

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FEBRUARY 2024

Secretary of State Al Schmidt announced that 59 disciplinary actions have been taken by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs' 29 professional licensing boards, and the Bureau of Election Services and Notaries:

PA Board of Accountancy

PA Architects Licensure Board

PA Board of Auctioneer Examiners

PA Board of Barber Examiners

PA Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

PA Board of Chiropractic

PA Board of Cosmetology

PA Board of Crane Operators

PA Board of Dentistry

PA Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists

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PA Board of Nursing

PA Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

PA Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure

PA Board of Optometry

PA Board of Osteopathic Medicine

PA Board of Pharmacy

PA Board of Physical Therapy

PA Board of Podiatry

PA Board of Psychology

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PA Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Examiners

PA Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional

Counselors

PA Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

PA Board of Veterinary Medicine

Actions by County

The specific actions listed below were taken against individuals or firms in these counties:

County	# of Actions	County	# of Actions
Adams	0	Lackawanna	2
Allegheny	5	Lancaster	0
Armstrong	0	Lawrence	1
Beaver	0	Lebanon	0
Bedford	0	Lehigh	0
Berks	0	Luzerne	2
Blair	0	Lycoming	0
Bradford	1	McKean	0
Bucks	2	Mercer	0
Butler	1	Mifflin	0
Cambria	0	Monroe	0
Cameron	0	Montgomery	5
Carbon	0	Montour	0
Centre	1	Northampton	0
Chester	3	Northumberland	1
Clarion	0	Perry	0
Clearfield	0	Philadelphia	11
Clinton	0	Pike	0
Columbia	0	Potter	0
Crawford	0	Schuylkill	0
Cumberland	2	Snyder	0
Dauphin	2	Somerset	0
Delaware	2	Sullivan	0
Elk	0	Susquehanna	0
Erie	1	Tioga	0
Fayette	0	Union	0
Forest	0	Venango	0
Franklin	0	Warren	0
Fulton	0	Washington	0
Greene	0	Wayne	0
Huntingdon	1	Westmoreland	1
Indiana	0	Wyoming	0
Jefferson	0	York	3
Juniata	0	Total in-State actions	47
Actions taken against professionals with non-PA addresses			12
Total			59

PA Board of Accountancy

Chester County

James Davis Gazonas, CPA license no. CA012727L, of West Chester, Chester County, was issued a public reprimand and had his CPA license placed on suspension for at least four years, with an opportunity to have his license reinstated to probationary status after two years of active suspension, because of his criminal conviction and he engaged in conduct that brings the profession of public accounting into disrepute. (1/22/24)

PA Architects Licensure Board

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Auctioneer Examiners

Dauphin County

Collectors Auction Company, LLC, license no. AY002455, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was suspended for one year and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000, for failing to designate an individual licensed as an auctioneer under the act to serve as the auction company's auctioneer-of-record, and because Respondent engaged in conduct in connection with a sales transaction which demonstrated incompetency, bad faith or dishonesty by conducting auctions while Respondent had no individual licensed as an auctioneer-of-record. (01/08/2024)

Lackawanna County

Kenneth L. Rivenburg, Jr., license no. AU002808L, of Jermyn, Lackawanna County, was suspended for four years and assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000, for his guilty pleas to crimes directly related to the profession. (01/10/2024)

PA Board of Barber Examiners

Philadelphia County

Jose Mateo, license no. BL053833, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (01/09/24)

Westmoreland County

Sarpolis's Hometown Barbershop, license no. BO434029, of Youngwood, Westmoreland County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (1/8/24)

PA Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Allegheny County

Gino T. Pusateri, certified residential real estate appraiser, certificate and license no. RL138927, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended indefinitely retroactive to January 2, 2024, based on findings he violated the terms of a previous board order. (2/22/24)

PA Board of Chiropractic

Cumberland County

Christopher Andrew Gouse, license no. DC003011L, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license to practice as a chiropractor, because Gouse was convicted of Indecent Exposure. (12/14/23)

Out of State

Larry Allan Sabel, PA license no. DC002215L, of Lumberton, New Jersey, was suspended for no less than one year, with said suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than one year probation, was publicly reprimanded, was ordered to complete at least 12 hours in remedial Board-approved continuing education on professional boundaries and ethics, and was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 because he engaged in unprofessional conduct. (01/03/24)

PA Board of Cosmetology

Allegheny County

Motive Salon, license no. CB126187, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand on their disciplinary record with the Board; because Breanne Kochmanski and Sara Harris operated as a cosmetology salon without a current and active license from January 31, 2023 until September 5, 2023. (2/12/24)

Cumberland County

Simply Polished By Sami, license no. CY198157, of New Cumberland, Cumberland County, was levied a civil penalty of \$550; and received a reprimand on their record with the Board, because it operated as a nail technology and esthetician salon in a grossly incompetent, unethical and dishonest manner through the possession and/or use of a metal rasp tool and was also missing a blood spill kit. (2/12/24)

Luzerne County

Jason Croughn, cosmetologist license no. CO277856, of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (01/08/2024)

Montgomery County

Kyung Ok Leoncini, license no. CL179878, of Elkins Park, Montgomery County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand on her disciplinary record with the Board, because Leoncini practiced nail technology without a current and active license from February 1, 2022 through October 25, 2022. (2/12/24)

Philadelphia County

Ha T Chu, esthetician license no. CQ111087 & nail technician license no. CL178648, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (01/08/2024)

Liberty Nails & Spa, nail technology salon license no. CY197070, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (01/08/2024)

Katherine E. Brandon, license no. CO275183, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand on her disciplinary record with the Board, because Brandon practiced cosmetology without a current and active license between January 31, 2021 and October 5, 2021. (2/12/24)

PA Board of Crane Operators

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Dentistry

Lackawanna County

Blanche Durand Grube, D.M.D., dentist license no. DS023621L and anesthesia permitrestricted I no. DP023621A, of Scranton, Lackawanna County was placed on indefinite suspension for no less than three years, was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,500, was assessed the costs of investigation in the amount of \$45,727.60 and was ordered to complete remedial continuing education courses, because she engaged in unprofessional conduct. (01/16/24)

Out of State

Lori A. Milliron, license no. DH006962L, of Marianna, Florida, who formerly lived in Houston, Texas, was revoked because of her criminal conviction. (01/26/24)

PA Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Funeral Directors

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Landscape Architects

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Massage Therapy

Allegheny County

Mark George Spanos, license no. MSG003481, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for at least two years, immediately stayed in favor of probation, levied a civil penalty of \$3,000; and received a reprimand on his permanent disciplinary record with the Board, because Spanos was convicted of criminal offenses, due to the nature of which convictions, he would pose a substantial risk to the health and safety of his clients or the public, or a substantial risk of further convictions. (2/14/24)

Montgomery County

Alexander Shalom Gecht, license no. MSG005269 of Hatboro, Montgomery County had his license to practice as a massage therapist temporarily suspended, pending a hearing, on the grounds that his continued practice within the Commonwealth presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. (2/20/24)

PA Board of Medicine

Delaware County

Stephen Paul Krell, license no. MD022996E, of Bryn Mawr, Delaware County, was levied costs of investigation of \$9,606.25, must complete ten hours of remedial education, and not to petition the board to change his license status from active-retired because Krell engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating a statute, or regulation adopted thereunder, which imposes a standard for the practice of the healing arts as regulated by the Board in this Commonwealth. (1/30/24)

Out of State

Geoffrey L. Kamen, M.D., license no. MD476017, of San Luis Obispo, California, had a public reprimand placed on his license retroactive to February 1, 2024, based upon discipline imposed by the proper licensing authority in another state. (02/08/24)

Wayne Wei-Teh Liou, license no. MD428652, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, received a reprimand on his record with the Pennsylvania Board, because Liou had a license to practice the profession disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (1/30/24)

Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries
No disciplinary actions taken.

<u>Secretary of the Commonwealth – Notaries Public</u>

Delaware County

Gbenga A. Oyetayo, notary ID number 1205720, of Collingdale, Delaware, County, is suspended for 18 month, the first three months active and the reminder stayed in favor of probation. Respondent must complete six hours of notary education and pay a civil penalty of \$200 while suspended and then send in his journals for the remaining 15 months of probation. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323, in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold

the office of notary public, by reason of his failure to require the individual executing the signature on a record to personally appear before him and failure to maintain a notary journal with all information required by law.

Luzerne County

Martina M. Budjnoski, notary commission number 1019705, of Kingston Boro, Luzerne County, is revoked and she is prohibited from reapplying for appointment and commission as a notary public for a period of four years, based on her failure to require the personal appearance of a putative signatory on 11 occasions and the failure to maintain a journal of all notarial acts she performed. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323(a), in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold the office of notary public and additionally did not discharge duties required by a notary public.

Philadelphia County

Patricia Brito, notary commission number 1256659, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, prohibited from reapplying for appointment and commission as a notary public for a period of four years, based on her guilty plea to one count of forgery – utters forged writing. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323(a), in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold the office of notary public, because she was convicted of a felony and an offense involving fraud, dishonesty or deceit.

Gwendolyn D. Schell, notary ID number 1238237, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, is prohibited from reapplying for appointment and commission as a notary public for a period of four years, based on her failure to require the individual executing the signature on a record to personally appear before her and failure to maintain a notary journal. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323, in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold the office of notary public, by reason of her failure to maintain a journal in which she recorded all notarial acts she performed.

Out of State

Lora Dunkle, notary commission no. 1204905, of Port Charlotte, Florida, voluntarily surrendered her notary commission because she failed to maintain a journal of all notarial acts performed. (2/12/24)

PA Board of Nursing

Allegheny County

Jami M. Babyak, license No. RN677292, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her license suspended for no less than three years retroactive to September 18, 2023 for violating a previous board order. (02/01/24)

Sherry Anne McMahon, RN, license No. RN558069, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to November 1, 2022, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (02/29/24)

Bucks County

John Cantey Oliver, III, license No. PN306592, of Southampton, Bucks County, had his license suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to September 20, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (02/21/24)

Butler County

Samantha Denylle McCloud, license No. PN302971, of Butler, Butler County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to November 7, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (2/28/24)

Chester County

Thomas Joseph Morley, license No. RN721991, of Coatesville, Chester County, had his license indefinitely suspended retroactive to December 12, 2023, and was assessed costs of investigation for being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients and for violating a Board Order. (2/21/24)

Dauphin County

Amy Taylor Avery, license nos. SP007702, RN542564, NPPA054986 and NPPA058903 of Harrisburg, Dauphin County,was indefitnitely suspended for no less than one year, immediately stayed in favor of probation; must cease & desist from holding herself out as having earned a doctor of nursing degree from John Hopkins university and having the title of "Doctor of Nursing Practice" or "DNP", and levied a civil penalty of \$1,000; because Avery committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing by holding herself out as a Doctor of Nursing from John Hopkins University. (1/29/24)

Erie County

Melissa Langer, LPN, license No. PN259238L, of Girard, Erie County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to June 12, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (02/28/24)

Lawrence County

Deana Marie Mort, license No. RN558188, of New Castle, Lawrence County, had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to November 27, 2023, and was assessed costs of investigation for being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients and for violating a Board Order. (2/22/24)

Montgomery County

Jennifer Ann Grass, license no. RN622236, of Lansdale, Montgomery County, was automatically and indefinitely suspended for no less than three years retroactive to October 19, 2023; to be immediately stayed in favor of probation for no less than three years retroactive to October 19, 2023, because Grass is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (1/29/24)

Kelly Dianne Panetta, license No. RN603369, of Royersford, Montgomery County, had her license suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to June 5, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (01/24/24)

Northumberland County

Chris Lee Brosious, LPN, license No. PN286667, of Sunbury, Northumberland County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to December 11, 2023, because she violated a previous board order. (02/08/24)

Philadelphia County

Robyn Nicole Williamson, LPN, license no. PN277818, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive September 20, 2023, based on violating the terms of a previous Board order. (02/29/24)

York County

James Weldon Johnson, license No. RN569354, of Windsor, York County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to November 17, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (2/28/24)

Out of State

Idowu I Adeola, license no. PN316696, of Hillside, New Jersey voluntarily surrendered Adeola's license, because Adeola acted in such a manner as to present an immediate and clear danger to the public health or safety. (1/29/24)

Erica Marie Reyes, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, was denied licensure as a practical nurse by examination, based on being addicted to alcohol to alcohol or hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination, so long as such dependance shall continue. (02/28/24)

PA Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Optometry

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Osteopathic Medicine

Bucks County

Stuart W Rosan, license no. OS003536L, of Warrington, Bucks County, was suspended for 36 months, because Rosan was convicted of one felony count of Distribution of Controlled Substances in federal court. (2/14/24)

Out of State

Paige N. Baker, PA-C, PA license no. OA005273, of Hubbard, Ohio had her license to practice an osteopathic physician assistant indefinitely suspended retroactive to January 28, 2024, for having a license disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state. (02/09/24)

Charles Daniel Graham, D.O., license no. OS019226, of Granite Falls, NC, had his license to practice an osteopathic physician reprimanded for having a license disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state. (2/12/24)

Jeffrey J. Jaindl, D.O., license no. OS003995L, of Eden Prairie, MN had his license to practice an osteopathic physician reprimanded for having a license disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state. (2/12/24)

Brian C. Gullett, D.O., PA license no. OS016769, of Morgantown, West Virginia, had his license to practice as an osteopathic physician in this Commonwealth revoked for having disciplinary action taken against his license to practice osteopathic medicine by a proper licensing authority of another jurisdiction, West Virginia. (01/16 /24)

PA Board of Pharmacy

Bradford County

The pharmacist license of Robert Joseph Gilliland, license no. RP440053, of Troy, Bradford County, was suspended for no less than three years, stayed in favor of probation, because Gilliland is unfit or unable to practice pharmacy by reason of a physical or mental disease or disability. (2/2/24)

Chester County

Myra Joy Hindes, license no. RP444171, of Chester County, voluntarily surrendered Hindes's license, because Hindes is unfit to practice pharmacy because of intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or any other substance which impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent as to impair the performance of professional duties; specifically, she tested positive for the use of tramadol. (2/6/24)

Huntingdon County

Derek Joseph Smoody, License no. RP458310, of Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, upon establishing that he is fit to practice pharmacy with monitoring, had his application for licensure

as a pharmacist granted and will receive a license on probationary status, for no less than three years, upon successful completion of the licensure examinations. (12/20/23)

Philadelphia County

Nola Mini Market, LLC, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was levied a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist from the sale of drugs that require a prescription from a medical practitioner, based on selling drugs that require a prescription while not holding a permit to operate as a pharmacy. (01/2/24)

Out of State

Miteshkumar Patel, license no. RP446174, of Monroe, New Jersey, was levied a civil penalty of \$3,000; and must complete four hours of remedial education, because Patel knowingly allowed any unlicensed person to take charge of a pharmacy or engage in the compounding, distribution or dispensing of prescriptions or controlled substances without direct and immediate personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist. (2/6/24)

PA Board of Physical Therapy

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Podiatry

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Psychology

No disciplinary actions taken.

Real Estate Commission

Montgomery County

Marlene Coachi, real estate salesperson license number RS363156, of Blue Bell, Montgomery County, was levied a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) civil penalty and placed on indefinite suspension based upon their felony convictions and failure to report the convictions to the Commission. (01/18/24)

Philadelphia County

Robbie Dimatteo, real estate salesperson license number RS342847, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended, with said suspension immediately stayed in favor of an indefinite period of probation, based upon his conviction for a felony. (01/18/24)

Michael E. Lautensack, real estate salesperson license number RS307942, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than one year, with said suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than one year of probation, and ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$7,000 and costs of investigation of \$466.24 because he did not act in good faith when he placed his concern for his own business above those of the client. (01/18/24)

Weston Wang Saunders, license no. RS331069 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty and costs of investigation in the amount of \$751.05, and was indefinitely suspended for at least 2 years for engaging in conduct during a real estate transaction which demonstrates bad faith, dishonesty, untrustworthiness, or incompetence; failing to provide information requested by the Commission within a reasonable time, as the result of a formal or informal investigation; placing a "for sale" or "for rent" sign or advertising property for sale or lease without the written consent of the owner; accepting a commission or other valuable consideration for performing licensed activity from a person other than his employing broker; and performing any act for which an appropriate real estate license is required and is not currently in effect by acting in the capacity of a real estate broker in a transaction. (01/18/24)

PA Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Examiners No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

Centre County

Thomas A. Boneta, vehicle salesperson license number MV196429, of Bellefonte, Centre County, was revoked based upon his conviction for felony crimes of violence. (01/12/24)

York County

Jennifer Benson, of Etters, York County, was denied a vehicle salesperson license based upon her criminal convictions. (02/07/24)

Athanasios Karampoulis, license no. MV254047, of York, York County, permanently voluntarily surrendered his motor vehicle salesperson's license, because Karampoulis was convicted of Possession of Child Pornography, and due to the nature of the criminal conviction, Karampoulis poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of his patients or clients or the public, or substantial risk of further criminal convictions. (2/22/24)

PA Board of Veterinary Medicine

No disciplinary actions taken.

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