

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

AMENDED AGENDA

Date: July 6, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: King Kalakaua Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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1. Establish Quorum, Public Notice, Call to Order, HRS §92-3 Open Meetings
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. February 2, 2026 Open Session Meeting Minutes
 - b. February 2, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

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The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(4) "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;" (Board will vote in Open Meeting.)

3. Continued Competence (CC) Course Approval Requests

A. Continuing Competence Courses Requests for Review

The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(4) "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;" (Board will vote in Open Meeting.)

PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
Master Class Workshop	7.50

4. Applications

The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;" (Board will vote in Open Meeting.)

- A. Ratifications (list attached)
- B. Ruzzel T. Policarpio

5. New Business

The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(4) "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;" (Board will vote in Open Meeting.)

- A. Scope of Practice Inquiry: Shockwave Therapy/Extracorporeal Radial Shockwave Therapy as a Physical Therapy Intervention
- B. Discussion regarding Continuing Competence Units (CCUs) for Physical Therapist Assistants
- C. Discussion regarding participation in the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) data sharing

6. Executive Officer's Report

- A. Hawaii Jurisprudence Assessment Module (HI JAM) 2025 Annual Report
- B. NPTE Q1 2026 Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report

7. Election of Officers in accordance with HRS §436B-6(a)

The Board will vote to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, pursuant to HRS §436B-6(a),

“Immediately upon the qualification and appointment of the original members, and annually thereafter, the board shall elect one member as chair and one member as vice-chair. In the absence of both the chair and the vice-chair to preside at a meeting, the members present shall select a chair pro tem.”

8. Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters

- A. In the Matter of the Physical Therapist's License of Kira C. Markus, PTS2026-0010-L, Settlement agreement prior to filling of petition for disciplinary action and Board's Final Order.
- B. In the Matter of the Physical Therapist's License of Michael Takamasa Arakaki, PTS2026-2-L, Settlement agreement prior to filling of petition for disciplinary action and Board's Final Order.

9. Next Meeting:

September 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

HRH King Kalakaua Building

Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

335 Merchant Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

10. Adjournment

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST/PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE

PTA-807-0	Brianna Sarabia
PTA-808-0	Jacky Lam Thai
PTA-809-0	JOSMIN BEMBO MANOG
PTA-810-0	KARA SASSONE ERWIN
PTA-811-0	ERRIN NOVERO ABAGAT
PTA-812-0	Emily R Lake
PTA-813-0	BRITTANY NICOLE STEPP
PTA-814-0	CLARISSA GALLARDO
PTA-815-0	DANIEL P FLORES
PTA-816-0	LAUREN ERIKA-CARMEL GARCIA
PTA-817-0	JIMMY CODY BYRD
PTA-818-0	EMILY KATHERINE KENNEY
PTA-819-0	CHRISTOPHER ANDREW AGUIRRE
PTA-820-0	Jennifer Marie Reeves
PTA-821-0	CHRISTIAN S ALONZO
PT-6347-0	Ashlyn Grace Blakely
PT-6348-0	SARA LIZA OCHOA
PT-6349-0	Caitlyn Rose Hall
PT-6350-0	Carolyn Alexis Guerrero
PT-6351-0	GABRIELLA NICOLE CASO
PT-6352-0	Gabriela Adamczyk
PT-6353-0	Billy Boraphet
PT-6354-0	Nicole Justine Mills
PT-6355-0	Lorissa Cheyenne Duhon
PT-6356-0	ROBYN MARIE RUGGLES
PT-6357-0	Abigail Guillen
PT-6358-0	Tahoora Pourjalali
PT-6359-0	Martin Yao
PT-6360-0	Anna Louise Heaton
PT-6361-0	Monica Rose Romero Plew
PT-6362-0	EGAN T NAKAGAWA
PT-6363-0	PRISCILLA JEAN HERRERA-QUINTERO
PT-6364-0	SHANNON LEA MCDANIEL
PT-6365-0	KIANA NAOMI COFFIN
PT-6366-0	Andrew Joseph Hall
PT-6367-0	LAUREN NICOLE YOUSLING

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PT-6368-0	Chloe Elizabeth Soewignjo
PT-6369-0	Jordan Scott
PT-6370-0	JEFFREY ALEXANDER BLUML
PT-6371-0	Christopher John Van Thiel
PT-6372-0	Anh Ngoc Tran
PT-6373-0	RAJESH KHEMRAJ
PT-6374-0	JAYDAN CARL LAZO PAYUMO
PT-6375-0	KAHI KAIOKALANI ELAM
PT-6376-0	KYLA RAE GOMES
PT-6377-0	LORI YUMI ASATO
PT-6378-0	MARIO HERNANDEZ III
PT-6379-0	MATTHEW EMERSON CHUN
PT-6380-0	TONY DUY TRAN
PT-6381-0	ETHAN EDWARD CRABTREE
PT-6382-0	TYLER JOSEPH CANNELLA
PT-6383-0	COLTON THOMAS BRADFIELD
PT-6384-0	JORDAN B T PRATT
PT-6386-0	Jared Francis Yankovich
PT-6387-0	Kailey Marie Buczek
PT-6388-0	Diamond Niaan Mungroo
PT-6389-0	Kaitlyn Sue Foster
PT-6390-0	Cody Weston Kelly
PT-6391-0	Yonas Tekeste
PT-6392-0	MARKIE MIEKO OKAMOTO
PT-6393-0	Mujtaba Ali Shaikh
PT-6394-0	Matthew David Skorheim
PT-6395-0	Mignon Salazar Natac
PT-6396-0	LESLIE FRABONI
PT-6397-0	KARLA CORDOVA BRAVO
PT-6398-0	Celena Rita Henriquez
PT-6399-0	John Thomas Fegurgur
PT-6400-0	TYLER TODD TIREVOLD
PT-6401-0	Alexandra McCain Jones
PT-6404-0	Hannah Lee Carter
PT-6402-0	Sarah Ruby Rowland
PT-6403-0	CARLVIN JANSSEN CRUZ DEVERA
PT-6405-0	Jamison Ray Wendel
PT-6406-0	Elizabeth N Ung
PT-6407-0	SARAH RENEE HAGER

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PT-6408-0	HEMINDRA RAAJ SOMDAT
PT-6409-0	Jaime Toy Inouye
PT-6410-0	SIOMARA PRISCILLA ALVARADO-HOHL
PT-6411-0	Kayla Dawn Black
PT-6412-0	Jessica Carol Butler
PT-6413-0	BRIDGET JOANNE DIX
PT-6414-0	JORDAN CHRISTOPHER TECSON
PT-6415-0	KATHERINE KELLY NORLAND
PT-6416-0	ABIGAIL RAE ALEXANDER
PT-6417-0	Jared Michael Yabu
PT-6418-0	Isabella Belinda Banyai
PT-6419-0	John Edward D Dace
PT-6420-0	MASON GRANT LEE
PT-6421-0	RYAN PROBST YOUNG
PT-6422-0	ERIN ELIZABETH TIDWELL
PT-6423-0	AMANDA MCCREREY
PT-6424-0	Marlena Victoria Mueller
PT-6425-0	KIERA KATHLEEN DOHERTY-HERWITZ
PT-6426-0	Ximena Alvarez Magana
PT-6427-0	ALISON JEAN REUTER
PT-6428-0	Marisa Raquel Esquivel
PT-6429-0	HANNAH NICOLE WENGERT
PT-6430-0	JEFFREY AULD LEPLEY
PT-6431-0	SAMANTHA AI ONO
PT-6432-0	KEVIN ANDREW LEE
PT-6433-0	Casey Isamu Takahashi
PT-6434-0	JOHN JAMES LIGHTHART
PT-6435-0	Zen S Miyashiro
PT-6436-0	NATALIE MARIE ACEVES
PT-6437-0	CRAIG STEVEN KUEHL
PT-6438-0	KERI KAORI MASICAMPO
PT-6439-0	STEPHANIE KAORI MATSUMOTO
PT-6440-0	ELIZABETH ANN MAJSZAK
PT-6441-0	CONNOR DOOLEY HUME
PT-6442-0	JIZELLE ANTOINETTE CASTANEDA
PT-6444-0	Shannon Elizabeth White
PT-6445-0	TERRAN NATHANIEL TRAVIS
PT-6446-0	MONICA JANEL SCOTT

THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: February 2, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: DCCA PVL Exam Room 330
HRS King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Meeting
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/88940401032?pwd=galBExsjE4onDWCzm2Pa9UQ00D1eC2.1>

Recording Link <https://youtu.be/4HHIZMrg9Sc?si=dFtqzD654gg8cfD3>

Present: Cynthia Tamayo, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chairperson
Stacie Keliinoi, PT, Vice Chairperson
Ross Lum, PT, Member
Jill Wakabayashi, Member
Michele Chee, PT, Member
Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer ("EO Kim")
Adrian Stinardo, Executive Officer ("EO Stinardo")
Jordan Ching, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG Ching")
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Guests: None

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously carried to approve the December 1, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes and the December 1, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.

Continuing
Competence
Course Approval
Requests:

Chair Tamayo asked if there was any public testimony regarding the Continuing Competence course approval requests. No testimony was offered.

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously carried to approve the following Continuing Competence course approval requests:

PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
AMND	18.00
Pacific University OP & PT Continuing Education Symposium	7.00
Manip Like A Girl: Work Smarter not Harder	10.00

Ratification:

It was moved by Mr. Lum, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously carried to approve the attached February 2, 2026 ratification list.

New Business:

- a. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
Appointment of Board Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and
Funded Administrator

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Ms. Chee, and unanimously moved to appoint Ms. Wakabayashi as the Delegate, Chair Tamayo as the Alternate Delegate, and EO Stinardo as the Funded Administrator.

- b. Appointment of Legislative Liaisons

It was moved by Chair Tamayo, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously moved to confirm Mr. Lum and Vice Chair Keliinoi as the legislative liaisons for the 2026 Legislative Session.

- c. Board Discussion on Requirements for Examination Waiver
Under Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Section 16-110-20(h)

It was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Lum and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 9:31 a.m., pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(1) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS section 26-9, and to consult with Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General's, on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

It was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to return to the open session at 9:44 a.m..

Chair Tamayo reported that the Board consulted with DAG Ching regarding the Board's administrative rules, specifically examination waivers requirement under section HAR §16-110-20(h).

It was moved by Vice Chair Keliinoi, seconded by Mr. Lum, and unanimously carried to interpret the language of HAR §16-110-20(h) to continue requiring proof of passing Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT") examinations, however licensure would not be required for approval of an examination waiver.

Vice Chair Keliinoi noted that the Board will continue to review the licensure status of applicants if such information is available.

Chair Tamayo stated that the wording on the Board's application will be updated to more clearly reflect the Board's interpretation.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.
HRH King Kalakaua Building
King Kalakaua Conference Room
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Reviewed by:

/s/Young-Im Wilson
Young-Im Wilson
Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/Adrian Stinardo
Adrian Stinardo
Executive Officer

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[] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.

The **Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database (ELDD)** is the technological backbone that allows the Physical Therapy Compact and individual state boards to function effectively. By centralizing data from all 53 U.S. jurisdictions, it acts as a "national clearinghouse" for the profession.

Here is a breakdown of how the ELDD supports public protection and licensure portability:

- a. **The "Alert Mechanism" for Public Protection-** The primary goal of the ELDD is to ensure that a practitioner's history follows them, regardless of where they practice.
 - **Disciplinary Notification Service:** If a physical therapist (PT) is licensed in three states and receives a disciplinary action in one, the ELDD automatically sends an alert to the other two boards.
 - **Preventing "State-Hopping":** It prevents sanctioned individuals from simply moving across state lines to start a "clean" practice before their home state's disciplinary action is finalized or discovered.
 - **Real-Time Data:** It includes data from NPTE exam registrations and PT Compact privilege purchases, providing a full picture of a provider's professional standing.

b. Key Technical Features

To maintain high security and efficiency, the FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy) implemented specific protocols for the ELDD:

Feature	Description

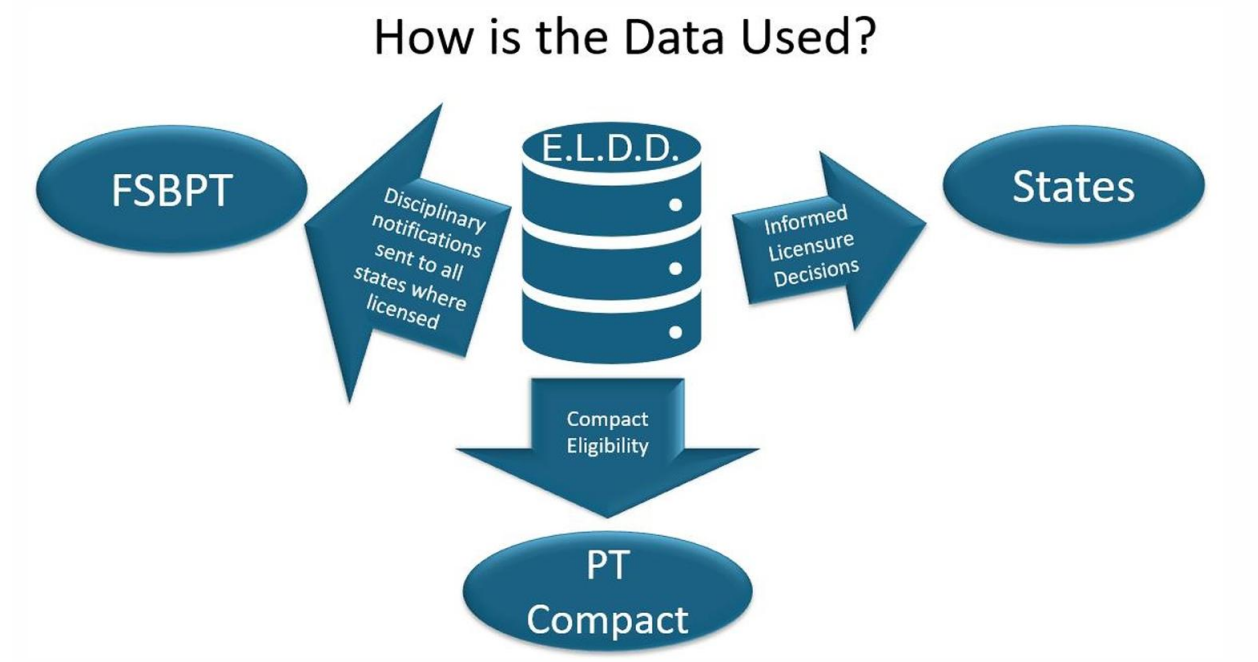
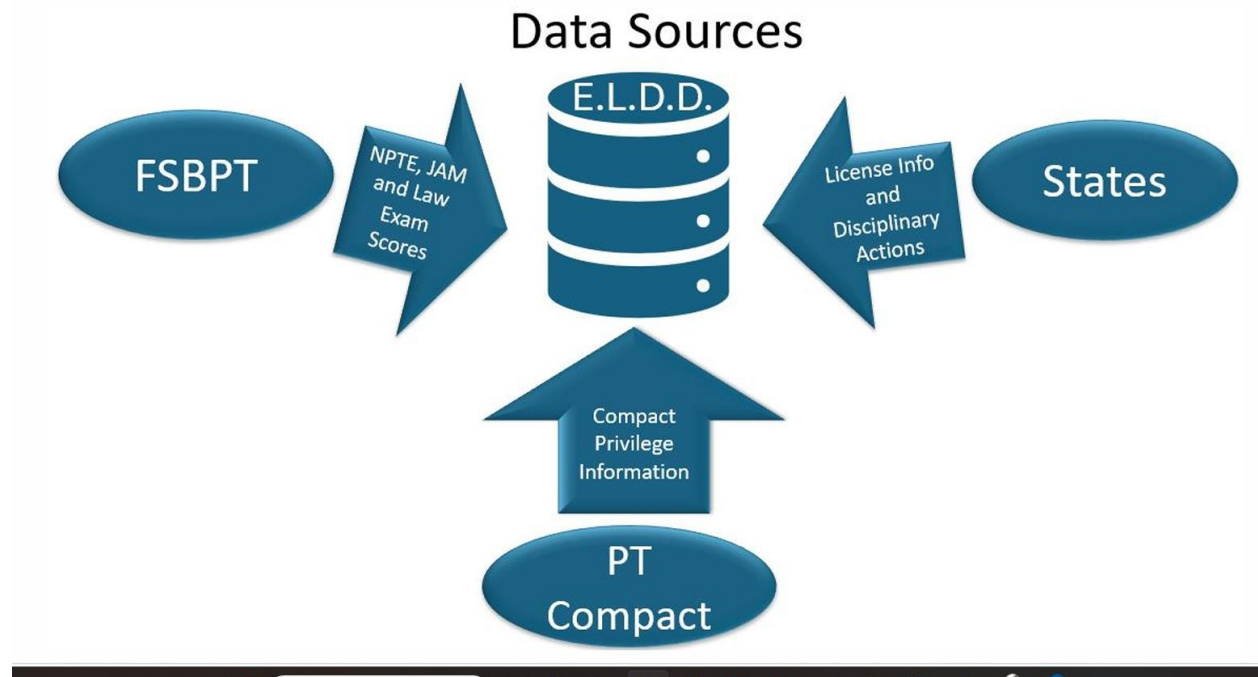
FSBPT ID	A unique identifier assigned to every candidate and licensee. This replaces the need to share Social Security Numbers (SSNs) between jurisdictions, enhancing data privacy.
Daily/ Weekly Sync	Most member boards (35+ jurisdictions as of 2025/2026) now sync their local databases with the ELDD on a daily or weekly basis to ensure information is "fresh."
API Integration	The system uses automated software (APIs) to extract data directly from state licensing software, reducing the manual workload for board staff.

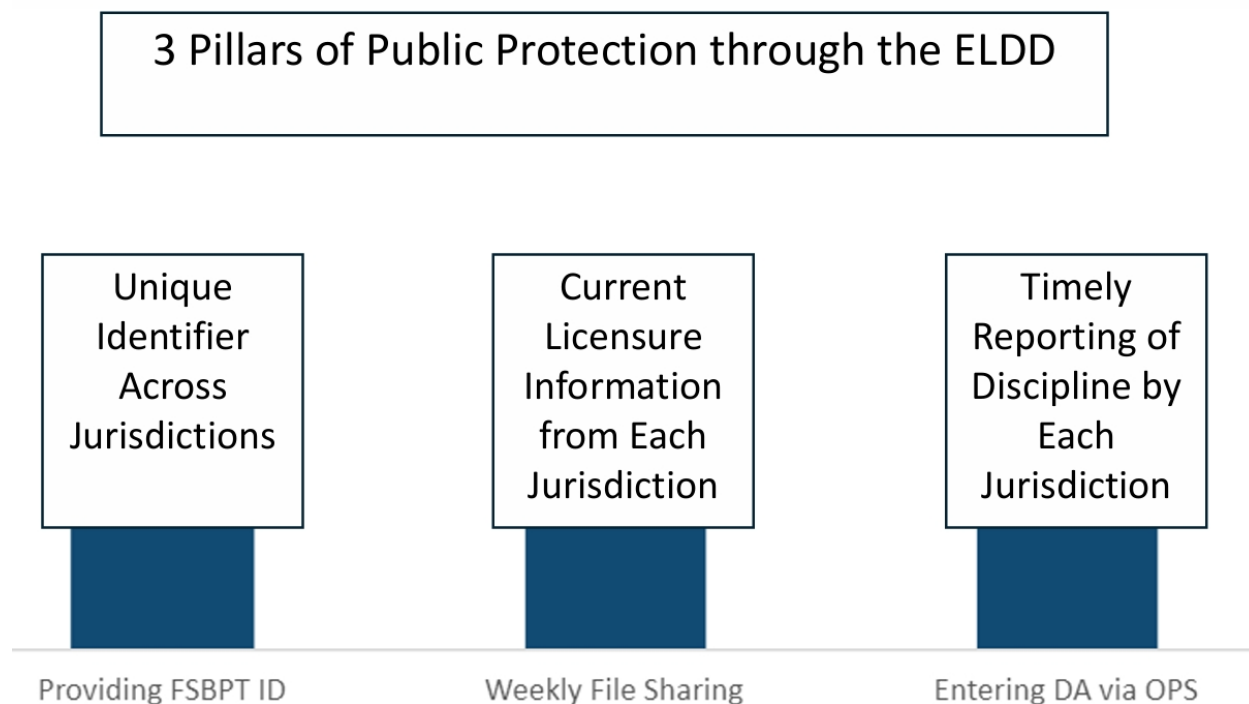
c. Overcoming Barriers to Participation

While the benefits are clear, some boards face technical or financial hurdles in joining or automating their data sharing. To address this, the FSBPT provides:

- **Automation Grants:** Funding is specifically available to help state jurisdictions cover the costs of upgrading their software to communicate with the ELDD.
- **Star Rating System:** The FSBPT uses a "5-Star" rating system to track how consistently and completely jurisdictions submit their data, encouraging a high standard of participation. Hawaii presently is not participating

ELDD Presentation





FSBPT has grant money that we can apply for to help defray the cost to fix our database for all 3 pillars.

Go to FSBPT.org

Go to Login tab and click members login

(Create a login if you don't have one yet)

I recommend Richard Woolf to be at our Board meeting to do a full presentation of the ELDD

HAWAII JURISPRUDENCE ASSESSMENT MODULE (HI JAM) 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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I. About the Hawaii Jurisprudence Assessment Module (HI JAM)

The mission of the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy (Board) is to work with licensees and the public to achieve the optimum balance between thoughtful and fair regulation, and consumer protection. One way the Board accomplishes this mission is by ensuring that physical therapy is performed in compliance with state law.

The HI JAM, developed and delivered by FSBPT, assists the Board in meeting its public protection mission. The HI JAM is a learning tool that Hawaii licensees may complete to meet the 2 CCUs in ethics, laws, and rules requirement for license renewal.

HI JAM Structure:

- 50 question assessment
- “Open book” – applicants and licensees have access to resource documents
- 90 minutes to complete
- Passing score is answering 80% of the questions correctly

In addition to this Annual Report, FSBPT also completes an annual report that provides a summary of the administrations of the HI JAM, including pass rates and psychometric analysis of examinee responses. That report may be useful to determine whether the HI JAM is performing as intended by the Board, and to give some information that may be relevant to the Board’s plans to update or revise the HI JAM.

II. Content of HI JAM

Table 1 outlines the content outline for the HI JAM. The content outline was adopted by the Board on January 14, 2015.

Table 1. HI JAM Content Outline

Category	Target % of Items
Legislative Intent & Definitions (1000)	4%
Board Powers & Duties (2000)	4%
Licensure & Examination (3000)	34%
Patient Care Management (4000)	22%
Disciplinary Actions & Unlawful Practice (5000)	34%
Consumer Advocacy (6000)	2%

All items on the HI JAM are based on the following resources:

- Physical Therapy Practice Act: Chapter 461J of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)
- HI Physical Therapy Rules: Title 16, Chapter 110 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)
- Professional and Vocational Licensing Act: Chapter 436B of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

III. Number of HI JAM's Purchased/Completed

Table 2 compares the total HI JAM's purchased in 2025 to 2024. Since some individuals completed the HI JAM more than once, the number of HI JAM's purchased is greater than the number of individuals who completed the HI JAM.

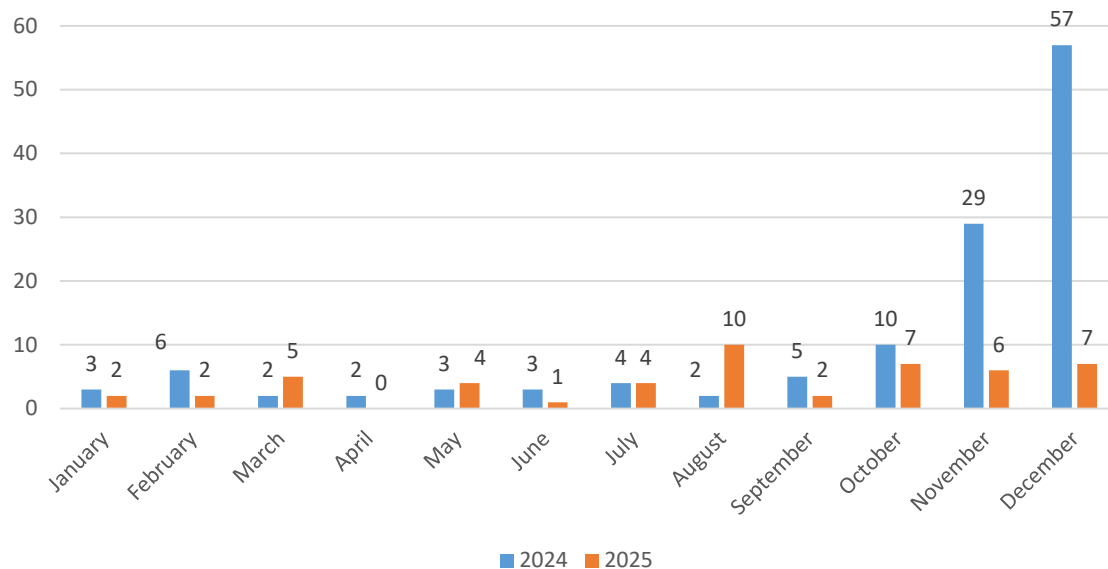
The significant decrease between 2025 and 2024 is a result of 2024 being a renewal year, which is when licensees are more likely to take an activity for license renewal.

Table 2. Number of HI JAM's Purchased

2024	2025	Increase/(Decrease)
126	50	(76)

Chart 1 lists the number of HI JAM's purchased by month.

Chart 1. HI JAM's Purchased, by Month



IV. Attempts Needed to Pass HI JAM

Table 3 illustrates the total number of individuals who attempted the HI JAM at least one time for both 2024 and 2025.

Table 3. Attempts Needed to Pass HI JAM

# of Attempts	2024		2025	
	Total Individuals	% of Total	Total Individuals	% of Total
1 attempt	122	98.4%	48	98.0%
2 attempts	2	1.6%	1	2.0%
Did Not Pass	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL # of Individuals	124	100.0%	49	100.0%

- Almost 98% of individuals taking the HI JAM in 2024 and 2025 passed on the first attempt. The remaining individuals passed on the second attempt.

V. Future Maintenance and Other Discussion Items

- FSBPT will continue to evaluate the long-term viability of maintaining the HI JAM.
 - When the HI JAM was developed in 2015, it was with the understanding that it would be required for all licensees to meet the ethics, laws, and rules requirement.
 - Since the adopted rule did not require the HI JAM, the revenues received have not covered the initial development and ongoing maintenance costs.
 - If the Board makes substantive changes to the laws and rules that would require updates to items, FSBPT might determine that it is not fiscally prudent to expend additional resources to keep the HI JAM current. Rather than continuing to administer an out-of-date assessment, FSBPT might elect to no longer offer the HI JAM.
 - If the Board were to require the HI JAM for license renewal and/or keep the HI JAM as a renewal option but require the HI JAM for all applicants for initial licensure in Hawaii, it would help assure the fiscal viability of the HI JAM.

Appendix I

Summary of Psychometric Analyses

- The purpose of this appendix is to provide a summary of psychometric analyses of the Hawaii Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Assessment Module (HI JAM), including statistics of three reliability indices and items identified for review. Information provided in this appendix may be relevant to the Hawaii Board's plans to update or revise the HI JAM examination.
- There are currently two live HI JAM forms, each with 50 scored items. The two live forms are HIJ001 and HIJ002.
- A total of 8 items were identified for review across two forms.
- Based on the responses of 622 candidates (555 PT level candidates and 67 PTA candidates), all candidates who took the HI JAM exam from September 2015 to November 13, 2025.
- Item analyses for classical test theory (CTT) and item response theory (IRT) only include data from candidates who graduated from CAPTE-accredited programs and took the NPTE no more than two times. The first attempted responses on the items are used in the analyses.
- One common way to examine the psychometric quality of an examination is through reliability analyses. We report three reliability indexes here.
 - KR20 is an internal consistency measure of proportion of score differences that can be attributed to differences among examinees as opposed to differences within persons among questions on the examination. This is a common index used in reliability analysis for examinations with multiple-choice items with dichotomous scoring, and therefore is reported here, but it better suited to tests where examinees are rank-ordered as opposed to assessments with a cut score. The KR20 is 0.75 for both forms.
 - The Standard Error of Measurement (SEM), which is a measure of the expected variation in the number of questions a candidate is expected to answer correctly on any given form of the assessment. The SEM ranges from 3.75 to 3.81 across the two forms.
 - Livingston's Kappa (K^2) is an estimate of the consistency of decisions based on the assessment, which is more appropriate than KR20 for assessments with a passing score. K^2 ranges from 0.82 to 0.88 across the two forms.
 - These values are included in Table 4 below.

Table 4. Test Reliability

Form	KR20	SEM	K^2
HIJ001	0.75	3.81	0.88
HIJ002	0.75	3.75	0.82

- It might be possible to improve the reliability of the assessment by revising items that are very easy, very difficult, or for which higher scoring candidates tend to answer incorrectly. See the Item Analysis section for these recommendations.
- Item Analysis
 - The item analysis examined response patterns associated with each item to determine if the item had statistical performance issues and could be improved.

- The item analysis generally identifies one of the five reasons listed below to indicate than an item should be reviewed:
 1. Proportion of candidates correctly answering item above 99%, indicating the item might not have plausible distractors.
 2. Proportion of candidates correctly answering item below 20%, indicating the item might be confusing, miskeyed, or out-of-date.
 3. Item-total correlation less than 0.06, indicating that answering the item correctly does not correlate with scores on the rest of the test and the item might be vague or miskeyed.
 4. Proportion of candidates choosing a specific distractor is greater than 10% and item-total correlation of this distractor is greater than 0.05, indicating that the item might be miskeyed or have more than one correct answer.
 5. Items with a large change in item difficulty from the previous year ($|\Delta| > .50$ on the standardized theta difficulty scale). This might indicate that the law or rule associated with the item might have changed or the item has been compromised.
- Items can be flagged for review based on more than one of these criteria.
- Eight items were identified for review across the two forms. Those eight flagged items are listed in Table 5 below.
- FSBPT staff are available to review these items with the jurisdiction to determine if changes are necessary.

Table 5. Items Identified for Review Based on Statistical Performance

Item #	Form	2025 Item Difficulty	2025 Proportion Correct	Point-biserial Correlation	Reason(s)
HIJ000055	HIJ001	0.73	54%	0.21	4 (2)
HIJ000179	HIJ001	-2.19	95%	0.04	3
HIJ000191	HIJ001	-0.47	78%	0.03	3, 4 (4)
HIJ000076	HIJ002	-4.43	100%	-0.02	1, 3
HIJ000108	HIJ002	-3.88	99%	0.15	1
HIJ000151	HIJ002	-1.25	92%	-0.01	3
HIJ000262	HIJ002	3.84	8%	0.07	2
HIJ000274	HIJ002	-3.59	99%	0.02	1, 3

The item statistics flagged for statistics outside of the desired specifications are in bold and the reason number is indicated in the column titled "Reason(s)"

1. *Too easy: 99% or more candidates answered the item correctly*
2. *Too hard: Less than 20% of candidates answered the item correct*
3. *Low item-total correlation: Item-total correlation less than 0.06*
4. *Possible correct distractor: More than 10% of candidates choose a specific distractor and the item-total correlation of this distractor is greater than 0.05. The flagged distractor(s) are listed in parentheses.*
5. *Difficulty change: Difficulty is $|\Delta| > .50$ from the previous year.*

Due to small sample size in the current (73 candidates in 2025) and previous years, comparison on item difficulty parameter across years is not performed, therefore criteria 5 is not applied.

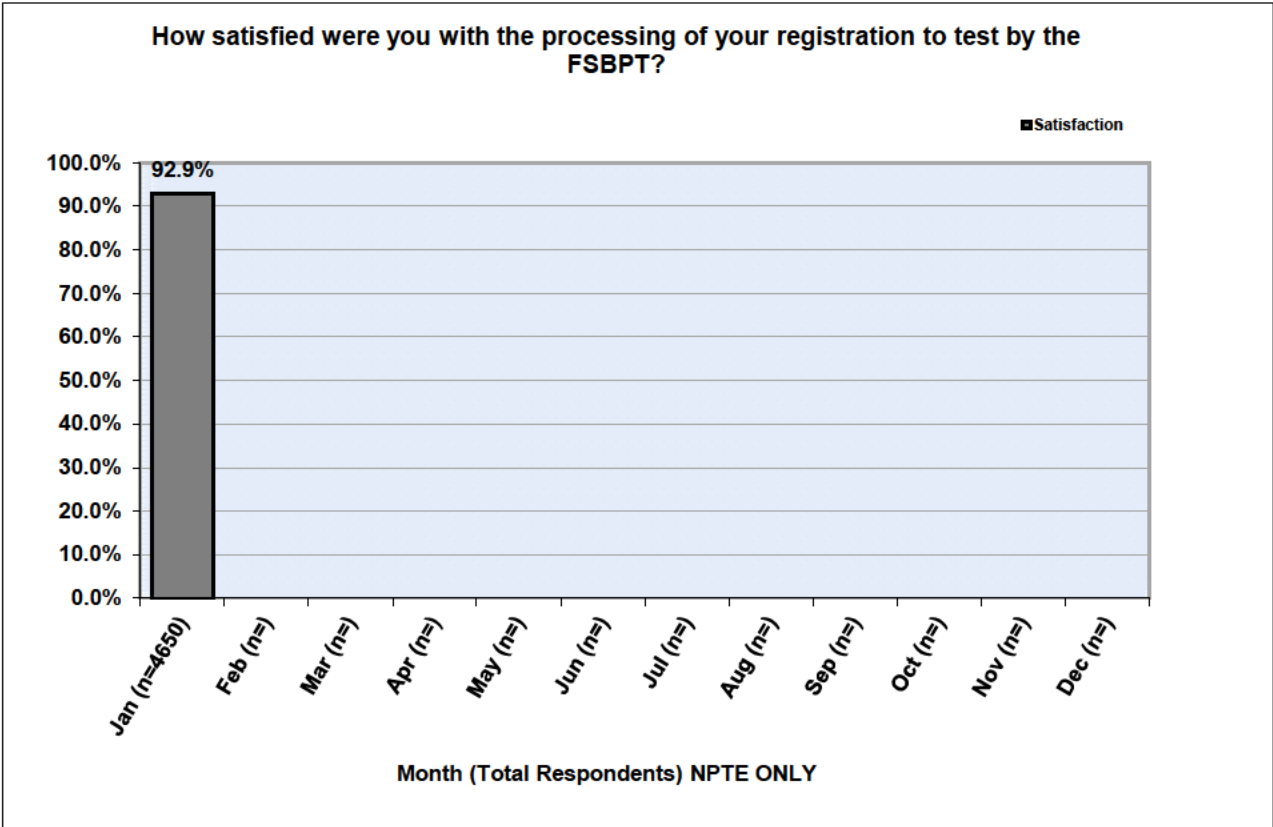
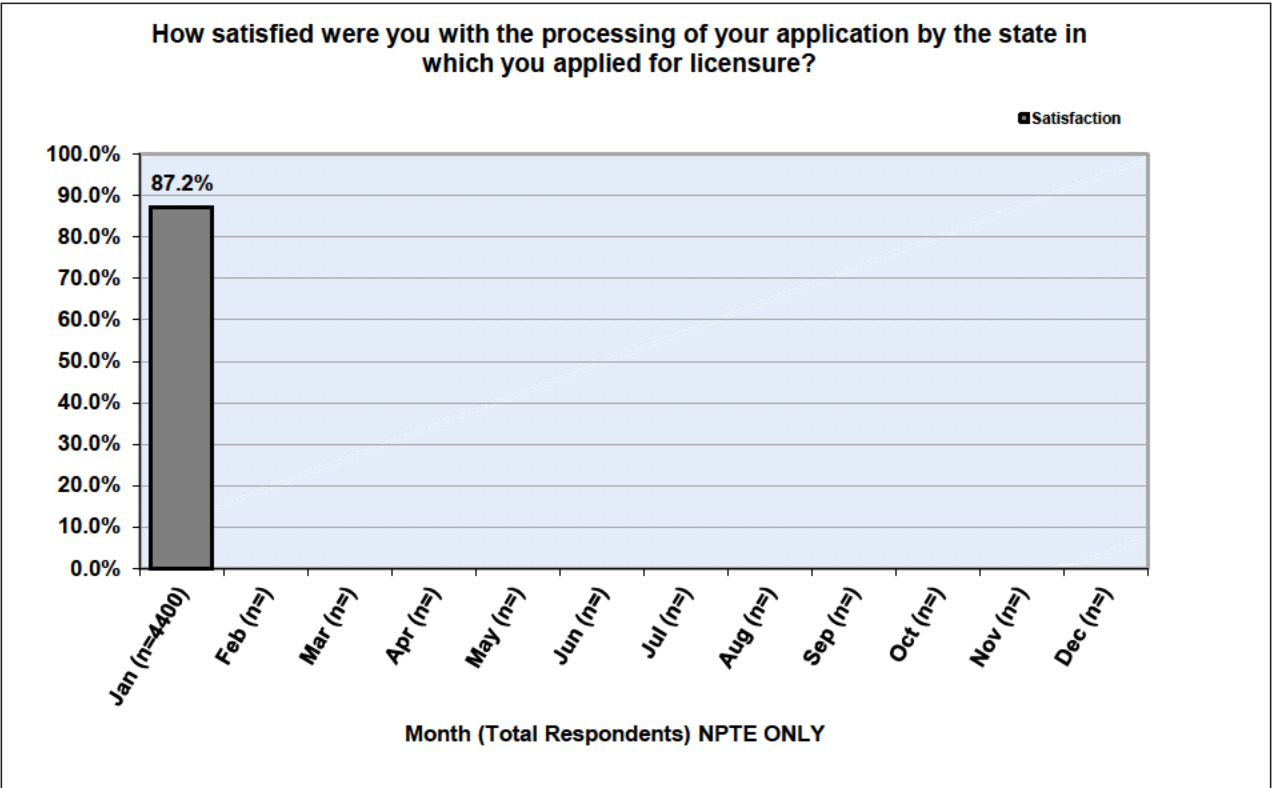
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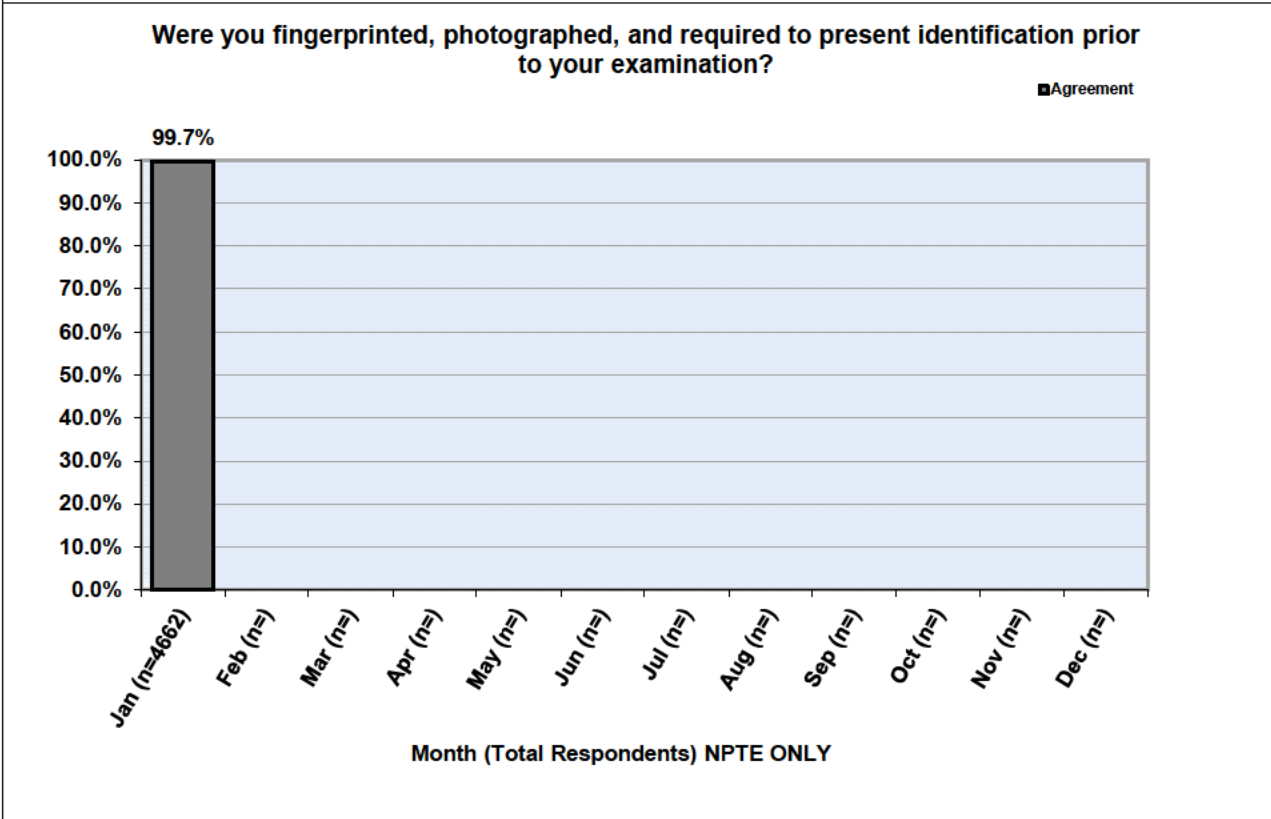
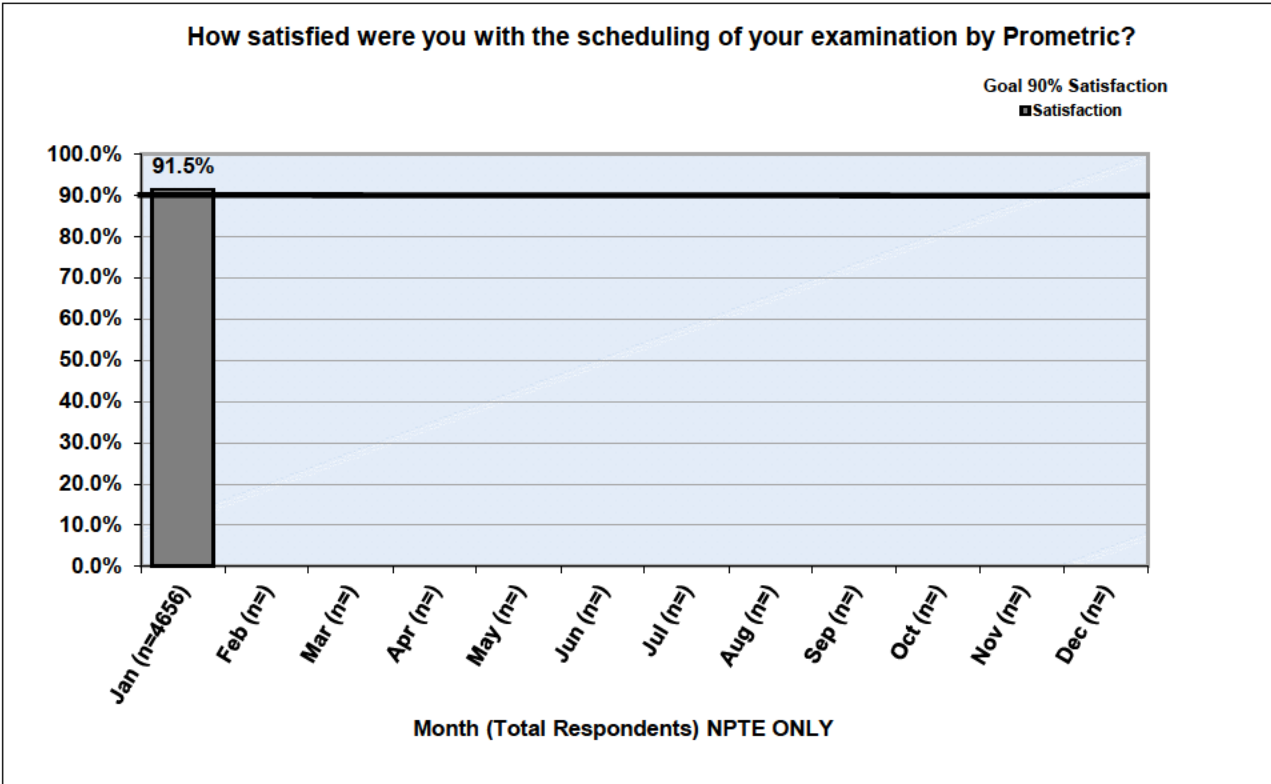
Through March 31, 2026, **4400** candidates completed the post-examination survey. The overall satisfaction rating for all jurisdictions on the question “How satisfied were you with the processing of your application by the state in which you applied for licensure?” is **87.16%**

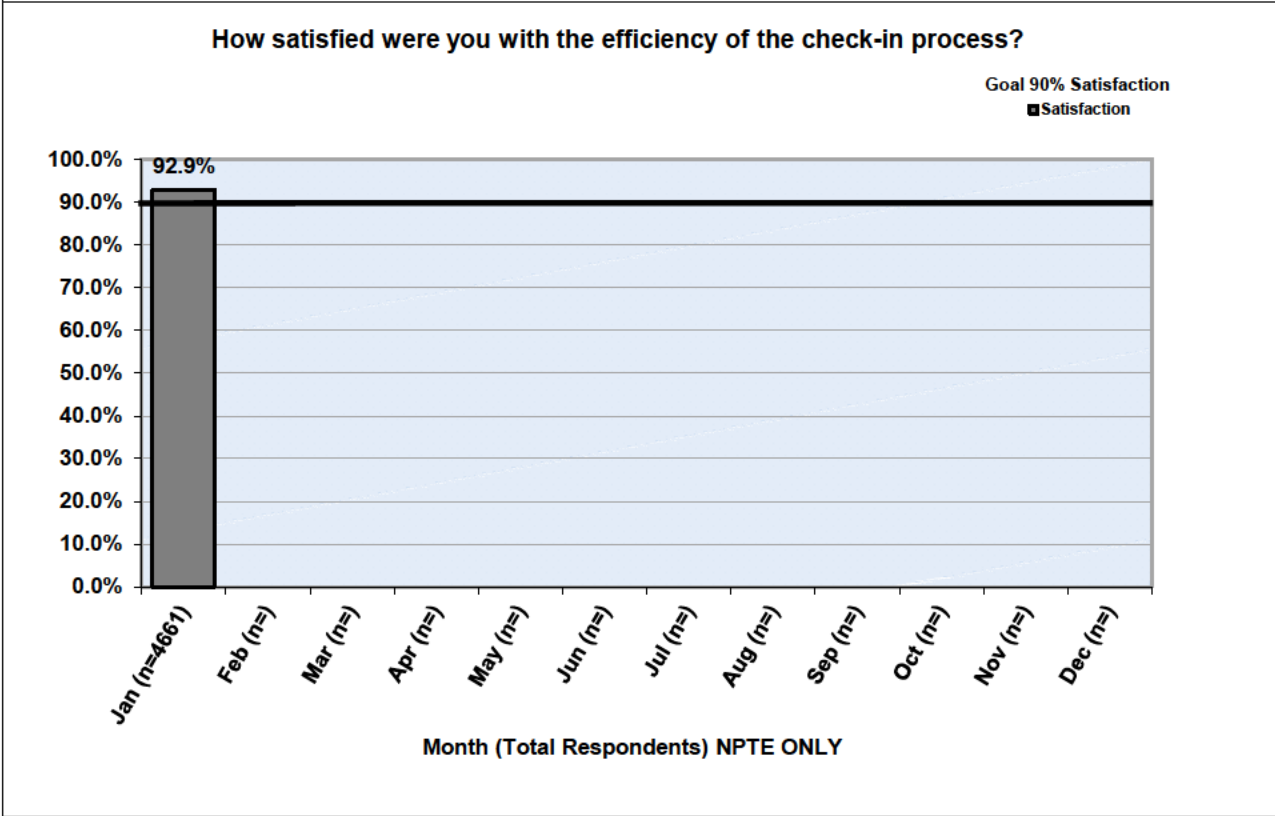
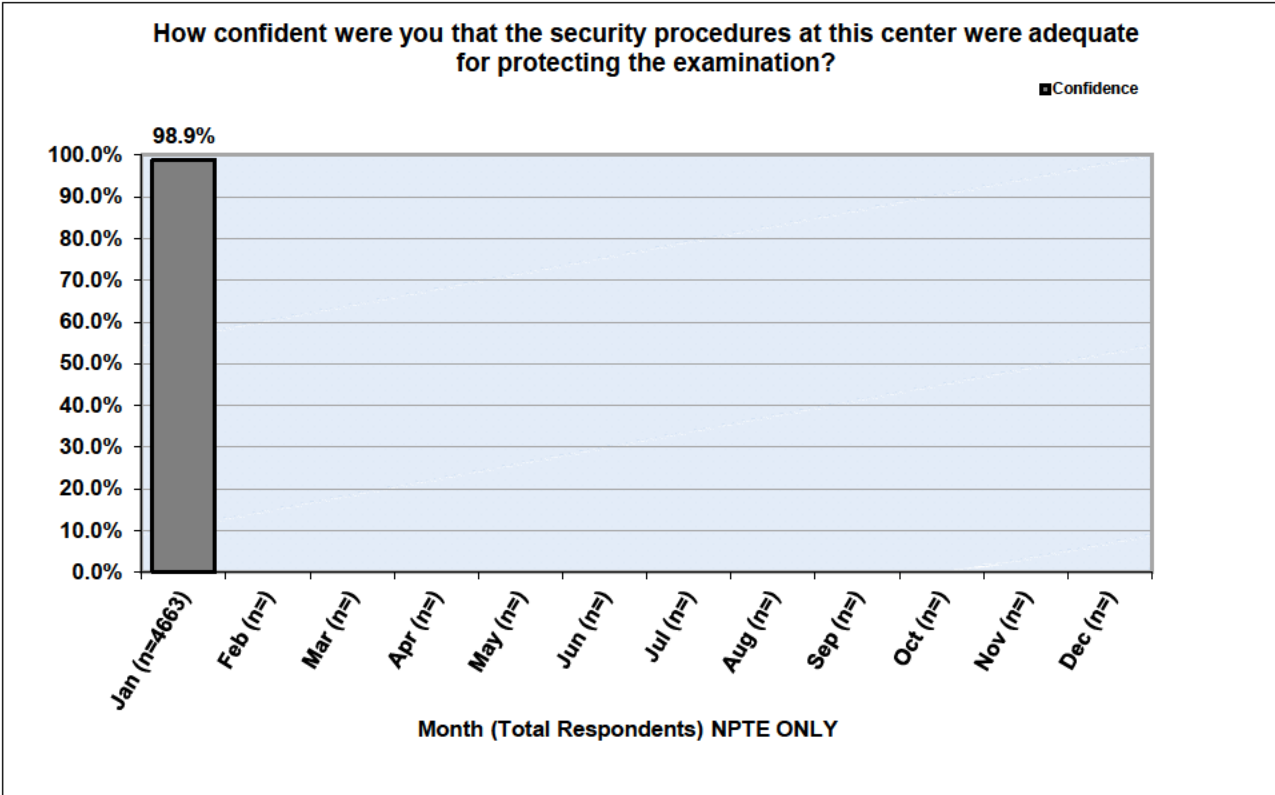
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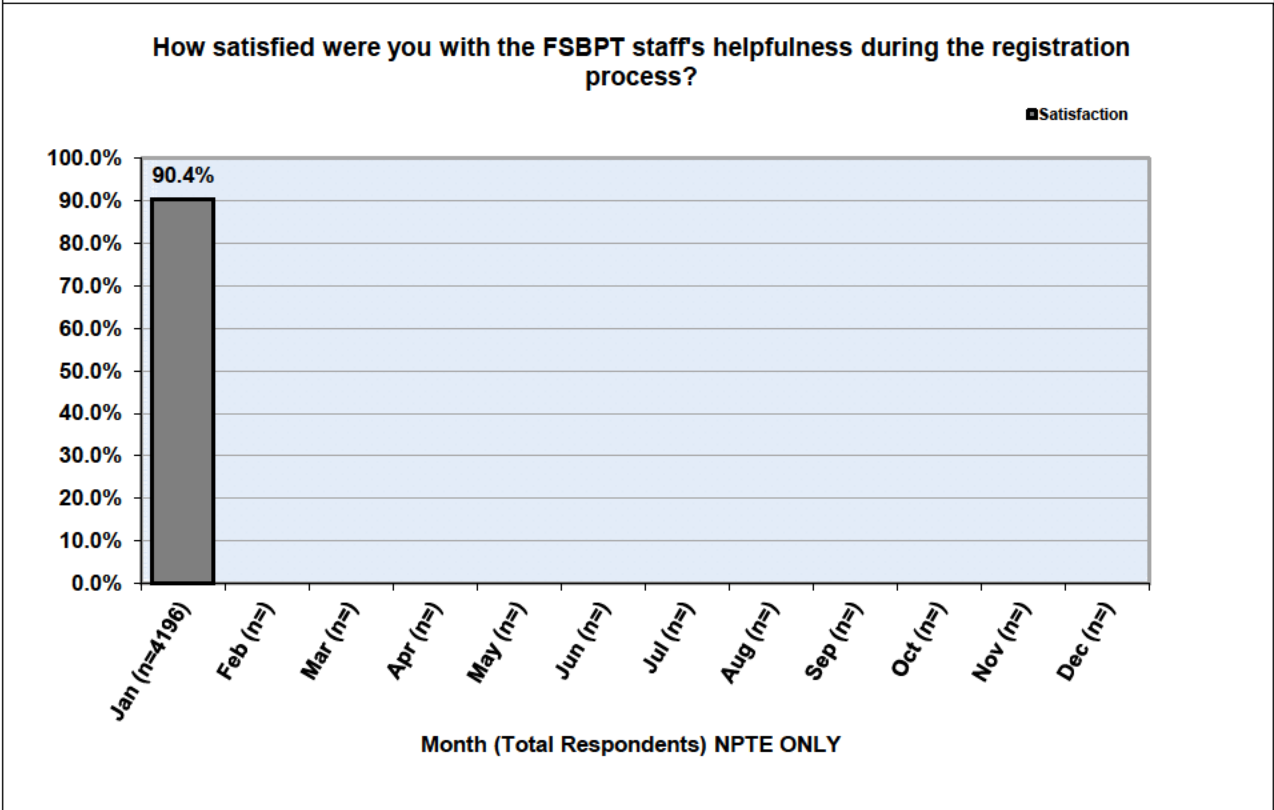
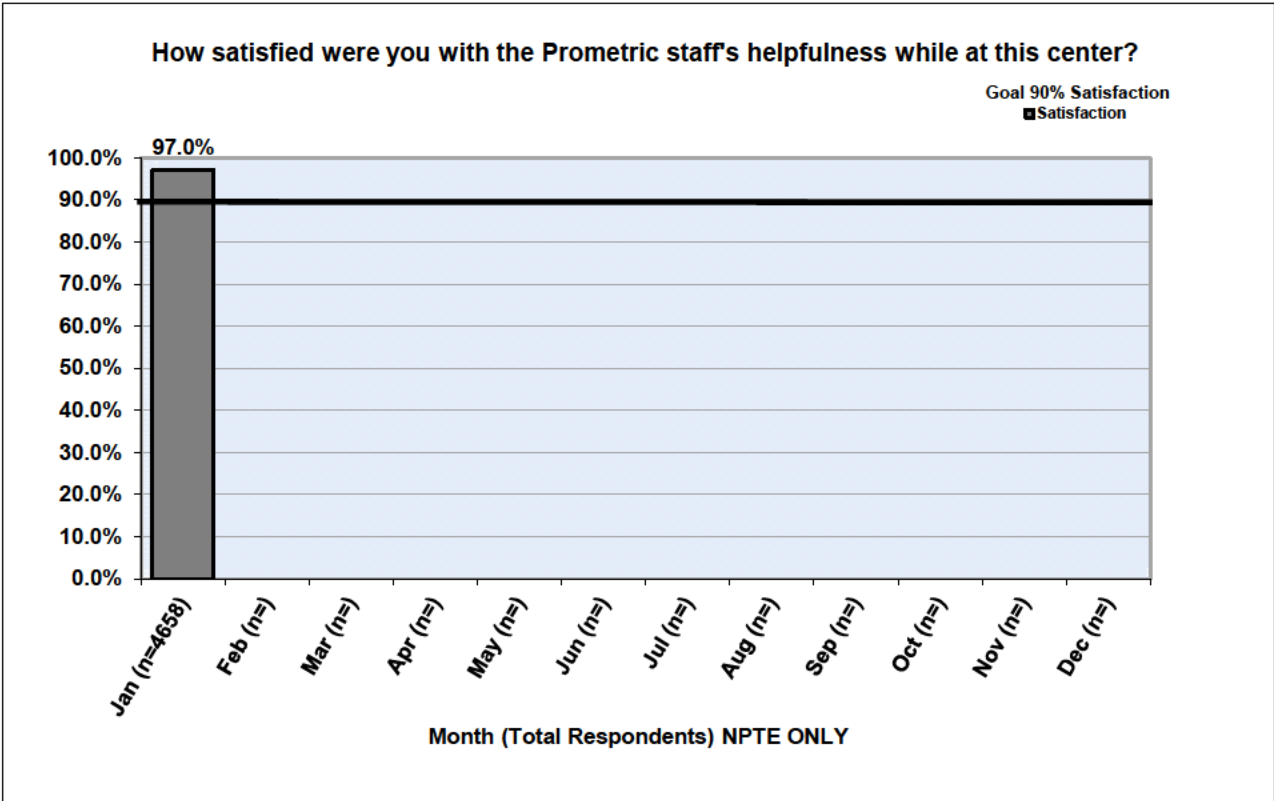
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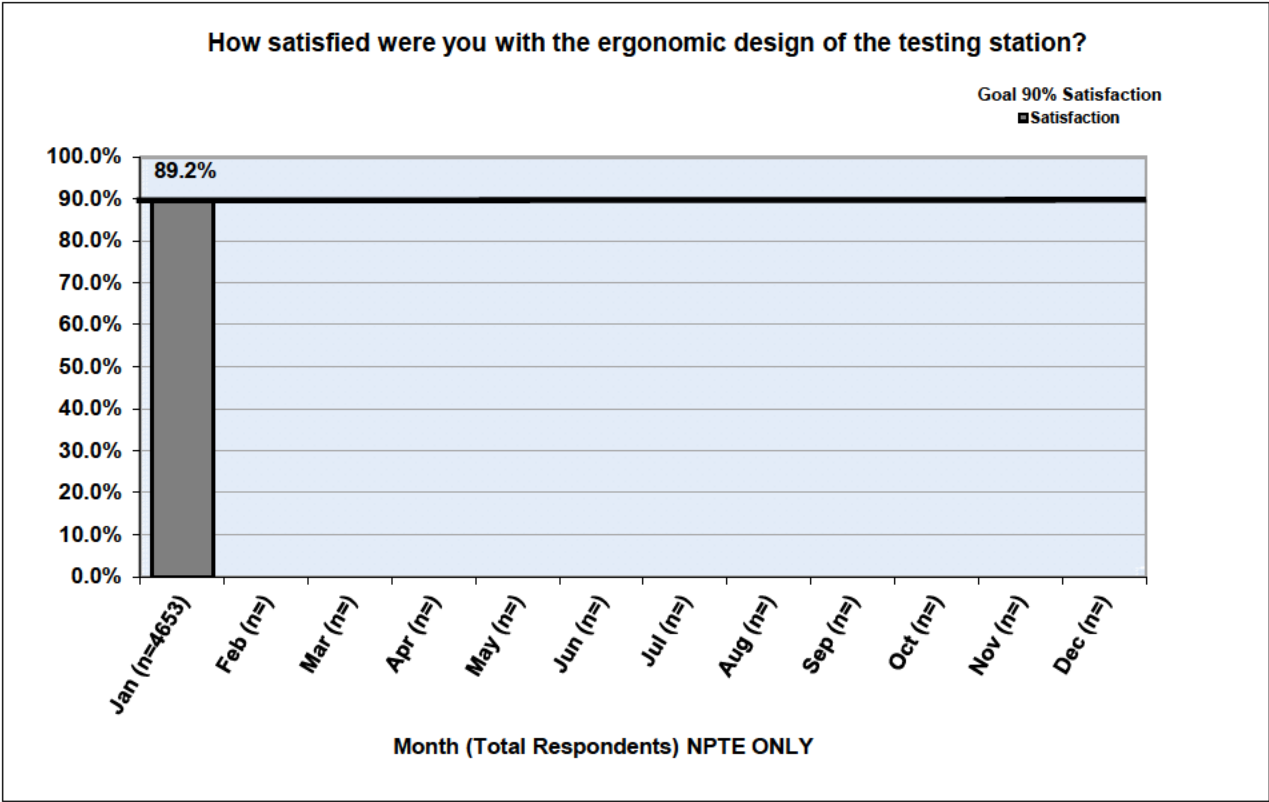
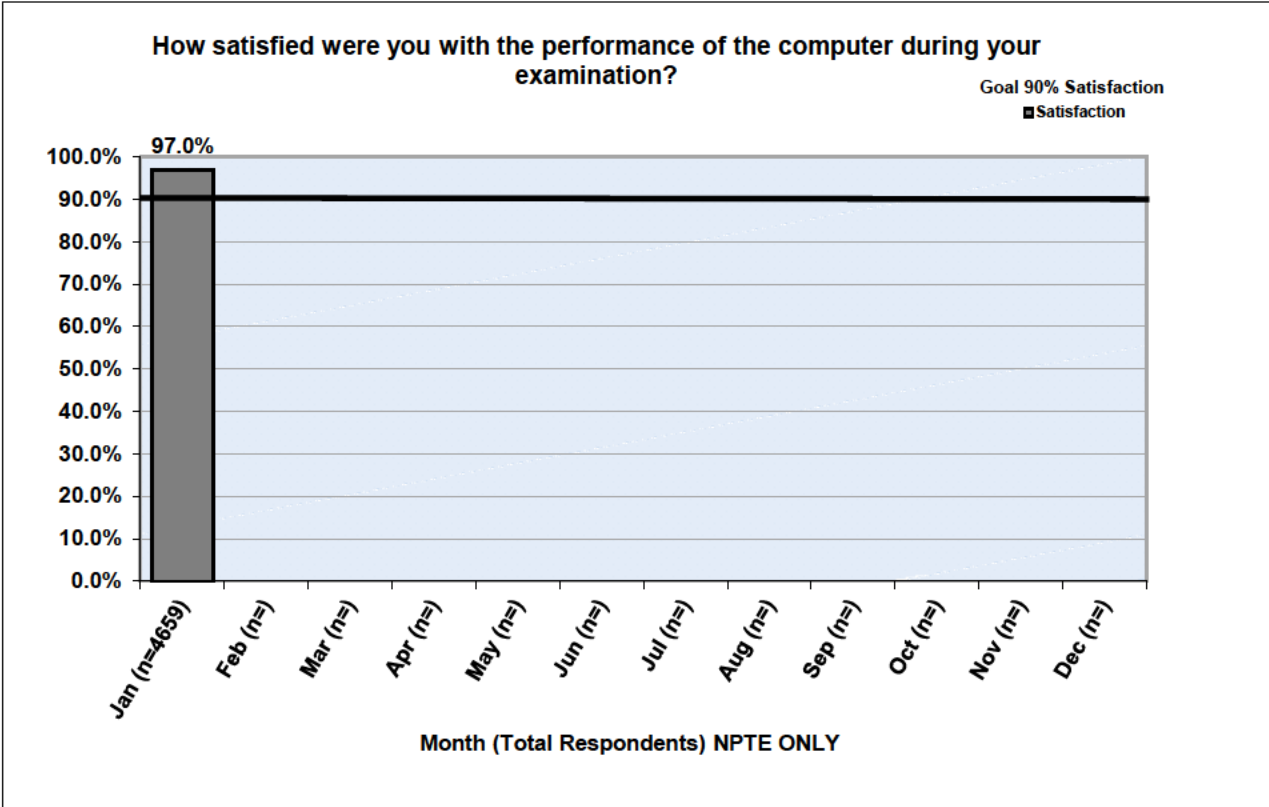
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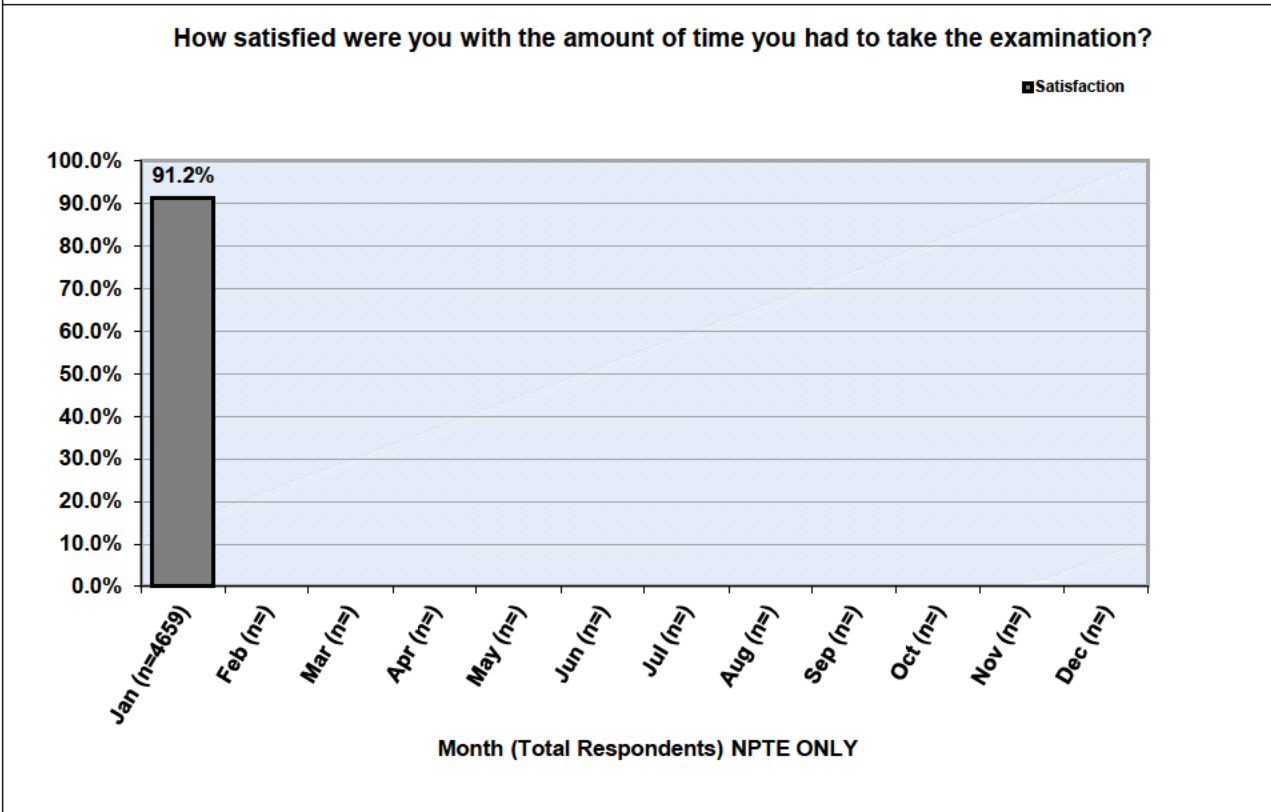
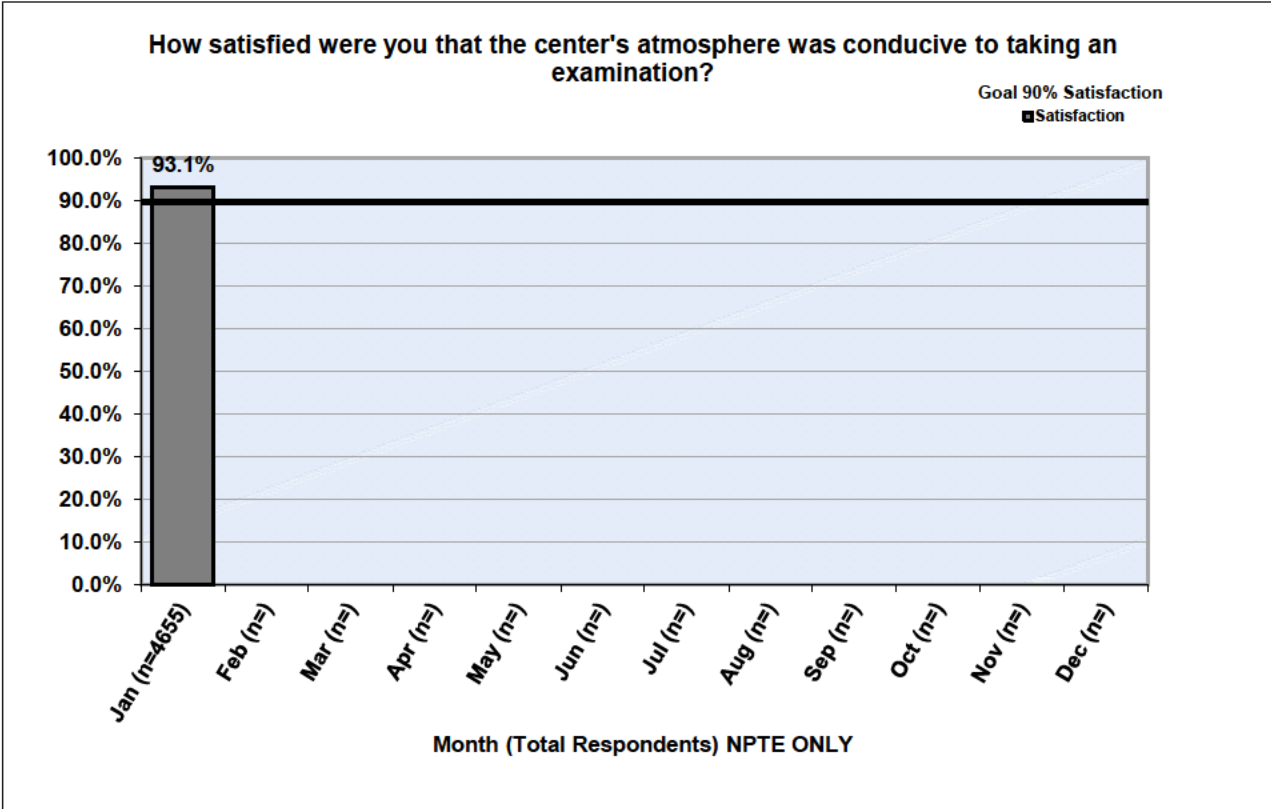


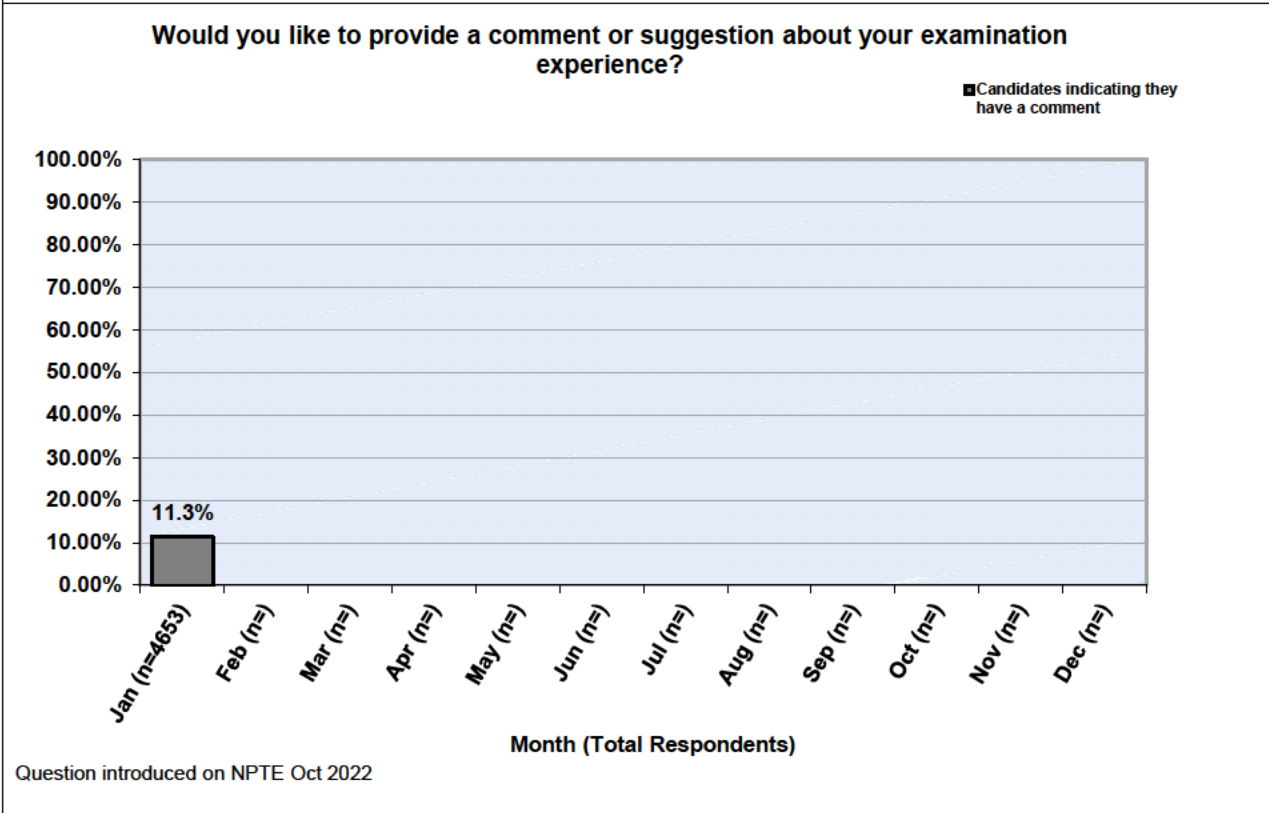
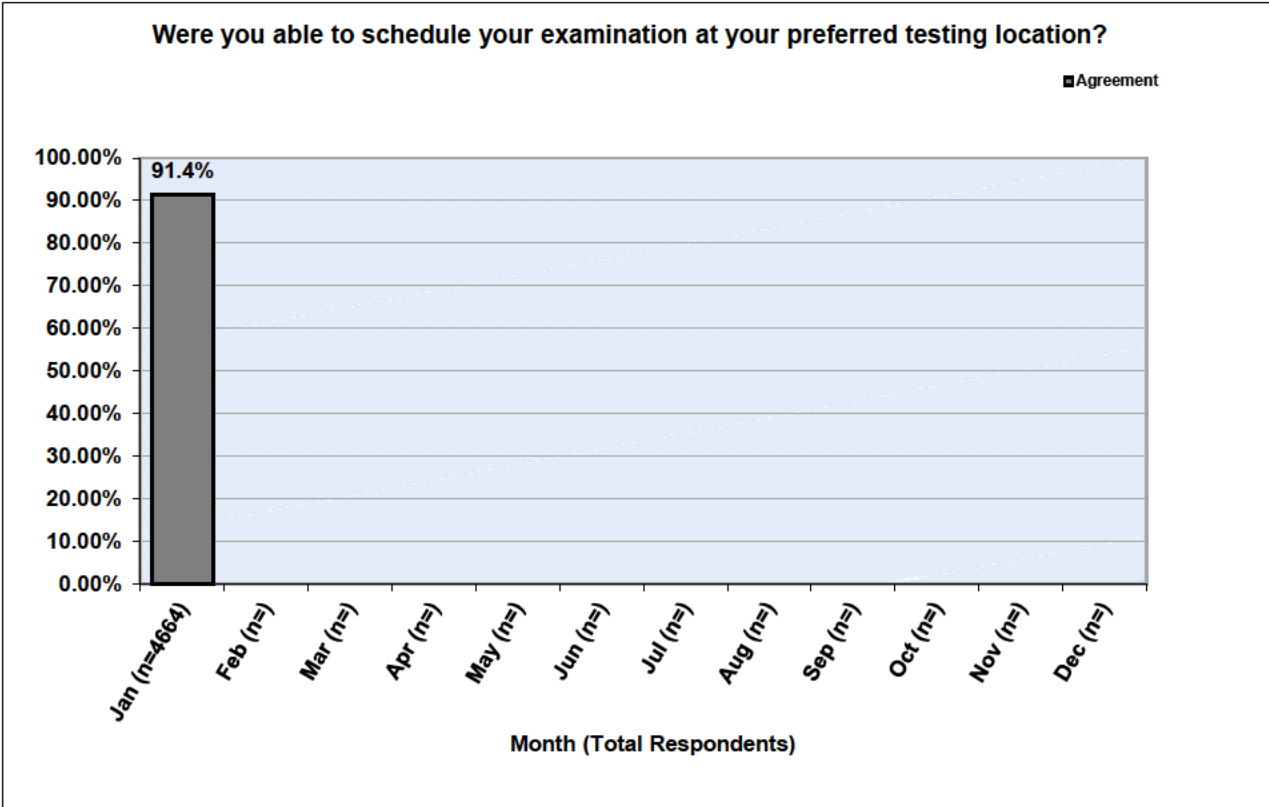


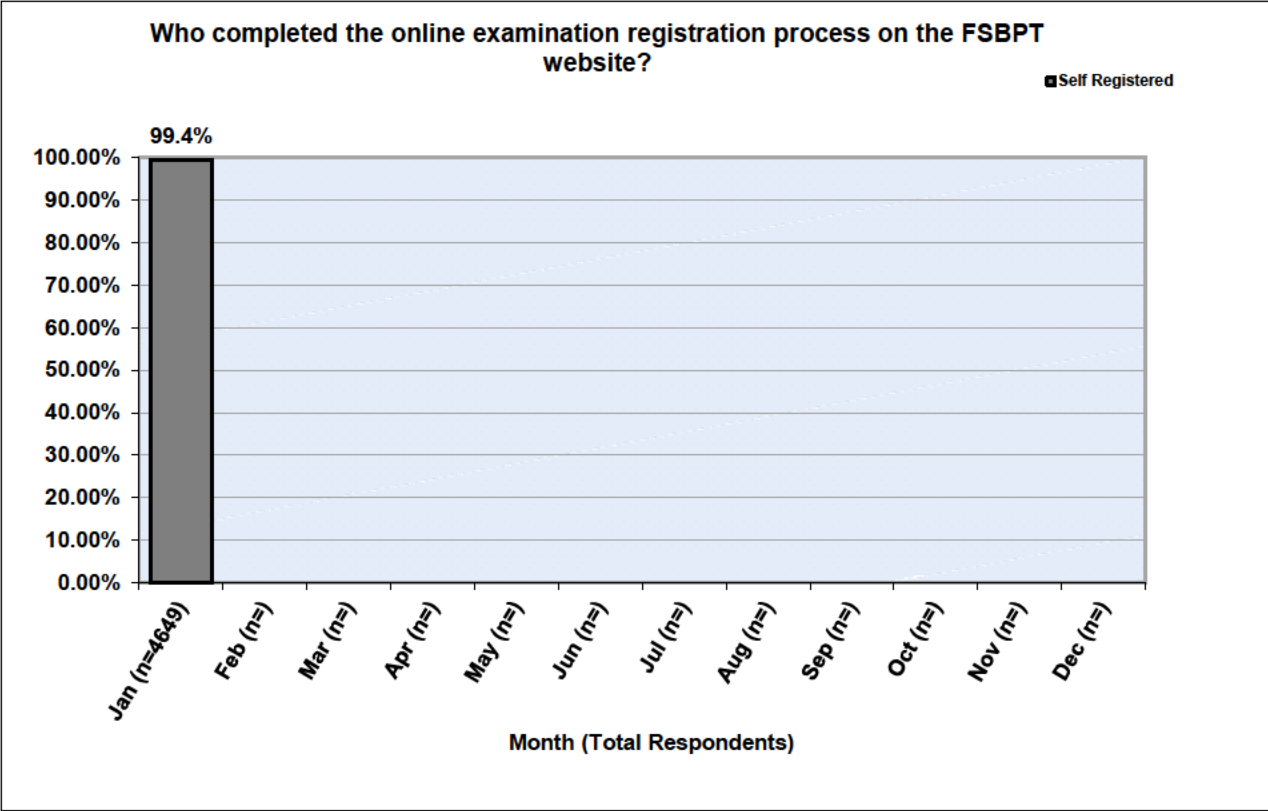


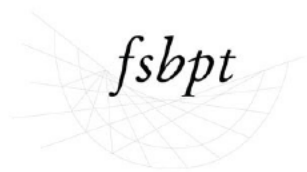












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Candidates Seeking Licensure In:	Test Center (TC) #	TC City, State, Country	Exam	Candidate Name (Last, First)	Test Month	Test Year	Candidate Comment
Hawaii	3106	Honolulu, HI, USA	PTA	[REDACTED]	January	2026	Please make sure your AC is working. this is the second time I have come in and the AC was malfunctioning
	3106	Honolulu, HI, USA	PT	[REDACTED]	January	2026	The exam experience was pretty smooth this time. No distractions and no fire alarms unlike last october.