

2024 Candidate Statements
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

Candidate for Secretary Position: Stephen Curley



Current and past work experience:

- Executive Director, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy (July 2021 – present)
- Investigator, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy (July 2010 – July 2021)
- Investigator, Various boards in Kentucky (April 2012 – July 2019)
- Investigator, Private Sector (May 2005 – May 2008)

Licensure experience:

I have been working in administrative law and regulation since 2010. Currently, I serve as the Executive Director for the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy since 2021. Prior to that, I was an investigator for 12 different regulatory boards in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

- Council of Board Administrators (2021 – present)
- Kentucky’s Delegate to the PT Compact Commission (2021 – present)
- Boundary and Misconduct Committee (2023 – present)
- PT Compact Rules and Bylaws Committee, Chair (2023 – present)
- PT Compact Compliance Committee (2023 – present)
- CBA Strategic Planning Task Force (2023)

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

- Cub Scout Pack 75 board member
 - CLEAR NCIT Instructor
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Candidate Statement:

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration for the Board of Directors. I consider it a privilege to be considered for this position. I have followed in my father’s footsteps with a career in law enforcement, specifically in the realm of administrative law. My father taught me almost everything I know with regards to investigations, and from him I inherited the drive to protect people. I believe that this is the foundation of everything I have done and continue to do with my position in regulation.

I have been excited to work with FSBPT to further the goals of public protection and I am appreciative of the many opportunities that FSBPT has provided me to learn and to assist in the possibility of advancing our mission. I believe that my previous experience as an investigator gives me a unique perspective. It has taught me to collaborate well with people from all walks of life or with individuals who have differing viewpoints. I am not hesitant to share my opinions and ideas with other individuals in a collaborative and cordial manner. I believe that differing viewpoints can lead to better conversations and well-informed decisions.

Working in state government requires a person to have extensive problem-solving skills. An investigation requires a person to innovate and create solutions and embrace thinking outside the box: creating a plan, eliciting information from difficult individuals, obtaining information, consuming and summarizing information, executing your plan, and many other hurdles that coincide with investigations. I believe these skills and experience would serve me well as a member of the Board of Directors. Thus, I would again like to thank FSBPT, the Nominating Committee and Delegates for their consideration.

Candidate for Secretary Position: Deanne Grier Yates



Current and past work experience:

- Program Coordinator – Physical Therapist Assistant Professor, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS (2012 – present, Program Coordinator 2020 – present)
- Assessment Specialist, Academy of College and University Educators (ACUE) (2017 – 2023)
- Physical Therapist Assistant, Mid-America Rehabilitation Hospital, Overland Park, KS (2010 – 2014)

Licensure experience:

My licensure experience currently is focused on helping students in my program navigate the licensure process in the state they wish to practice. While serving on the APTA of Kansas Board of Directors, I provided guidance to individuals with questions regarding licensure in Kansas.

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

As an EDC-PTA co-chair, I have been fortunate to attend the Annual Education Meeting and LIF since 2023. Attending these meetings has provided me with insight into the FSBPT and the role of Secretary.

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

I have experiences from my involvement with the Fort Hays State University Rodeo Advisory Board, my role as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at Kansas City Kansas Community College, and my involvement with the APTA.

I currently serve on the Fort Hays State University Rodeo Advisory Board, this is a young organization, only formed in 2021. As a member of this organization, I have directed meetings and authored the by-laws. I was instrumental in facilitating the first election of officers for the FHSU Rodeo Advisory Board.

Since 2017, I have served as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at Kansas City Kansas Community College. In this capacity, I am responsible for creating and submitting monthly agendas, leading meetings, and maintaining necessary records for the approval of course and program creation and modification.

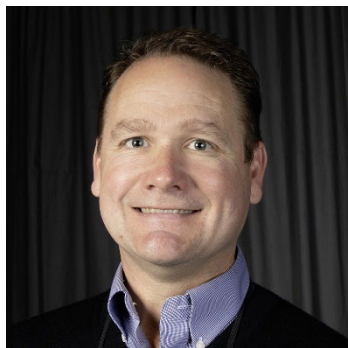
My involvement in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), has been extensive. I have proudly served three terms as a Kansas PTA Caucus representative and was an inaugural member of the PTA Council steering group. In my role as a steering group member, I contributed to the smooth transition of PTA Caucus to Council and helped recruit and mentor leaders for the new structure. I am also a dedicated member of the PTAE SIG on the Academy of Physical Therapy Education.

Candidate Statement:

I am honored to be asked to run for the position of Secretary for the FSBPT Board of Directors. I am a dedicated advocate for education and excellence in the field of physical therapy. With a background that spans both clinical practice and academia, I am committed to furthering the mission of the FSBPT. I also have the privilege of serving as Co-Chair of the PTA Exam Development Committee for FSBPT. This role has given me valuable insights into the assessment and evaluation aspects of physical therapy education and a deeper understanding of the importance of promoting public safety.

I will bring my passion for education, my dedication to the field of physical therapy, and my experience to the role. I am committed to working collaboratively with all members of FSBPT and the Board of Directors to ensure that we continue to advance the quality of physical therapy and meet the evolving needs of our member boards.

Candidate for Treasurer Position: Steven Scherger



Current and past work experience:

I have worked for 30 years as a physical therapist and 15 years as a Regional Manager for 7 locations, as well as System Wide Responsibilities related to Spine Care for Courage Kenny Sports and Physical Therapy.

- Responsible for the financial and daily operations, and growth for 7 locations and 65 individuals
 - Consistently achieves patient quality and satisfaction outcomes at all sites
 - Physical therapist liaison in the Allina Health Spine clinical service line
 - Successfully led, trained, and implemented Cervical and Lumbar Best Practice throughout all Allina Health Courage Kenny locations
- Responsible for the strategic growth and development that resulted in the construction of seven new clinic locations

Licensure experience:

- Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy (2014 – present)
 - Chair of the Board since 2020
 - Chair of the Complaint Review Committee
 - Chair of the Administrative Committee
 - Member of the Continuing Education Committee
 - Liaison for the Health Advisory Boards

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

- Member of the FSBPT Board of Directors (elected in 2023)
- Member of the Compensation and Investment Committees
- Board liaison to the following jurisdictions: Arkansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia
- Board liaison to the Informed Consent Task Force and the Education Committee
- Over six years of service on the FSBPT Finance Committee, playing a role in ensuring the organization's financial stability (2018-2023)
- FSBPT Ethics and Legislation Committee (2023)
- FSBPT Re-entry Task Force (2022)

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

Numerous volunteer hours in a variety of different leadership roles with scouting, church, animal rescue, and the national weather service

Candidate Statement:

Please accept my willingness to continue serving the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) as a candidate for the position of Treasurer. My extensive experience in finance, commitment to service, and passion for protecting the public, uniquely qualify me for this role.

I am proud of my contributions to FSBPT thus far, including my service on the Finance Committee for over six years. During this time, I have played a role in ensuring the organization's financial stability and allowing it to fulfill its mission.

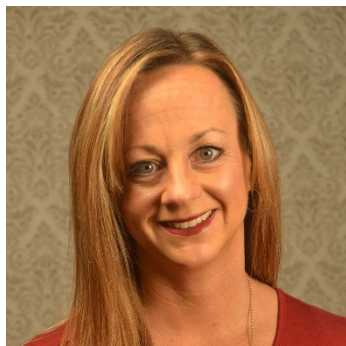
Additionally, my previous involvement on FSBPT committees, as well as current Board of Director assignments, permit me to continue contributing to the development of our organization.

I have been able to apply my talents and leadership with the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy for 10 years in service. Through this experience, I have come to appreciate the importance of effective regulation to promote safe and competent physical therapy practice and ensure protection of the public.

In my professional role, I am entrusted with the financial and administrative management of a significant portion of the organization where I work. I communicate strategic directions and interpret financial data to guide decision-making. This experience has honed my skills in financial management and communication, essential qualities for the role of Treasurer.

My diverse background, leadership experience, and dedication make me well-suited for this role. I am eager to bring my skills and passion and to work collaboratively to advancing the mission of FSBPT.

Candidate for Treasurer Position: Krista M. Wolfe



Current and past work experience:

- Central Penn College, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost (May 2020 – present)
 - Serve as the Chief Academic Officer for the College, providing strategic and operational leadership as well as oversight for all academic affairs supporting all academic programs, services, and student success initiatives
- Middle States Commission of Higher Education, Peer Reviewer (December 2021 – present)
 - Serve as a knowledgeable and qualified higher education professional with experience at an institution that is an MSCHE member institution, with expertise that meets the Commission’s current needs
- Pennsylvania Department of Education, Peer Reviewer (January 2022 – present)
 - Serve as a knowledgeable and qualified higher education professional with experience at an accredited institution with expertise that meets the Department of Education’s current needs
- Central Penn College, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences (January 2019 – 2020 & October 2016 – June 2018)
 - Managed seven dynamic programs within Health Sciences by developing, implementing, and monitoring continuous curriculum review, program development, and strategic planning
- Inspired Physical Therapy, Staff Physical Therapist (PRN Status) (July 2015 – present)
- Central Penn College, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost (June 2018 – December 2018)
- Central Penn College, Director of the PTA Program (April 2006 – 2014)
- Confortti Physical Therapy (July 2010 – June 2016)
- Drayer Physical Therapy, Staff Physical Therapist (May 2004 – 2010)

Licensure experience:

- Member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy (January 2022 – present)

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

- FSBPT Finance Committee (January 2022 – present)
- FSBPT Item Bank Review Committee (January 2016 – 2021)
- FSBPT Exam Development Committee – PTA Co-Chair (January 2016 – 2021)

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

- Cumberland Valley Basketball Booster Club, Secretary (May 2023 – present)
 - Serve as the secretary to support the Cumberland Valley Boys Basketball Booster Club. Duties include communication to players, parents, coaches, minutes, apparel and concession sales, and reports to the School District
- Cumberland Valley Football Booster Club, Vice President (November 2023 – present)
 - Serve as the vice president to support the Cumberland Valley Football Booster Club. Duties include ensuring that we are within the bylaws of the Club, maintaining the budget and fundraising, as well as overseeing the allocation of resources

Candidate Statement:

As the provost of a small college facing financial hardships, I recently encountered a multifaceted challenge that demanded innovative problem-solving and decisive leadership. This period required profound resiliency and a commitment that demonstrated alignment with my institution's Mission and Vision. Along with colleagues, I was tasked with devising strategies to enable my college to survive the financial hardships that have negatively affected the landscape of Higher Education.

When a failed merger occurred in 2023, my team had two months to create a balanced budget that would right size our college or make the decision to begin a “Teach Out” and close. We developed a plan to downsize offerings, diversify

revenue, and save over 1 million dollars to create a three-year balanced budget. During this time, I was able to effectively maintain morale and encourage students, faculty, and staff to find new strategies that required “outside of the box” thinking. I navigated a complex fiscal landscape while prioritizing the preservation of academic quality. Through careful analysis and collaboration with stakeholders, the college implemented a series of targeted initiatives, including restructuring academic programs, optimizing staffing models, and identifying operational efficiencies. By fostering transparent communication with stakeholders, we were able to navigate the difficult decisions with integrity, ensuring that our institution emerged stronger and more resilient.

I feel that this experience, combined with my time serving on the FSBPT Finance Committee, will enable me to serve as a viable candidate for the position of Treasurer for the Board of Directors.

Candidate for Director I Position: David Harris



Current and past work experience:

I have 25 years in the physical therapy profession, with the last 15 years being spent in outpatient private practice leadership.

- Spear Physical Therapy, Chief Operating Officer (2023 – present)
- Ivy Rehab for Kids, Vice President of Operations (2022 – August 2023)
- Upstream Rehabilitation, Lymphedema Program Director, Clinic Director, Area Director, Regional Director, Regional Vice President, Vice President of Integrations (2002 – June 2022)
- Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation, Staff Physical Therapist Assistant – Neuro (May 1999 – September 2002)

Licensure experience:

I have been a member of the Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy since 2014 and served as the board chair since 2018.

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

I have served on several FSBPT committees, including Continuing Competence and the PT Compact Rules & Bylaws Committee. I currently serve as Tennessee's Delegate to the PT Compact Commission and am the Vice Chair to the PT Compact Commission Executive Board.

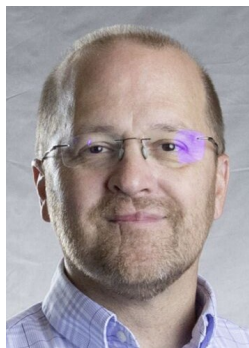
Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

I have spent my career working in leadership with several companies by serving in program development, process improvement, people development, and business development. During that time, I have also served the APTA at a Chapter and National level, ending my leadership term as APTA PTA Caucus Chief Delegate. I have also served on numerous community organizations and boards.

Candidate Statement:

I want to start by thanking the Nominating Committee for slating me for the position of Director 1. The last 25 years in the physical therapy profession has prepared me in many ways to serve on the FSBPT Board of Directors. My overall experience and proven track record in leadership, both at a professional and volunteer level, will allow me to be a strong contributor at the board level. I believe that we all have the fortune to serve the public in many ways through our daily jobs and we have the professional privilege to ensure that we are not only advancing our offering but also ensuring that the public is protected. Over the past 25 years I have served at many levels within the APTA, as well as FSBPT, which has prepared me to be the next Director 1 for FSBPT.

Candidate for Director I Position: Craig Thomas Miller



Current and past work experience:

- Regional Director of Therapy for Home Health & Outpatient Services, Rivetus Rehabilitation (2019 – present)
- Therapy Supervisory, Beaumont Home Health Services (2018); oversight of home health PT/OT/SLP services
- Senior PT, Michigan Health & Rehab Services (2012 – 2017)
- Manager of Rehabilitation Services, Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals (2009 – 2011); oversight of Acute Care and Inpatient Rehab Facility 300 bed hospital and 35 bed inpatient rehab facility
- Director of Therapy, Michigan Health & Rehab Services (2002 – 2009); SNF rehab facility director of PT/OT/SLP various sites of bed size 160-190
- Director of Therapy, Bostford Continuing Care Corporation (1999 – 2002); SNF rehab facility director of PT/OT/SLP 180 bed facility

Licensure experience:

- Physical Therapist in Michigan (issued March 1995, expires March 2025)
- Previously licensed in Ohio (1997 – 2000)

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

- Member, Ethics & Legislation Committee (2022 – present; Committee Chair in 2024)
- MPA workshop facilitator (2023)
- Presenter at LIF and Annual Education Meeting, with emphasis on Model Practice Act, FSBPT resources, and alternative paths to licensure

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

- APTA Michigan, Director of Legislative Affairs (2013 – 2017), Legislative Committee Chair (2014 – 2017), Federal Affairs Liaison (2010 – 2013)
- Michigan Board of Physical Therapy (2018 through 12/31/2025)
 - Board Chair (2022 – present)
 - Vice Chair (2021)
 - Disciplinary Committee (2018 – 2022)
 - Board Review Panel (2022 – present)
 - Rules Committee (2019 – 2022)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Technical Expert Panels: Patient Reported Outcomes Measures THA/TKA (2021 – 2022), Functional Outcomes Measures for SNF (2016), Medicare Spending per Beneficiary Post-Acute Care (2015)

Candidate Statement:

Serving the public to ensure they receive exceptional physical therapy services has been a cornerstone of my physical therapy career. This has grown from the individual clients under my care and now under the care of the staff that I'm privileged to lead. My personal growth led me from clinical care and leadership roles to volunteer time with the professional association, and then ultimately to serving the public on the Michigan Board of PT. I have been consistently impressed with FSBPT, the work of the Board, and its member jurisdictions. Finding ways to serve FSBPT has been a goal of mine, most recently achieved as a committee member of the Ethics & Legislation Committee.

Having the distinct honor and privilege to be a candidate for a Director position would continue my growth and opportunity to provide ongoing assurance to the public of physical therapy service delivery through working with the member jurisdictions. I've been so invigorated by working with the public that I made the decision to further my formal education by obtaining my master's in public health degree which I am anticipated to complete this December. My clinical career has spanned multiple environments, and my volunteer experience has been in both professional and regulatory capacities. This can help to serve FSBPT and member jurisdictions through recognition as well as understanding of the

depth and breadth of the wide-ranging practice areas of physical therapy and the interconnectedness of policy development, regulatory challenges, clinical care, and public health.

Candidate for Nominating Committee Member Position: Bernardine Spaulding Evans



Current and past work experience:

- Currently employed full-time as a Clinical Assistant Professor at Howard University in Washington, DC.
- Teaches pathology, oncology, and research courses in the Departments of Radiation Therapy and Physician Assistant.
- Previously taught neurology, geriatrics, wellness, and clinical courses and/or held administrative roles in the Departments of Occupational Therapy, Health Sciences, and Physical Therapy.
- Serves on the Board of Directors for the LWSH PT pro bono clinical in Washington, DC, and coordinates the Howard University DPT clinical experiences for the clinic.
- Current areas of practice include geriatrics, neurology, and oncology.

She is Board Certified in Geriatrics by the ABPTS. She is a published researcher and performs research and outreach at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Silver Spring, MD, primarily involving the Neuroanatomical Collections.

She was voted teacher of the year for Health Sciences undergraduates twice and has been a licensed physical therapist for 37 years.

Licensure experience:

- Current Chair of the DC Board of Physical Therapy
- Licensed to practice physical therapy in the District of Columbia. Previously licensed in the States of Alabama and Maryland

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

In 2023, she served on FSBPT's Membership Survey Task Force. She also currently serves as Vice Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee for the Physical Therapy Compact Commission. She served as a member of the PT Compact Compliance Committee until December 2023.

She has served as the Delegate or Alternate Delegate for the District of Columbia on multiple occasions. She served on the Minutes Approval committee twice. Most importantly, she has attended most LIF meetings and every Annual Education Meeting since assuming her position as Board Chair in 2019.

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

She has served on the nominating committees for the DC Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She has also sponsored candidates successfully for elected positions within the organization. She has run for Executive Board positions with community organizations, including the DC Chapter of Jack and Jill, serving several years in the role of Financial Secretary and on the Budget/Audit committee. She has participated in voting using Election Buddy and parliamentary procedure within both the organization of Jack and Jill, as well as with the Girl Scout Council Nations Capitol. She has served as a delegate for Service Unit #1 within Girl Scouts several times. She is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts of America. She has been awarded service awards from the Department of Defense for over 100 hours of service per year for 15 years. She also received the service award for over 15 years of involvement as Service Unit Manager for Cookie sales in Girl Scouts of America. This role involved voting and nominations for each cookie season as well as collecting feedback in an environment of continuous quality improvement.

She has been a member of the APTA for 37 years. She has served on committees as a volunteer and member of the Oncology, Neurology, Research, Geriatrics, and Education sections. She has attended CSM annually since 2015. She also attends the ELC annually.

Candidate Statement:

As a prospective member of the Nominating Committee, I understand my role to include selecting a slate of appropriate candidates for the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee positions. I would also need to attend the annual

leadership issues forum and FSBPT annual meetings. As a committee member, I would need to interact with potential nominees and prospective candidates in order to assist the committee in maintaining a competent and diverse leadership.

I am well versed in the process of nominations and delegation activities within multiple organizations. In addition, I have participated in this process in various aspects numerous times during the FSBPT delegate assembly.

I am committed to serving as a member of the Nominating Committee for the FSBPT Board and will devote the time and energy required to fulfill the responsibilities of this position.

Candidate for Nominating Committee Member Position: Kristina Lounsberry



Current and past work experience:

- Industrial Strength Work Rehab Center, Owner/Clinical Director (2005 – present)
- Action Potential Physical Therapy, Staff Therapist (2003 – 2005)
- Lake Charles Swashbucklers Indoor Arena Football, Athletic Trainer (2000 – 2001)
- Rehab Excel, Athletic Trainer (1999 – 2000)

Licensure experience:

- Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, Member (2012 – 2018)

FSBPT experience pertinent to position:

- FSBPT Informed Consent Task Force, Co-chair (2023 – present)
- FSBPT Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries Committee, Chair (2022 – 2023)
- FSBPT Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries Task Force, Member (2019 – 2021)
- FSBPT ProCert Continuing Competence Reviewer (2018 – 2019)

Other experience pertinent to position (e.g., same position with another organization):

Society for Total Worker Health Events Committee. The committee works with members across the nation to provide the information and speakers that they need for individual events and help to promote them in the area. The Committee is also responsible for planning the annual meeting.

Candidate Statement:

I am a physical therapist with over 20 years of expertise in outpatient occupational wellness. My experience serving on the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board and various FSBPT Committees, including the Sexual Misconduct and Boundaries Violation Committee and the Informed Consent Task Force, has taught me the vital importance of leadership.

Without understanding and experience, we cannot regulate effectively. Over the years, I have met numerous talented and innovative professionals in physical therapy, each bringing a unique perspective and experience to the table. Before making any rule or regulation, input from licensees and member boards is essential. Pursuing national regulatory topics or recommendations without their input is ineffective.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would be committed to finding the best leaders for our organization. I believe in taking the time to understand the interests, talents, and skills of our individual members, including their field of practice and any additional skills they may have outside of physical therapy. We all have something valuable to offer, and sometimes a little encouragement from our peers is all we need to step up and lead. Personalized recommendations for leadership are crucial to help the FSBPT achieve its goal of promoting safe and competent physical therapy practice and protecting the public.