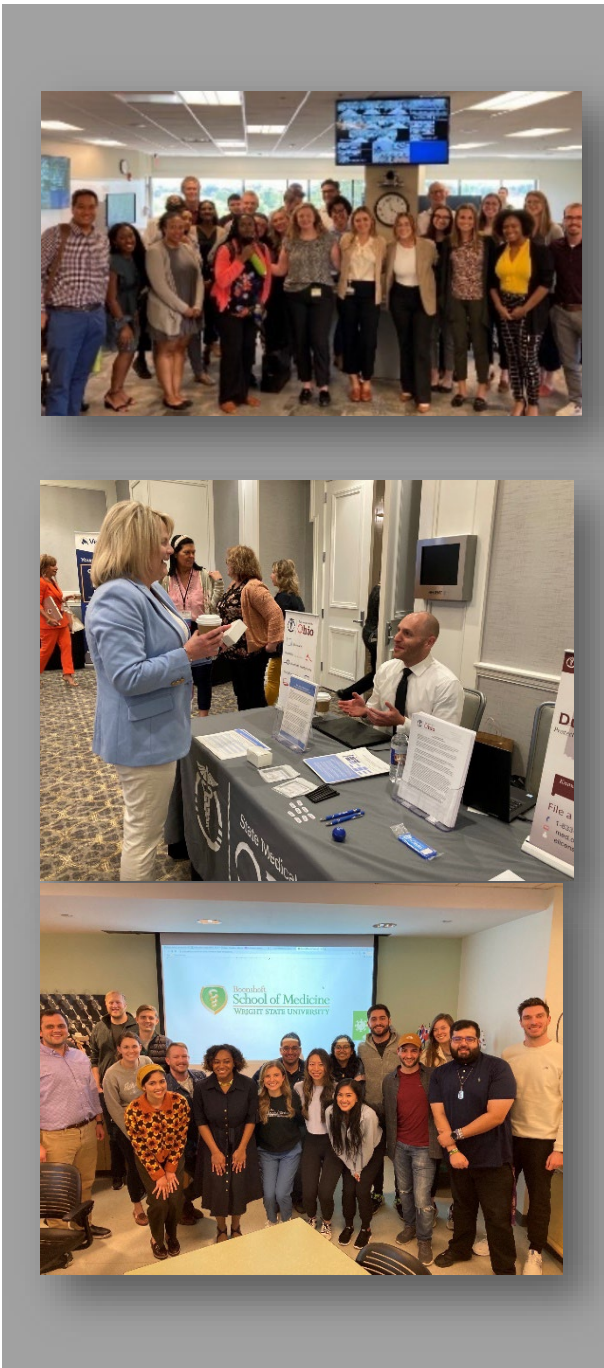
Committee agendas are posted on the Medical Board's website. Board actions on committee recommendations are included in the board meeting minutes.

- Ad hoc Telehealth Committee
- Compliance Committee
- Dietetics Advisory Council
- Finance Committee
- FSMB Recommendations Review Committee
- ICD-10 Code Data Committee
- Licensure Committee
- Medical Marijuana Committee
- Physician Assistant Policy Committee (PAPC)
- Respiratory Care Advisory Council
- Massage Therapy Advisory Council
- Quality Assurance Committee



EDUCATION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In FY22, the Board participated in educational events by request, including a presentation at the national level at the Federation of State Medical Board Annual Meeting. The Board also launched a new public engagement campaign, *Get to Know SMBO*.



Topic	Events
Communications Presentation	1
Educational Display (in-person/virtual)	4
Law Enforcement Presentation	2
Licensure Presentation	3
Medical Board Overview and Updates Regarding Laws, Rules, Processes Presentation	15
Medical Board Report	1
Medical Marijuana Presentation	2
Mental Health Presentation	1
Prescribing Presentation	1
Professional and Medical Ethics Presentation	1
Sexual Misconduct Presentation	1
Total	32

Digital Communications



49 email campaigns



474,974 website users



82,211 YouTube views



288 tweets and 48,765 impressions

LICENSURE ACTIVITY

License Type	Total Active Licenses as of				
	6/30/22	6/30/21	6/30/20	6/30/19	6/30/18
Allopathic Physician (MD)	45,186	47,009	44,130	42,007	42,265
Osteopathic Physician (DO)	7,903	7,958	7,326	6,826	6,676
Podiatric Physician (DPM)	988	1,047	1,003	981	956
Training Certificate (MD)	6,641	7,237	6,727	5,812	4,589
Training Certificate (DO)	2,384	2,620	2,328	2,046	1,409
Training Certificate (DPM)	186	223	208	186	148
Telemedicine License (MD, DO) ¹	0	0	0	163	167
Acupuncturist (ACU)	299	323	233	247	226
Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA)	356	329	291	278	249
Cosmetic Therapist (CT) ²	0	0	181	176	169
Dietitian (LD)	4,917	5,020	4,701	4,353	4,275
Limited Permit Dietitian	19	12	8	11	23
Genetic Counselor	594	529	423	377	288
Massage Therapist (MT)	11,428	12,458	11,949	11,638	12,090
Mechanotherapist (DM)	6	9	8	9	11
Naprapath (NAP)	1	1	1	1	1
Oriental Medicine Practitioner (OM) ³	0	0	67	59	47
Physician Assistant (PA)	5,227	4,908	4,340	4,149	3,706
Radiologist Assistant (RA)	17	16	15	18	16
Respiratory Care Professional (RCP)	9,204	9,295	8,884	8,391	8,633
L1 Limited Permit – Respiratory Care	310	444	337	307	375
L2 Limited Permit – Respiratory Care	2	4	4	4	8
Total	95,668	99,442⁴	93,219⁴	88,039	86,327

1. Effective October 17, 2019, HB166 (Biennial Budget for 133rd GA), eliminated the need for a separate telemedicine certificate; any MD or DO with a valid Ohio license may provide telehealth care for an Ohio resident.
2. HB442 eliminated the licensing of cosmetic therapists as of 4/12/21.
3. HB442 eliminated the licensing of oriental medicine practitioners as of 4/12/21. Existing licensees were converted to acupuncturists and are included therein.
4. The increase from FY20 is due, in part, to licenses for which the expiration date was extended to 7/1/21 pursuant to HB404. This number likely includes individuals who would have otherwise let their license lapse but for the legislative extension.

Number of New Licenses Issued

License Type	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
Allopathic Physician – MD	3,175	2,736	2,735	2,539	2,539
Osteopathic Physician – DO	741	612	615	536	525
Podiatric Physician – DPM	43	43	45	48	43
Acupuncturist	12	22	14	15	15
Anesthesiologist Assistant	41	34	26	29	17
Cosmetic Therapist	0	3	5	13	9
Genetic Counselor	114	104	72	92	58
Dietitian	382	290	338	289	282
Limited Permit – Dietitian	45	19	8	33	30
Massage Therapist	470	419	417	503	517
Oriental Medicine Practitioner	0	0	11	12	8
Physician Assistant	618	539	467	418	475
Radiologist Assistant	2	1	0	2	1
Respiratory Care Professional	636	392	453	424	382
L1 Limited Permit – Respiratory Care	261	276	209	275	258
Total	6,540	5,490	5,415	5,228	5,159

Special Certificates Issued by the Medical Board

Special Certificates Type	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
Physician Training Certificate (MD, DO, DPM)	2,625	2,338	2,400	3,883	3,270
Certificate to Recommend Medical Marijuana	95	90	146	374	139
Special Activity Certificates	7	3	3	10	25
Conceded Eminence	5	3	9	5	1
Clinical Research Faculty	5	1	3	7	5
Volunteer Certificate	3	0	2	1	1
Visiting Clinical Professional Development	0	0	0	0	1

Average Time to Issue a License

The Medical Board continued to improve efficiencies in issuing licenses to those applicants qualified to practice in Ohio. On average, it took less than a month to issue a license from the date the application was submitted with payment in eLicense.

License Type	Number Issued in FY22	Average Days to Issue in FY22	Median days to Issue in FY22
Active Military, Temporary License (10 MD, 3 DO, 1DPM, 1 Dietitian, 3 PA, 1 MT)	19	16	14
Allied Medicine professions	2,581	25	12
Physicians (MD, DO, DPM)	3,959	25	14
Physician Training Certificate (MD, DO, DPM)	2,625	25	12

Renewals

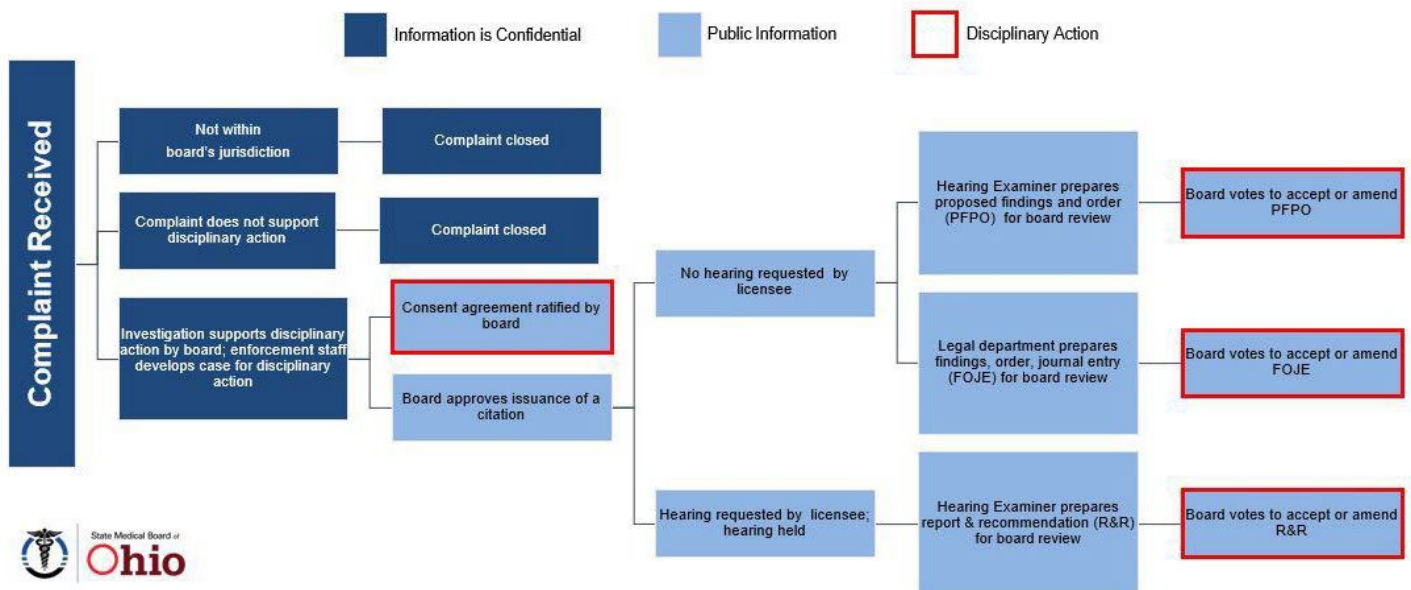
Most Medical Board licenses have a two-year renewal cycle (exceptions include L1 and L2 Limited Permit, RCP Limited Permit, Training Certificate, Certificate of Conceded Eminence, Clinical Research Faculty Certificate, and Volunteer Certificate).

License Type	Renewed in FY22	License Type	Renewed in FY22
Acupuncturist (ACU)	273	Radiologist Assistant (RA)	14
Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA)	280	Respiratory Care Professional	7,441
Genetic Counselor (GC)	382	Doctor of Medicine (MD)	20,592
L1 Limited Permit	160	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	3,509
L2 Limited Permit	2	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	456
Licensed Dietitian	3,704	Training Certificate (DO)	178
RCP Limited Permit	7	Training Certificate (MD)	487
Massage Therapist (MT)	5,372	Training Certificate (DPM)	1
Mechanotherapist	2	Certificate of Conceded Eminence	8
Physician Assistant (PA)	4,119	Clinical Research Faculty Certificate	5
		Volunteer Certificate (M-VC)	1
Total 46,993			

CASE MANAGEMENT

The Medical Board protects the public through effective medical regulation, holding licensees accountable for following Ohio laws, rules and professional codes of ethics. The board investigates complaints, takes disciplinary actions against those who violate regulations, and monitors licensees on probation. The complaints received and investigations conducted by the board cannot be publicly disclosed per Ohio Revised Code 4731.22(F).

Complaint, Investigation, Enforcement and Disciplinary Process



Complaints are reviewed to determine if the board has jurisdiction over the subject of the complaint, and if so, if the allegations violate a section of Ohio law or a rule enforced by the Medical Board. **Complaints** within the board's jurisdiction may then be sent to **Investigations** or to the appropriate department based on the nature of the issue. Investigators gather information on the alleged incident. Some cases, especially those alleging a licensee did not provide the correct standard of care, receive further examination by **Standards Review**. Investigators then provide a report to the board's Secretary and Supervising Member. **Enforcement** staff review the complaints referred to the section by the board's Secretary and Supervising Member and prepare the cases for possible disciplinary action. At monthly meetings, the board members vote to ratify settlement agreements negotiated by Enforcement, take action on recommendations of the **Hearing Unit** and issue citations drafted by Enforcement.

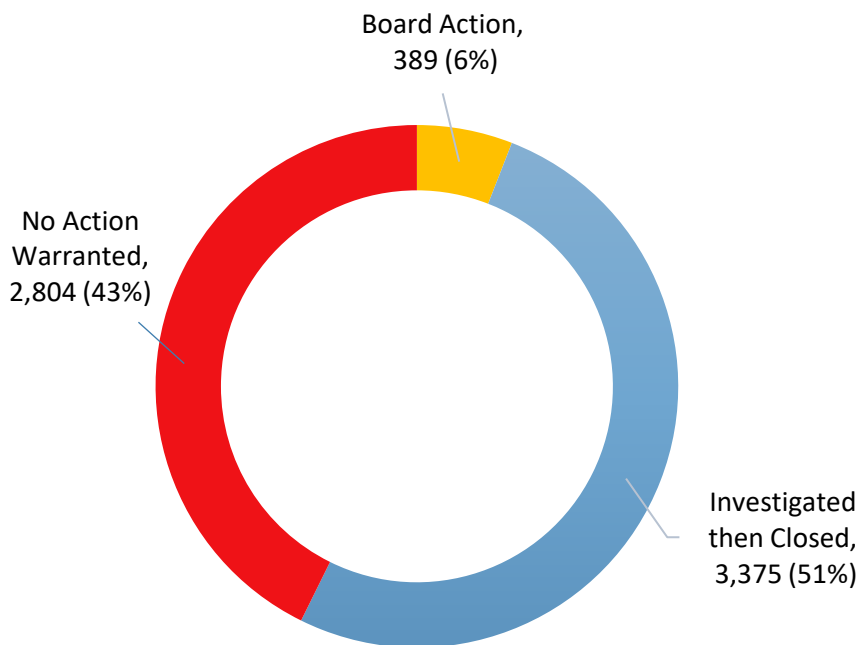
Complaints

Complaints inform the board of potential problems with a licensee’s practice. Complaints are received from a variety of sources including the public, agency staff, state and national regulatory agencies, physicians, self-reports from licensees, hospitals, and others such as law enforcement and the media.

Types of complaints received include patient care concerns, inappropriate prescribing issues, discrepancies in licensure application information, criminal activity, impairment due to substance misuse, ethical violations, and office practice management concerns.

Complaint Metrics*	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
New complaints received	6,365	6,363	7,343	6,485	5,553
Closed complaints (includes disposition of complaints received prior to FY22)	6,568	7,236	5,777	5,612	5,783
Average number of processing days from receipt of complaint to closure	133	170	86	102	207

*Complaint metrics may include multiple complaints filed against an individual licensee.



No action warranted

2,804 complaints closed as the issue involved profession not regulated by board or no further review needed

Investigated then closed

3,375 complaints were closed after investigation as information obtained about allegation did not support board action. Although there was no formal discipline, licensee could have received a caution letter, met with board Secretary and Supervising Member, or been referred to further education

Board action

389 complaints resulted in disciplinary action by the Medical Board

Complaints Received by License Type in FY22

License Type	Complaints Received
Acupuncturist (ACU)	15
Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA)	6
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	3,706
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	902
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	59
Genetic Counselor (GC)	3
L1 Limited Permit	17
Licensed Dietitian	65
Limited Preliminary Education Certificate	1
RCP Limited Permit	13
Massage Therapist (MT)	289
Mechanotherapist	1
Non-medical board licensees	672
Physician Assistant (PA)	219
Radiologist Assistant	1
Respiratory Care Professional	209
Special Activity Certificate	3
Training Certificate (DO)	59
Training Certificate (DPM)	3
Training Certificate (MD)	121
Volunteer Certificate (M-VC)	1
Total	6,365

Investigations

Upon receipt of a complaint, an investigator may decide to gather preliminary information before contacting the licensee under investigation. Such activities may include interviewing the complainant, reviewing a controlled substance prescribing report or the subpoena of medical records. If allegations pose a serious risk to the public, the complaint may be sent directly to the Enforcement section attorneys for review. When the investigator has gathered necessary information for the case, they will prepare a Report of Investigation (ROI). The ROI is reviewed and approved by the Investigator Supervisor. The report is then routed to the Board's Secretary and Supervising Member for review.

1,368
investigations
completed in FY22

Standards Review

The Standards Review section, as part of the board’s confidential investigatory process, addresses quality of care complaints. Standards Review coordinates contracts with physicians, and other industry professionals, to evaluate certain complaint allegations to determine if the minimal standard of care was provided to the patient. Standards Review focuses on intervention, with the goal to guide licensees who are beginning to show poor practice patterns or who are failing to keep up with changes in practice standards. While some complaints are sent on for formal disciplinary action, most complaints evaluated by this section are resolved via non-disciplinary means, such as issuing warning letters and recommending educational courses. In addition to Standards Review complaints, the section manages remedial education referrals and caution letters for Investigations and Enforcement.

**420 STANDARD OF CARE
ALLEGATIONS REVIEWED IN FY22**

 **42 EXPERT CONTRACTS**
 **244 CAUTION LETTERS**
 **39 LETTERS INCLUDED RECOMMENDATION OF EDUCATION COURSES**

Enforcement

Enforcement staff review the complaints referred to the section by the board’s Secretary and Supervising Member. Enforcement attorneys evaluate the case to determine if there has been a violation of the board’s rules or statutes. If so, the case is then prepared for possible disciplinary action. Enforcement attorneys work closely with Ohio’s assistant attorneys general to ensure cases have sufficient proof to prevail at hearing.

Enforcement attorneys prepare Summary Suspensions, Immediate Suspensions and Automatic Suspensions. They negotiate Consent Agreements and Voluntary Surrenders and Retirements. Additionally, enforcement attorneys prepare citations for the board to issue. These citations are a formal notice to a licensee that the board believes they have violated rules or laws and informs them of their right to a hearing.

Enforcement Activities*	FY22
Complaints Sent to Enforcement	1,169
Complaints Completed by Enforcement (includes disposition of complaints received prior to FY22; includes complaints closed with no action and those in which board action was taken)	816
Citations Issued	143

*Complaint metrics may include multiple complaints filed against an individual licensee.

Methods of Case Development

To support investigations and gather evidence, case management attorneys use subpoenas to gain access to information and documents, such as patient records; use the formal process of interrogatories to ask questions; and interview those who might have knowledge about the complaint during depositions.

Legal Administration	FY22
Standards Review Subpoenas	783
Investigations Subpoenas	458
Enforcement Subpoenas	169
Nurse Reviewer Request Subpoenas	22
Depositions conducted by Enforcement	11
Interrogatories sent by Enforcement	47

Hearing Unit

The Medical Board's hearing examiners conduct the administrative hearings of practitioners. Following the conclusion of the administrative hearing, Hearing Unit attorneys prepare a Report & Recommendation (R&R) that includes the basis for the hearing, the findings of fact, conclusions of law and a proposed sanction for consideration by the board members.

Hearing Unit Metrics	FY22
Number of Report & Recommendations (R&Rs) filed	41
Number of Proposed Findings & Proposed Orders (PFPOs) filed	41
Average number of days from hearing request to first hearing date	166
Average number of days from close of hearing record to filing R&R	57
Median calendar days from filing R&R to effective date of final order	43
Number of administrative hearings held	42
Number of rules hearings held	4

BOARD ACTIONS

Any recommended disciplinary action must be approved by the board. Similarly, all settlement agreements must be ratified with no fewer than six affirmative votes. SMBO posts all formal board actions on the licensee's record on eLicense.ohio.gov to support transparency and ensure the public has access to the information.



Case Outcomes by Board Action and License Type for FY22

	ACU	MD	DO	DPM	LD	MT	PA	RCP	Training Certificate (DO)	Training Certificate (MD)	Total Action
Application Conditionally Approved		2	1	1		18		4			26
Cite Dismissed		1	2			1					4
Denial		3	2			14	1	9			29
No Further Action		1									1
Other*		2				1	1				4
Permanent Denial		2						2			4
Permanent Revocation		39	6			12	4	3			64
Permanent Surrender		3	1					1			5
Permanent Withdrawal		7				1					8
Probation		6	3			2	1	3	1		16
Reprimand		5	2								7
Revocation		7			1	8	2	2		1	21
Surrender								1			1
Suspension (Definite)	1	5	3		1	2					12
Suspension (Indefinite)		20	4			3		2	1	1	31
Total per License Type	1	103	24	1	2	62	9	27	2	2	233

*The Other category accounts for unique procedural matters for which the board does not have an action type category.

TREATMENT & COMPLIANCE

Compliance

Compliance staff members participated in an average of 20 office conferences each month to verify that licensees are fulfilling the specific requirements of their Board Order or Consent Agreement. The Medical Board had 140 licensees participating in the probation program as of 6/30/22.

Compliance Section Metrics	FY22
Number of probationary requests approved by the board (such as approving specific courses to meet licensee’s remedial education requirement)	91
Average number of office conferences each month	20
Total number of licensees who underwent probation *Number includes certain probationary terms that may be dependent upon license status.	222
Number of licensees who successfully complied with probation terms and were released from board order or consent agreement	30

Confidential Monitoring

The Medical Board’s compliance staff also monitored 16 licensees as part of its Confidential Monitoring Program. This program, which began in December of 2018, enables eligible licensees to participate in a non-disciplinary confidential monitoring program related to a mental or physical illness (other than a substance use disorder). The board’s Secretary and Supervising Member determine if an individual’s condition can be appropriately monitored through ongoing observation rather than formal disciplinary action.

One-bite Program

The One-bite program allows an eligible individual who is impaired due to substance use disorder to avoid formal disciplinary action by the board. Under Ohio Revised Code 4731.251 and 4731.252, the One-bite program establishes confidential monitoring and treatment for eligible practitioners. Eligibility for the One-bite program is determined by the monitoring organization and the board-approved One-bite treatment providers. The monitoring organization for the One-bite program is the Ohio Physicians Health Program (OPHP).



FISCAL REPORT

Medical Board operations are funded exclusively through licensing and other authorized fees. The agency receives no funding from the state’s general revenue sources. The board received \$13,201,878 in revenue in FY22.

During the pandemic, renewal deadlines that normally would have occurred the final quarter of FY20 and the first three quarters of FY21 were postponed until July 1, 2021. Therefore, the Medical Board received higher revenues than originally projected for that fiscal year, as many licensees delayed their renewals until May and June of 2021. Licensure revenue continued to grow through FY22.

Revenue Category	FY22	FY21	FY20
(410000) Holding	\$ --	\$ --	\$(74,357)
(422005) Renewal	\$9,363,520	\$8,814,225	\$7,008,590
(423528) Reactivation	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
(426095) Reinstatement	\$526,035	\$130,915	\$435,535
(426096) Restoration	\$118,880	\$111,335	\$151,300
(426097) Certificate of License	\$2,015,136	\$1,795,398	\$1,758,052
(426098) Training Certificate	\$341,380	\$309,790	\$315,520
(426099) Training Cert Renewal	\$70,050	\$102,350	\$8,500
(426100) Pre-Ed Certificate	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
(426106) Dup Certificates/Wallets	\$12,485	\$14,350	\$12,285
(426108) Special Activity	\$1,125	\$750	\$1,625
(426119) Telemedicine	\$ --	\$ --	\$1,220
(426110) Telemedicine Renewal	\$ --	\$ --	\$5,985
(426119) Reinstatement Penalty	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
(426120) Restoration Penalty	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
(426121) Cert of Verification	\$560,200	\$512,450	\$519,490
(450022) Fines	\$188,382	\$165,688	\$212,122
(452518) Public Records	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
(452525) Reimbursement-Various	\$4,522	\$3,494	\$14,790
(470800) Reimbursement- Intragovernmental	\$163	\$ --	\$ --
Total	\$13,201,878	\$11,986,608	\$10,370,657

Revenue by License Type	FY22	FY21	FY20
MD -- Medicine	\$7,373,551	\$7,567,256	\$5,899,564
DO -- Osteopathic Medicine	\$1,405,731	\$1,319,155	\$1,104,103
DPM -- Podiatric Medicine	\$158,605	\$169,190	\$131,060
MDEXP -- MD Expedited	\$440,000	\$321,000	\$346,000
DOEXP -- DO Expedited	\$44,000	\$37,000	\$33,000
CCE -- Conceded Eminence	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$10,750
CRF -- Clinical Research Faculty	\$ --	\$1,875	\$2,625
MT -- Massage Therapist	\$693,992	\$673,449	\$614,022
LICS -- Misc./Mechano./Limited Br.	\$572,685	\$528,400	\$506,819
PA -- Physician Assistant	\$1,063,313	\$236,700	\$996,100
AC -- Acupuncturist	\$30,075	\$2,025	\$24,150
AA -- Anesthesiologist Assistant	\$31,875	\$4,050	\$29,925
CT -- Cosmetic Therapist	\$ --	\$7,475	\$10,050
GC -- Genetic Counselor	\$79,125	\$21,100	\$68,325
DT -- Licensed Dietitian	\$689,395	\$629,105	\$240,745
Limited Permit -- Dietitian	\$4,020	\$1,885	\$2,210
OM -- Oriental Medicine	\$ --	\$700	\$6,925
RA -- Radiology Assistant	\$3,200	\$200	\$3,000
RCP -- Respiratory Care Professional	\$555,095	\$417,005	\$255,789
L1 -- Limited Permit Respiratory Care	\$6,470	\$7,470	\$4,690
L2 -- Limited Permit Respiratory Care	\$70	\$140	\$ --
Interest/Penalties	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
PUBL -- Public Records (copies)	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
STAFF/OTHER Reimbursements	\$ --	\$29,428	\$14,790
Holding/Undistributed	\$34,675	\$ --	\$66,015
Total	\$13,201,878	\$11,986,608	\$10,370,657

Ohio physician loan repayment program contribution for FY22:
\$503,560

The Medical Board’s spending authority is authorized by the legislature through the biennial budget process.

By Expense Category	FY22	FY21	FY20
Payroll	\$9,418,575	\$8,419,777	\$8,156,978
Operating Expenses	\$1,722,485	\$1,276,476	\$1,297,875
Purchased Personal Services	\$348,634	\$401,698	\$602,505
Travel Reimbursements	\$33,794	\$2,599	\$44,886
Equipment	\$44,751	\$17,092	\$8,154
Refund/Transfers/Reimbursements	\$14,839	\$ --	\$ --
Total	\$11,583,077	\$10,117,642	\$10,110,397

PUBLIC RECORDS RESPONSES

The Medical Board falls within the purview of the state’s Public Records Act. All exemptions to openness are to be construed in their narrowest sense and any denial of public records in response to a valid request must be accompanied by an explanation, including legal authority.

Most of the records of the Medical Board are available to the public upon request. However, some commonly requested records are confidential and not available to the public including complaints filed against licensees, the identity of the person(s) filing the complaint and other investigative information under 4731.22(F)(5), ORC.

Records Request Summary

Month	Number of Requests	Number of Items	Median Days to Complete
July	60	94	0
August	49	113	0
September	60	106	1
October	57	72	0
November	67	68	0
December	64	59	0
January	55	54	3
February	72	101	0
March	67	282	0
April	52	50	0
May	66	364	0
June	68	129	0
Total	737	1492	0