

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS June 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

Real Estate Commission

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	1
Allegheny	2	Lancaster	5
Armstrong	0	Lawrence	2
Beaver	1	Lebanon	0
Bedford	0	Lehigh	0
Berks	2	Luzerne	1
Blair	0	Lycoming	2
Bradford	0	McKean	0
Bucks	3	Mercer	0
Butler	0	Mifflin	0
Cambria	1	Monroe	0
Cameron	0	Montgomery	2
Carbon	1	Montour	0
Centre	2	Northampton	0
Chester	2	Northumberland	0
Clarion	1	Perry	0
Clearfield	2	Philadelphia	2
Clinton	0	Pike	0
Columbia	0	Potter	0
Crawford	1	Schuylkill	2
Cumberland	2	Snyder	0
Dauphin	2	Somerset	1
Delaware	1	Sullivan	0
Elk	0	Susquehanna	0
Erie	6	Tioga	0
Fayette	0	Union	0
Forest	0	Venango	0
Franklin	0	Warren	0
Fulton	0	Washington	1
Greene	1	Wayne	3
Huntingdon	0	Westmoreland	2
Indiana	0	Wyoming	0
Jefferson	0	York	2
Juniata	0	Total in-State actions	56
Actions taken against professionals with non-PA addresses			3
Total			59

PA Board of Accountancy

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Architects Licensure Board

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Auctioneer Examiners

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Barber Examiners

Clearfield County

Jose Enrique Gonzalez, Sr., license no. BM095064, of Houtzdale, Clearfield County, had his application to sit for the barber manager licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, his barber manager license shall be granted and then immediately placed on probation for no less than one year based on a criminal conviction. (01/08/24)

Schuylkill County

Edgar Alberto Nunez-Chavez, License No. BL062614, of Frackville, Schuylkill County, had his application to sit for the barber licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, his barber license shall be granted and then immediately placed on probation for no less than two years based on a criminal conviction. (07/19/23)

Somerset County

James Wright Jr. of Somerset, Somerset County, had his application to sit for the barber licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, his license, no. BL051986, shall be reactivated and placed on a restricted status for a period of two years based on his criminal conviction. (08/28/23)

York County

William Hen, license no. BL062685, of York, York County, had his application to sit for the barber licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, his barber license shall be granted and then immediately placed on probation for no less than two years based on a criminal conviction. (07/07/23)

PA Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Chiropractic

Beaver County

William Ryan Livingston, license no. DC011492, of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, was levied costs of investigation of \$1,270.50; and required to complete eight hours of remedial education, because Livingston engaged in unprofessional conduct by making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of chiropractic; published an advertisement that was fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading because it created false or unjustified expectations of beneficial treatment for a successful result; and failed to include the word chiropractor, chiropractic, D.C. or a derivative thereof in advertisements, letterhead, signs and other printed material. (6/13/24)

PA Board of Cosmetology

Allegheny County

Shakera M. Sanders, License no. CO315094, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a license on probation for a period of one year based on their criminal conviction. (11/28/23)

Cambria County

Luu Nails, license no. CY195555, of Johnstown, Cambria County, was levied a civil penalty of \$4200, because Luu Nails operated as a nail technician and/or esthetician salon in a grossly incompetent, unethical, and dishonest manner through the possession of methyl methacrylate and through unsanitary conditions observed during the inspection; and failed to display the licenses issued by the Board in a conspicuous place. (06/10/24)

Crawford County

Desiree Smith, license no. CO316014, of Cambridge Springs, Crawford County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on their criminal conviction. (11/14/23)

Erie County

Terrance Allen, license no. CO315531, of Albion, Erie County, had his application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, he shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on his criminal conviction. (02/01/24)

Victor M. Torres, License no. CO315529, of Albion, Erie County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on their criminal conviction. (02/01/24)

Matthew J. Vasquez, License no. CO315532, of Albion, Erie County, had his application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the

examination, he shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on his criminal conviction. (02/02/24)

Rahmel Williams, License no. CO315535, of Albion, Erie County, had his application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, he shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on his criminal conviction. (02/02/24)

Semaj R. Wilson, License no. CO315530, of Albion, Erie County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on their criminal conviction. (02/05/24)

Lancaster County

Jessica E. Lehman, license no. CO238233, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (05/21/24)

Lawrence County

Shear Heaven Styling Salon, license no. CB077866L, of New Castle, Lawrence County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (05/17/24)

Beverly E. Vanasco, license no. CT011511L, of New Castle, Lawrence County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (05/21/24)

Lycoming County

Nacola D. Franklin, license no. CO316015, of Muncy, Lycoming County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on their criminal conviction. (03/06/24)

Rachel A. Kozloff, license no. CO315558, of Muncy, Lycoming County, had their application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, they shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on their criminal conviction. (11/14/23)

Wayne County

William S. Connolly, license no. CO315907, of Waymart, Wayne County, had his application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the examination, he shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on his criminal convictions. (03/26/24)

Antione S. Johnson, license no. CO315333, of Waymart, Wayne County, had his application to sit for the cosmetologist licensure examination granted and, upon successful completion of the

examination, he shall be granted a restricted license for a period of two years based on his criminal conviction. (02/02/24)

PA Board of Crane Operators

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Dentistry

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Funeral Directors

Luzerne County

AJ Kopicki Funeral Home, Inc., license number FR001084L, of Kingston, Luzerne County, was suspended for one year and ordered to pay a civil penalty and costs in the amount of \$2,590.18, for engaging in gross incompetency, negligence, or misconduct in the carrying on of the profession and failing to give the family representative or agency official a copy of the written agreement. (05/16/24)

PA Board of Landscape Architects

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Massage Therapy

Centre County

Devan Maris McGowan, license no. MSG014924, of Coburn, Centre County, was suspended for one year, retroactive to January 16, 2024; thereafter suspended for no less than three years, stayed in favor of probation, because McGowan violated a lawful disciplinary order of the Board. (6/4/24)

Chester County

Bryant Avery McCoy, license no. MSG012259 of Coatesville, Chester 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. (06/07/24)

PA Board of Medicine

Lancaster County

Vladimir lakomi, M.D., license no. MD419298, of Christiana, Lancaster County, had his license revoked retroactive to June 11, 2024, due to unprofessional conduct and continued licensure

poses a substantial risk to the health or safety of respondent's patients and the public. (06/14/24)

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

Secretary of the Commonwealth – Notaries Public

No disciplinary actions taken.

PA Board of Nursing

Allegheny County

Daryl Edward Brown, License No. PN307550, of Munhall, Allegheny County, was revoked based on his conviction of a misdemeanor crime directly related to the profession and crime of moral turpitude. (05/6/24)

Berks County

Melody Ortiz-Gonzalez, RN, license no. RN684270, of Reading, Berks County, had her license automatically suspended, retroactive to May 14, 2024, based on being convicted of a misdemeanor under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (06/06/24)

Mary Elizabeth LaCroix, license no. PN322629, of Wernersville, Berks County, had her application for licensure as a practical nurse granted and after successful completion of the licensure examination was granted a license on probation, for a period of no less than three years, based on being unable to practice nursing with reasonable safety and skill to patients without monitoring. (06/13/24)

Carbon County

Danielle Mertz, RN, license No. RN653431, of Summit Hill, Carbon County, had her license revoked based on findings that she knowingly made incorrect entries into the medication administration records for patients. (05/07/24)

Clarion County

Jamie Lacey Sweeney, LPN, license no. PN265166, of Clarion, Clarion County, had her license to practice as a practical nurse automatically suspended, retroactive to September 1, 2023, for being convicted of drug offenses that would pose a substantial risk to the health and safety of patients. (06/12/24)

Cumberland County

Sheila D. Fishburn, license No. RN524688L, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, had her license suspended for no less than three years for violating a previous board order. (06/21/24)

Delaware County

Kaitlyn E. Cinclair, LPN, license No. PN280869, of Holmes, Delaware County, had her license reinstated to probationary status after complying with a previous board order. (06/20/24)

Greene County

Gina L. Reese, LPN, license no. PN286711, of Carmichael, Greene County, or Waynesburg, Greene County, had her practical nursing license automatically suspended, retroactive to February 5, 2024, based on her misdemeanor conviction under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (06/05/24)

Lackawanna County

Danielle Murroni, RN, license no. RN789364, of Carbondale, Lackawanna County, had her application for licensure as a professional nurse granted and after successful completion of the licensure examination was granted a license on probation, for no less than 3 years, based on being unable to practice nursing with reasonable safety and skill to patients without monitoring. (06/07/24)

Lancaster County

Gloria J. Cissne-Pawlson, license No. RN529804L and certification No. SP008602, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, had her license and certification suspended for no less than three years for violating a previous board order. (06/26/24)

Philadelphia County

Alexander Lamay, license no. RN708736, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had his license to practice as a registered nurse temporarily suspended, pending a hearing, on the grounds that Lamay's continued practice as a registered nurse within the Commonwealth presents an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (6/13/24)

Washington County

Cassandra Arnold, LPN, license no. PN322479, of Canonsburg, Washington County, had her license granted on probationary status for having been disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05/14/24)

York County

Steven Terry Stahl, RN, license no. RN643061, of Lewisberry, York County, had his professional nursing license indefinitely suspended, with the suspension stayed in favor of no less than three years' probation based on his being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients without monitoring. (05/07/24)

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

Clearfield County

Rahul Patel, D.O., license no. OS023739, of Dubois, Clearfield County, had his license to practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon granted and placed on probation in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit for a period of no less than 3 years, with credit for time already spent in the DMU since October 12, 2022, to run concurrently with the probation imposed in another action, because he is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients without monitoring. (04/18/24)

Out of State

Joseph Matthew Palumbo, license no. OS014401, of Highland Heights, OH was levied a civil penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500.00), because Palumbo had a license to practice as an osteopathic physician disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (6/5/24)

Samir Ali Wahib, license no. OS014111, of Canfield, OH, had his license suspended for no less than one (1) year, because Wahib had a license to practice as an osteopathic physician disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (6/5/24)

PA Board of Pharmacy

No disciplinary actions taken.

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

Bucks County

John K. Katzbeck, license nos. RB028631; RM424826 and AB066289 of Quakertown, Bucks County, was revoked and assessed a \$50,000 civil penalty and costs of prosecution in the amount of \$3,366.03, for: failing to account for escrow in the full amount thereof at the time of

consummation, termination or release of a real estate transaction; commingling deposits or other escrows or property with his own funds or property; failing to deposit moneys belonging to another in a separate custodial or trust fund account with a bank by the end of the business day following their receipt; failing to keep records of all funds deposited in a custodial or trust fund account which records clearly indicate the date deposited and for whose account the money is deposited; engaging in conduct in a real estate transaction which demonstrates bad faith, dishonesty, untrustworthiness, or incompetency; failing to provide information requested as a result of a formal complaint to the Commission regarding a real estate transaction; failing to produce records related to real estate transactions for examination by the Commission upon written request or pursuant to an office inspection; failing to preserve for three years following its consummation records relating to a real estate transaction; advertising the a property for sale without the written consent of the owner; and failing to put a listing agreement in writing. (05/23/24)

Centre County

Robert K. Vogely, standard real estate salesperson license no. RS302046, of State College, Centre County, was revoked due to his guilty plea to a misdemeanor related to the practice of the profession, and his failure to notify the Commission of that conviction. (5/23/24)

Chester County

Paul J. Bauder, standard real estate salesperson license no. RS218443L, of West Chester, Chester County, was revoked due to his guilty plea to misdemeanor crimes related to the practice of the profession and his failure to report those guilty pleas to the Commission. (05/23/24)

Cumberland County

Rebecca Dailey & PMSPA LLC, of Monroe Township, Cumberland County, were assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty and issued a cease and desist order for acting as a broker without a license. (05/24/24)

Erie County

Scott Barnes, standard real estate salesperson license no. RS283277, of Erie, Erie County, was revoked and levied a civil penalty in the amount of \$19,000, and costs of investigation in the amount of \$1,644.76 for making a substantial misrepresentation during a real estate transaction, engaging in conduct during a real estate transaction which demonstrates bad faith, dishonesty, untrustworthiness, or incompetence, failing to exercise reasonable professional skill and care, as required by the Commission regulation, failing to deal honestly and in good faith, as required by the Commission regulation, failing to timely present all offers, counter-offers, notices and communications to and from the parties in writing, as required by the Commission regulation, and accepting a commission or other valuable consideration for performing licensed activity from a person other than his employing broker. (05/23/24)

Montgomery County

Christine Hussar, standard real estate salesperson license no. RS 296155, of Ardmore, Montgomery County, was revoked and assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000, based on her guilty pleas to a crimes related to the practice of the profession, and her failure to report those convictions to the Commission. (05/23/24)

Nydeeah Miller, real estate salesperson license no. RS356042 of King of Prussia, Montgomery County, was issued a Public Reprimand and assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500 plus the costs of prosecution of \$214.34, because she failed to complete the continuing education requirements and provided a false statement on an application. (5/23/24)

PA Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Examiners

Dauphin County

Sharon D Kello, license no. SL001025L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was levied a civil penalty of \$1,050; received a reprimand on Kello's disciplinary record with the Board, and must complete 10.5 hours of continuing education, because Kello failed to complete the required 20 clock hours of continuing education during the preceding biennial renewal period. (6/07/24)

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

Bucks County

Brian Poling, license no. PC013871, of New Hope, Bucks County, was levied a civil penalty of \$5,000; and must complete 30 hours of remedial education, because Poling engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to fully assess a nine-year-old client's suicidal ideation and/or document his assessment, and by showing a graphic image to the same client. (6/11/24)

Dauphin County

Jacob Chase Faust, license no. SW136781, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, has agreed to the voluntary surrender of his license, because Faust violated the Act in that Respondent is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. (6/11/24)

Wayne County

Heather Ann Christensen, license no. CW020372, of Honesdale, Wayne County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and had a public reprimand placed on her disciplinary record with the Board., because Christensen violated the Act in that Respondent had a license suspended, revoked or refused or received other disciplinary action by the proper licensing authority of any other state, territory, possession or country. (6/11/24)

Westmoreland County

Brooke Kapustik, license no. PC002994, of Lower Burrell, Westmoreland County, had her license reinstated to probation for a period of not less than three (3) years, as she has met her

burden of proving that she is qualified for reinstatement of her license to practice professional counseling subject to Petitioner's license being placed on a period of probation. (06/24/24)

PA Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

Bucks County

Anthony DiCicco, License No. MV158001L, of Holland, Bucks County, was revoked and ordered to immediately cease to practice based on his convicted felony offense of Loan and Wire Fraud. (06/21/24)

Lancaster County

Rafael Benito Soto, an unlicensed individual of Lancaster, Lancaster County was assessed a civil penalty of \$20,000 and was ordered to cease and desist practicing as a vehicle dealer because he engaged in the business as a vehicle dealer and/or broker within the Commonwealth for his own benefit or profit without having a license to do so.

Dashaun Kenneth Guzman, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$30,000 based on engaging in the business as a vehicle dealer and/or broker within the Commonwealth for his own benefit or profit and aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of the profession without having a license to do so. (05/24/24)

Philadelphia County

Jeffery Gray, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was denied an application for licensure as a vehicle salesperson due to a criminal conviction of multiple felonies and misdemeanors. (06/14/24)

Schuylkill County

Lucas L. Dollansky, License No. MV248013, of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, was revoked based on his convictions of crimes directly related to the profession and crimes of moral turpitude. (05/23/24)

Out of State

Rene W. Deville, License no. MV289710, of Eastampton, New Jersey, had their application for licensure as a vehicle salesperson granted and the license will be placed on probation for a period of two years based on their criminal convictions. (06/27/24)

PA Board of Veterinary Medicine

Westmoreland County

Rachel Cline, CVT, license no. VT005580 of Delmont, Westmoreland County, had her license indefinitely suspended, and was subjected to a \$2,500.00 civil penalty, based on convictions for crimes which are related to the occupation, trade or profession. (05/20/2024)

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