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The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) provides a valid and reliable program for the evaluation of individuals wishing to enter, continue, and/or advance in the NP profession through the certification process.

Mission

Provide excellence in testing and certification for nurse practitioners.

Vision

Nurse Practitioners meet the highest standards of excellence and competence to support quality care and optimal health outcomes.

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Letter from the Commissioner Chair & CEO

Dear Nurse Practitioner Colleagues,

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) serves the public and the nurse practitioner community through excellence in testing and certification for NPs. Initial and renewal certifications are offered for Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP), Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners (AGNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP), and Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENP) as a specialty certification. AANPCB-certified Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP) and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP) continue to be eligible for recertification by meeting practice and continuing education requirements.

This report provides an overview of our annual activities and year-end number of certifications, exams administered, passing rate report, financial profile, and featured events from 2024. Given our financial stability, we will again not raise fees on our certification exams and recertification. We had several leadership changes in 2024 and want to acknowledge the many years of contribution by our retired CEO, Dr. Diane Tyler, and longstanding board members, Dr. Lorna Schumann and Dr. Mary Ellen Roberts. One highlight in 2024 was the launch of our Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certification and the subsequent accreditation achieved through ABSNC. By the end of 2024, 584 PMHNPs were certified by AANPCB.

AANPCB is proud to have 95% of candidates who are likely to recommend us. We send a special thank you to our staff, commissioners, and content contributors who made a successful 2024 in supporting our certificants and the nurse practitioner profession.

Lorraine Reiser, Chair
PhD, CRNP, FNP-C, FAANP

Kevin Letz, CEO
DNP, MBA, RN, CNE-Ret, FNP-C,
ANP-BC, PPCNP-BC, ENP-C, FAANP

AANPCB Launches PMHNP Certification Exam

AANPCB began accepting applications for the PMHNP-C certification exam in January 2024 for testing seats that opened on April 25, 2024. This accomplishment was preceded by two years of practice analysis and exam development. This effort was supported, in large part, by our valuable PMHNP content contributors.

AANPCB applied for accreditation with the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) and is pleased to announce ABSNC granted the PMHNP program accreditation effective January 1, 2025.

By year-end, AANPCB received over 1,000 PMHNP applications and 584 PMHNPs were certified by AANPCB.

Thank you to our Content Contributors!

Content contributors are crucial to the certification development process. AANPCB certification exams are reviewed annually and rely on experienced clinicians' input to maintain valid, up-to-date source material. **AANPCB would like to thank all the content contributors who joined us in 2024!**

Want to expand your NP experience and help develop AANPCB's certification exams as an AANPCB Content Contributor? Follow the QR code to [submit your interest](#).



AANPCB Appoints New Leadership

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) is pleased to announce key leadership appointments to support our mission of promoting excellence in NP certification.

Effective October 14, 2024, Kevin Letz, DNP, MBA, RN, CNE-Ret, FNP-C, ANP-BC, PPCNP-BC, ENP-C, FAANP, assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Dr. Letz brings extensive experience in clinical practice, education, and leadership, positioning him to guide AANPCB through continued innovation and growth. Also, effective the same date, retiring CEO Diane Tyler, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN transitioned into a consultant role until the end of 2024.



On October 15, 2024, Pamela Ing, PhD, ICE-CCP, was appointed Chief Credentialing Officer (CCO). Dr. Ing has collaborated closely with AANPCB leadership and content contributors since 2022, offering strategic oversight in psychometric evaluation and exam development. She played a pivotal role in launching AANPCB's newest program, the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner examination, reinforcing the organization's commitment to advancing NP certification.

Effective January 21, 2025, Tanya Carroccio, DNP, MBA, AGNP-BC, NEA-BC, assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer (COO). Dr. Carroccio's extensive leadership background in healthcare quality, compliance, and nursing operations will be instrumental in driving operational excellence at AANPCB. Her experience in leading transformative quality assurance initiatives has improved patient outcomes, streamlined regulatory processes, and optimized clinical workflows.

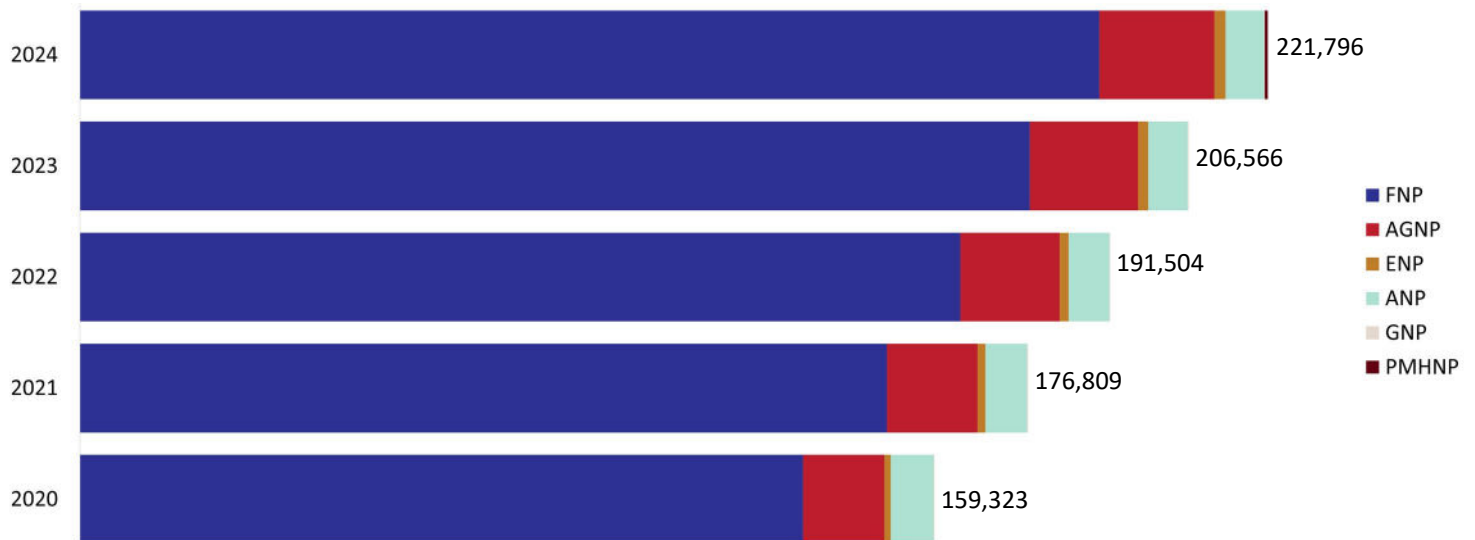


With a strong leadership team in place, AANPCB remains committed to supporting nurse practitioners and advancing the NP profession through the certification process.

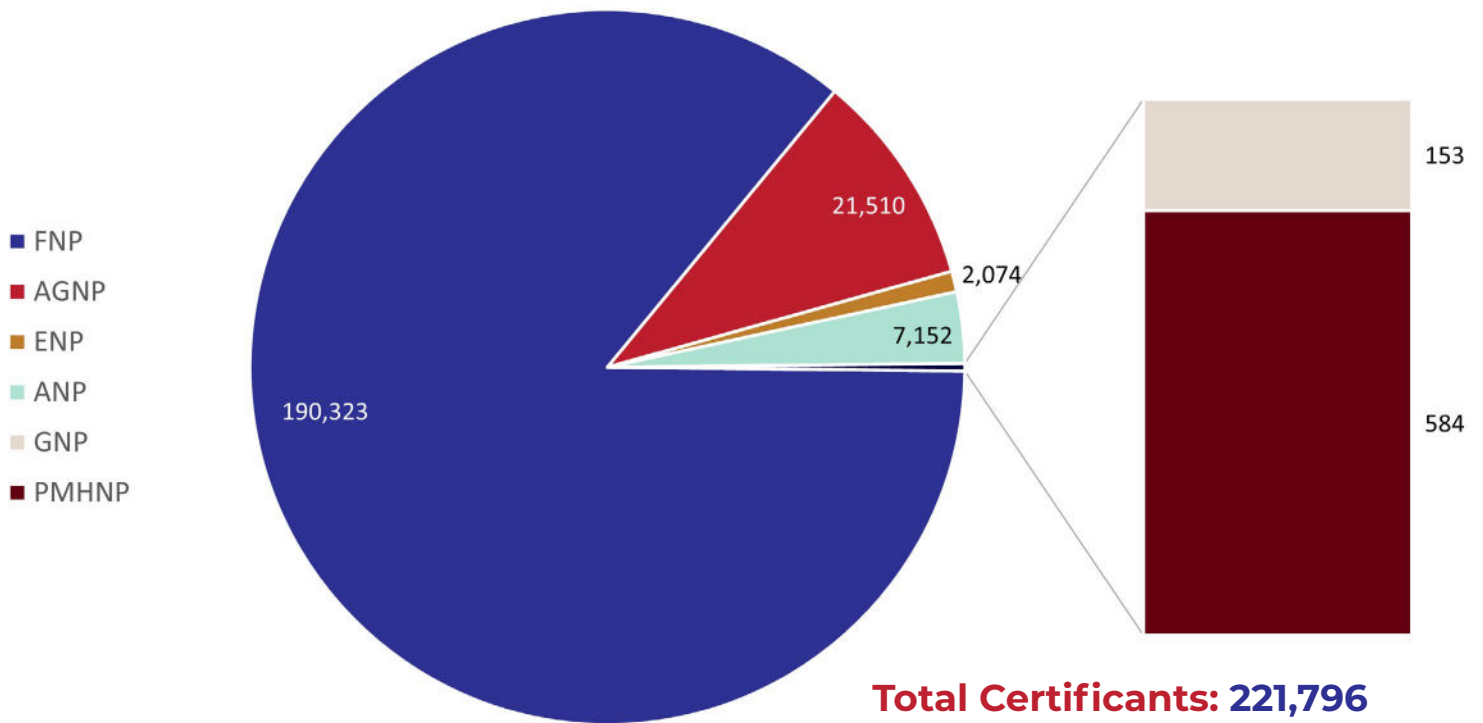
AANPCB at a Glance

Largest certifier of primary care NPs.

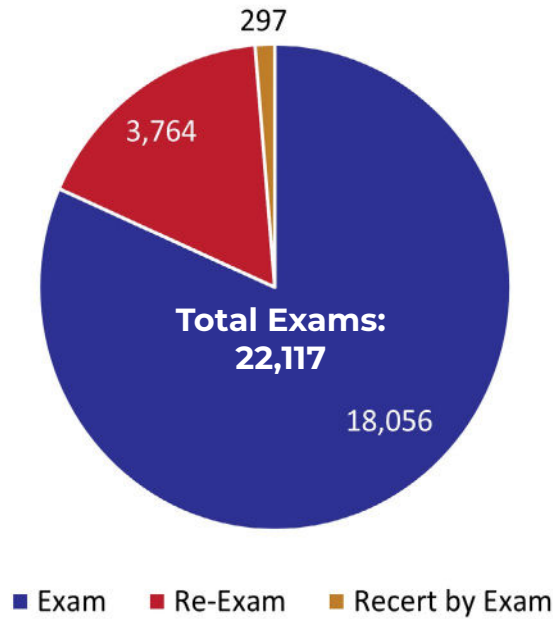
Certification Growth by Year



2024 Certifications by Specialty



2024 AANPCB Exams



2024 ENP Initial Exams By Eligibility Option

Continuing Education

129

Pass rate: 91%

Academic Program

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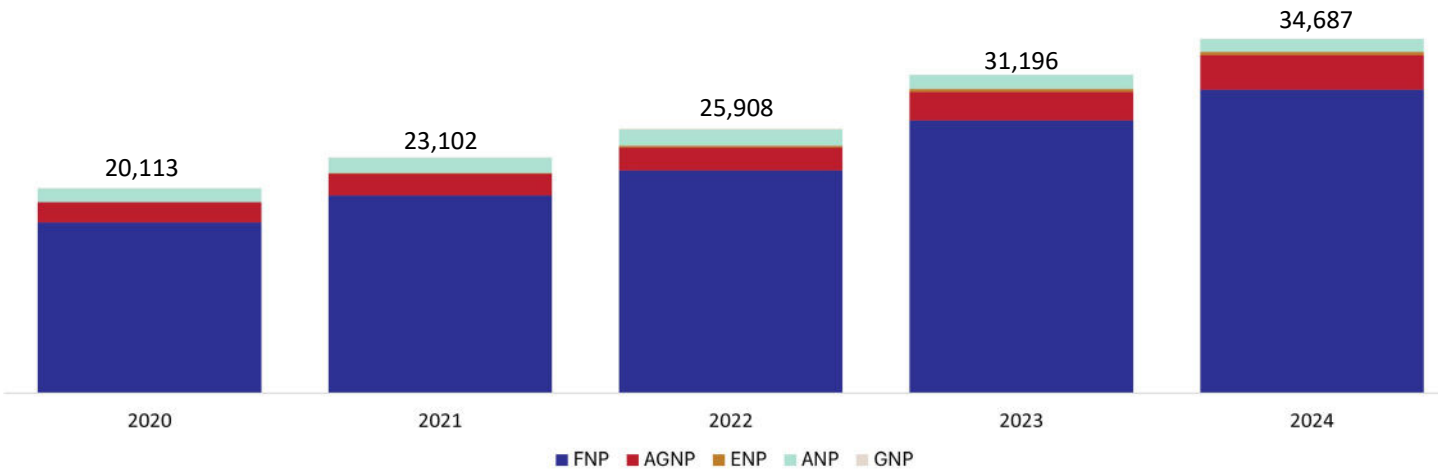
Pass rate: 91%

Fellowship

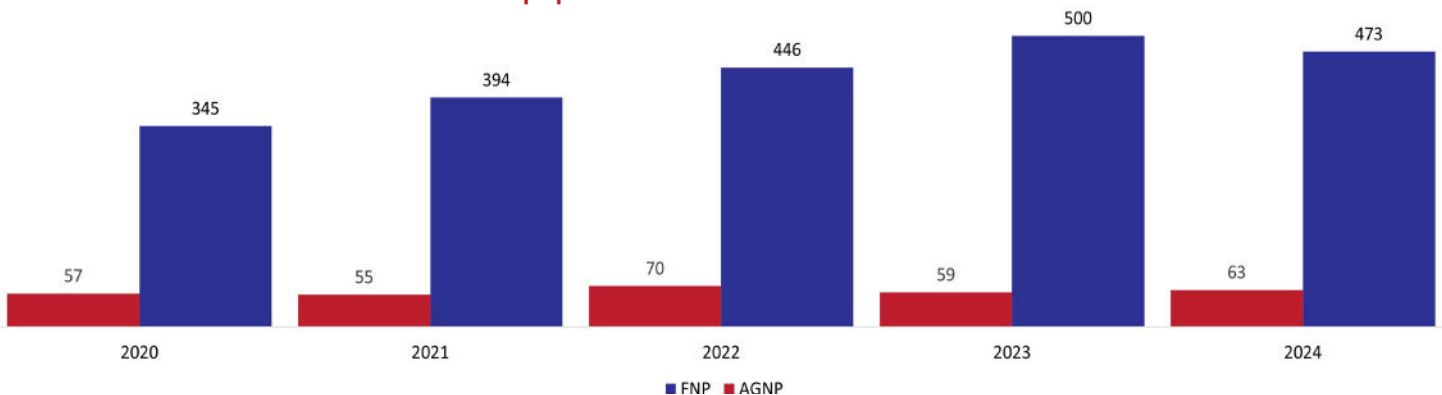
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Pass rate: 100%

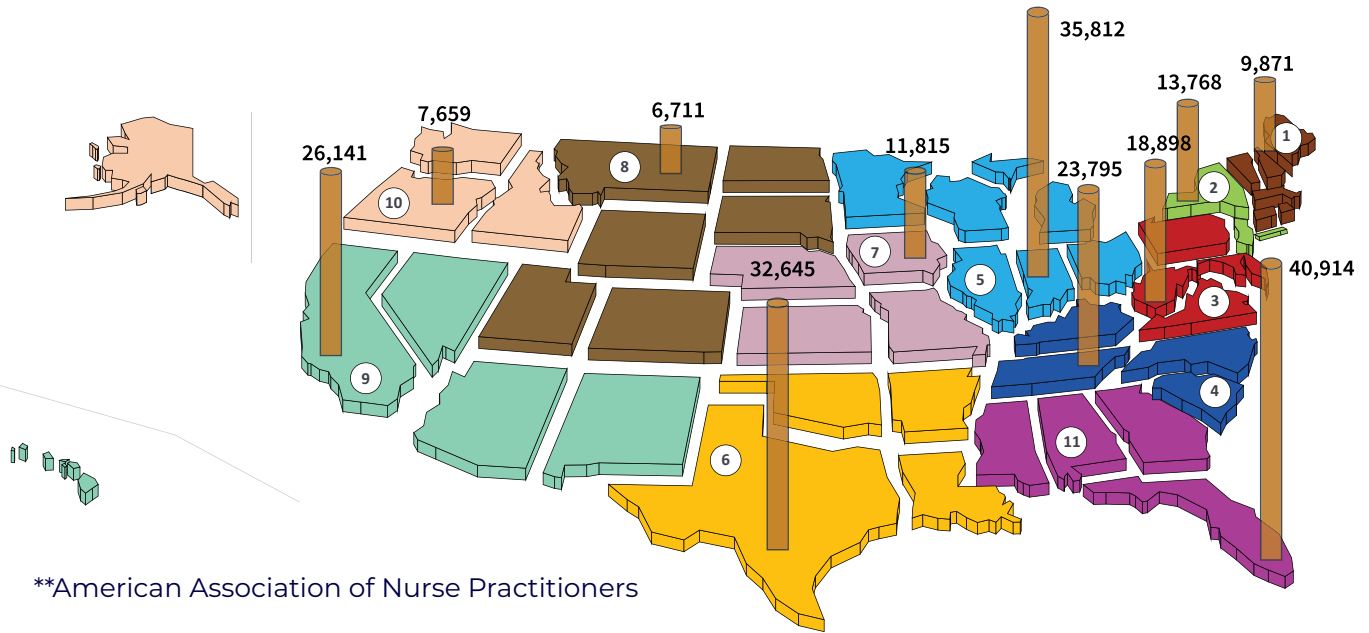
Recertification by CE & Practice



Canadian NP: Initial Applications



AANP** Region Map: Active AANPCB Certificants



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National Pass Rate Report

This report refers to initial exams taken from 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024 for the Family NP, Adult-Gerontology NP, Psychiatric Mental Health NP, and Emergency NP national certification exams.

Family NP Exam



1st Time Exams: 15,491
Pass Rate 83%

Adult-Gerontology NP Exam



1st Time Exams: 1,630
Pass Rate 87%

Psychiatric Mental Health NP Exam



1st Time Exams: 699
Pass Rate 82%

Emergency NP Exam



1st Time Exams: 236
Pass Rate 91%

Affiliations



[American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#) (AANP) is the largest full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties.



[Prometric LLC](#) is the test delivery vendor for AANPCB certification programs. Prometric is a leading global provider of technology-enabled testing and assessment solutions. Their integrated end-to-end solutions provide exam development, management, and distribution that set the industry standard in quality, security, and service excellence.



[The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners](#) (AAENP) promotes high-quality, evidence-based practice for NPs providing emergency care for patients of all ages and acuities in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team.



[PSI Services LLC](#) (PSI) is the test development vendor for AANPCB certification programs. PSI has over 70 years of experience providing worldwide testing solutions to corporations, federal and state government agencies, professional associations, certifying bodies, and leading academic institutions.

Accreditation



[ABSNC](#) provides a peer-review mechanism that allows nursing certification organizations to obtain accreditation of their certification programs by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry.



[NCCA](#), the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) accrediting body, serves to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of certification programs and organizations that assess professional competence.



ANP-C Adult NP

AGNP-C Adult-Gerontology NP

ENP-C Emergency NP

FNP-C Family NP

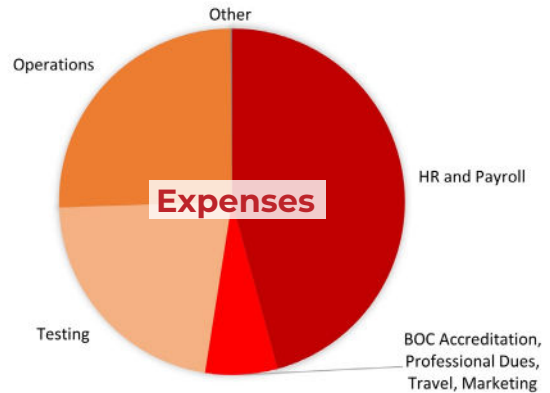
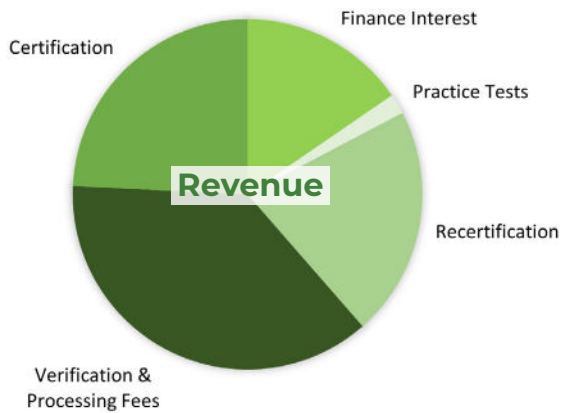
GNP-C Gerontologic NP

PMHNP-C Psychiatric Mental Health NP

NP-C is a registered trademark. This designation presents NP certification by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB). The population/specialty certification precedes the NP-C credential.

Only individuals who have met the standards, qualifications, testing requirements, and maintenance of certification requirements established by AANPCB may use this mark. NPs who allow their AANPCB certification to expire may not use the NP-C credential and may not represent themselves as being certified by AANPCB.

Financial Statement



Outlook for 2025

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projects for 2025 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examinations, employer verification, and recertification fees. The cost associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remains one of our greatest expenses. In 2024, HR and payroll experienced growth as AANPCB brought on additional staff to meet certification demand.

This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/24.

2024 Outreach

AANPCB provides Certification 101, a free webinar guiding students through the NP certification process. Public sessions are available at aanpcert.org, and faculty can request virtual or in-person sessions via [email](mailto:certification@aanpcert.org). A pre-recorded version is also accessible through the [Faculty Portal](#).

Care packages with informational materials are available for students. Faculty or graduate nursing student organization leaders can email certification@aanpcert.org to learn more.

Stay up to date by following us on social media and reading our bi-annual newsletter, [The Connection!](#)



2024 Conference Exhibits

AACN Doctoral Conference

AANP Health Policy Conference

AAENP National Conference

CANP Educational Conference

AACN Deans Meeting

NONPF Annual Conference

APNA Clinical

Psychopharmacology Institute

AANP National Conference

NNP Symposium Conference

TNP 36th Annual Conference

ICN NP/APN Conference

GAPNA Annual Conference

AANP Fall Conference

APNA Annual Conference

2024 Board of Commissioners



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PHD, RN, FNP-C ENP-C,
ACNS-BC, ACNP-BC, FAAN
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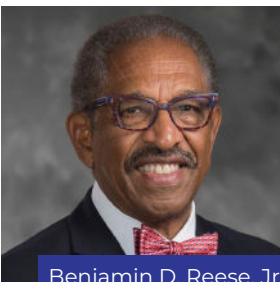
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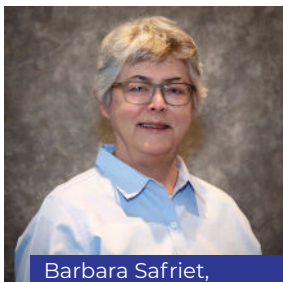
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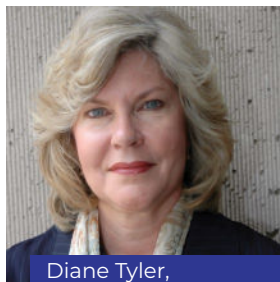
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Diane Tyler,
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FAANP, FAAN
CEO

2025 Commissioners

The 2025 Commissioner election was held October 20-November 2, 2024. AANPCB is pleased to announce **Pedro A. Colio, PhD, DNP, FNP-C, ENP-C** and **Kathleen S. Jordan, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, ENP-C, FAEN, FAANP**, who has been reelected to the board, will represent FNP's on the AANPCB Board of Commissioners beginning January 1, 2025, for a three-year term.

AANPCB would like to express gratitude to Commission Chair **Lorna Schumann, PhD, RN, FNP-C, ENP-C, ACNS-BC, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP** and Acting Vice Chair **Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN, ANP-C, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN**, whose terms ended on December 31, 2024, for their years of service to our nurse practitioners and certifying board. Additionally, **Alison M. Farr, DNP, RN, FNP-C**, has been appointed by the AANPCB Board to serve in a term ending on December 31, 2026, representing FNP's.



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