

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

100 North Union Street, Suite 724  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 8, 2018

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian at 10:00 AM. Board Members present were; Adams, Christian, Hobbs, Borrego, Strunk, Hemm, McGriff, Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Sheila Wright, Executive Assistant III, Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director, and visitor Ms. Angela Urban, PT.

**Open Discussion** – Chair Christian greeted everyone and opened the floor to general discussion. The Executive Director greeted new Board member Randi Borrego to her first meeting and recognized the reappointment of Alina Adams. Adams requested if there could be an annual jurisprudence pass/fail reports developed and sent back to the schools.

Executive Director requested the board approve travel for Member Christian and Vinzant to attend the Alabama Association of Regulatory Investigator Training that had been conducted January 29 through 31, 2018 in Perdido Beach, Alabama. Vinzant explained that the notice of the meeting had not been sent out until after the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made by Hemm to approve travel, seconded by Strunk. All members voted in approval.

- II. Minutes** – The minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Member Strunk and Adams requested changes to the sections on pharmacology and animal physical therapy. After discussion, Strunk made a motion to accept discussed changes. Adams seconded. All members voted in approval. Strunk made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended, seconded by Adams. All members voted in favor of the amended minutes.

**III. Reports**

**New Licensees Report** –Presented by Sheila Wright. (Attachment A). After review of the report, Ms. Wright pointed out that in the last calendar year 465 Practioners were licensed. 254 by endorsement and 211 by exam. The Executive Director mentioned this is giving 55% on new licensees the opportunity to practice for up to a year before exposure to the Practice Act and Administrative Code. Additional discussion focused on changes in the NPTE that have affected the test results.

**Violations Committee Report** –Case #17-2-7 Alleged sexual misconduct. Executive Director notified the board that the case has been “no billed” by the Grand Jury. The Violations Committee recommended that the case should be dismissed with a letter of concern to the Practioner. Case #18-02-17 Rehab center complaint on PTA alleging possible substance abuse. Licensee voluntarily surrendered license. Case #18-04-11 Therapist in Wellness program failed routine screening. License was suspended under recommendation of Wellness Program Manager. Licensee, in turn, voluntarily surrendered license. Member McGriff motioned to accept the two licensees surrendering of their

licenses. Seconded by Adams. McGriff, Strunk, Hemm, Borrego, Adams, voted yea; Christian and Hobbs abstained. A pending application was sent to the Violations Committee due to the applicants having two adverse action in other jurisdictions. The applicant met with the Violations Committee and discussed the actions. The applicant has agreed to forward a pending dismissal from Texas. After review, the Violations Committee recommended the applicant be licensed. After a discussion which included clarification that both states licenses had been resolved and restored to good standing, a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Strunk, seconded by McGriff. McGriff, Strunk, Hemm, Borrego, and Adams voted yea; Christian and Hobbs abstained.

Executive Director Report – Vinzant, provided a report on the activities in the Administrative Office since the December meeting. (Attachment B).

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant presented review of email and Facebook activity. Vinzant mentioned the spring newsletter and articles needed. After discussion, members committed to provide articles. The newsletter is scheduled to go out late March or early April. (Attachment C).

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Dr. Garver. (Attachment D). Dr. Garver presented his review of the current cases and their status. In closing, Dr. Garver mentioned that the Wellness program is also available for Practioners who are having sexual boundary issues if ever needed.

Dr. Garver left the meeting at 11:11AM.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. Financial activity of current year through December. (Attachment E) Discussion of overall financial standing and fund balance.

#### **IV. Presentation**

The meeting agenda was altered by the Board Chair to accommodate the representatives from iGov. Presentation of database system option provided vendor iGov and demonstration of features of system to the board. After the presentation, there was a brief discussion of the potential financial impact to the board. It was requested that the Executive Director present an overall cost impact for at next meeting.

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

Jurisprudence Access Module—the review of whether the JAM meets the criteria of a requirement of initial licensing. It does if the Board votes it in favor of it as the requirement. The next question to be answered is the possibility of the JAM meeting the 5 year jurisprudence requirement? Discussion brought up concerns of committing to an FSBPT exclusive product. Members expressed concerns of initial costs to the board and cost to licensees. Discussion closed with a request for financial recap of the costs, current

charges of jurisprudence course providers and asking FSBPT if they can provide access to another state's JAM for our members to see how the program works.

Administrative Code modifications—Executive Director presented the pending code changes to application process as a result of the approval of the alternative approval pathway. When discussing the approved removal of the mobility aide phrase; the Executive Director solicited if it is a good time to revisit the physical therapist aide section as a whole. After discussion, the board decided to form a task force of members Adams, Strunk, and McGriff to work on the section and present changes for consideration at future meetings. Further discussion centered on the jurisprudence continuing education requirement for licensure by endorsement. After discussion, a motion was made by Strunk to move the jurisprudence continuing education requirement to 30 days after initial licensure; seconded by Adams. All members voted in favor.

## **VII. New Business**

Board Training—members were solicited to select two members who can attend the board training to be held at FSBPT offices in Alexandria, VA June 8-10. Randi Borrego and Margaret Hemm were selected. All members voted in approval.

Leadership Forum selection—it was voted by the membership to have Strunk as Voting member representative, Christian as alternate voting member representative, and Vinzant as Funded Administrator for the forum held July 14-15. Representatives will also attend the annual meeting October 25-29, 2018 in Reston, Virginia. All members voted in approval.

Board Nominations—the PTA representing the northern section of the state will become open in October. Member McGriff is eligible for reappointment. Executive Director stated public notices soliciting nominations will begin next week.

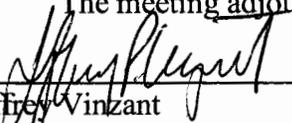
## **VIII. Announcements**

### **Scheduled board meetings:**

- April 20 & 21, 2018 (Perdido Beach Resort)
- June 21, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- August 10 & 11, 2018 (Westin Hotel, Birmingham)
- October 11, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- December 13, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)

## **IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.

  
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Jeffrey Vinzant  
Executive Director

  
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Wiley Christian, III  
Board Chair

**Licensee Report**

November 28, 2017 - January 31, 2018

**New Licensees**

**58 Physical Therapists**

**25 via Exam**

**7 FAILED 1/24/2018 EXAM**

Alabama State—3

MS Ramaiah College—1

University of Alabama Birmingham—1

University of Saint Augustine—2

**33 via ENDORSEMENTS**

**16 Physical Therapists Assistants**

**11 via Exam**

**8 FAILED 1/10/2018 EXAM**

South University—6

Wallace State Hanceville—1

George C Wallace—1

**5 via Endorsement**

**25 Temp License**

18 PT

7 PTA

1 PTA Rescinded for failing Alabama Law

2 PTA Rescinded for failing NPTE

3 PT'S Rescinded for failing NPTE

*Students and Supervisors were notified*

**9 FCCPT Reports**

8 Substantially equivalent to CWT 5

1 Substantially equivalent to CWT 4

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**February 8, 2018**

The New Year started off with welcomed news of the appointment of Randi Borrego as PTA Member representing the southern section and Alina Adams reappointment to the board. We wish outgoing member Vince Molyneux much success and happiness in the future.

In December, I was asked by FSBPT to serve on two different committees. I will be on the Finance Committee and the Board Assessment Task Force. We are asked to serve for a two years. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the board with this service. So far, it appears that most work will be done via teleconferences.

In early January, Wiley and I had a teleconference with FSBPT and reviewed the proposed changes in the Jurisprudence Exam that will go into effect the second week of March.

On the legislature front, there is just not anything to report. Now that the CHIP funding has been renewed by the federal government, and it appears the state will not have to make up the difference in the program; therefore, the Legislators are quickly working on finalizing the two state budgets and plan to wrap up the session in April. Their focus is to get done and get out there campaigning for the November elections.

Ms. Wright and I are beginning to get out and visit the programs and meet the graduating classes. So far we've seen UAB. I've made visits to ASU and South University to discuss Jurisprudence and board operations with those schools incoming classes. Other schools currently scheduled are South, Calhoun (Decatur) and we will have our first visit to Samford scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup>.

As always, a thank you to all board members for your service.

Submitted by:

Jeffrey Vinzant

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **February 8, 2018**

Blast e-mails were sent:

No activity this cycle

Facebook activity:

- December 12—forwarded post from ALAPTA announcing PT Night Out in Birmingham.
- December 13—forwarded post from APTA on the President signing law allowing PTA billing in TRICARE.
- December 15—forwarded post from APTA on call to action on Therapy Caps.
- December 18—forwarded post from ALAPTA on new mission statement.
- December 18—forwarded post from FSBPT on 2018 testing date deadlines.
- December 22—Season's Greetings post from the Board staff.
- January 4—Forwarded post from APTA PT in Motion on opioid and therapy.
- January 8—Forwarded post from Move Forward PT on PT vs. opioids.
- January 15—Notice to public of offices closed for MLK holiday.
- January 16—Notice to public of offices closing due to weather.
- January 25—forwarded post from ALAPTA announcing PT Night out in Huntsville.
- January 27—forwarded post from ALAPTA of photos from Night out in Huntsville.

**Spring Newsletter: Articles and Suggestions**  
**Deadline: Last week March-First week April.**

**Alabama Physical Therapy Wellness Committee**

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Gentlemen/Ladies:

I am glad to report that all these Physical Therapy Health Professionals are all fully compliant at this time. I want to express their gratitude to a Board who has taken the stance to be a part of rehabilitation of its constituents.

**PTA D-14-01 (Deferral)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative.

**PTA D-14-02 (Deferral)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative.

**PTA 09-08-34 (Public)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative.

**PTA D-15-01 (Deferral)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative.

**PT D-15-03 (Deferral)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative.

**PTA D-15-02 (Deferral)** is currently under contract and is compliant with all of the treatment center recommendations.

**PT D 16-01 (Deferral)** has signed documents, is under contract and is compliant with all reports and all screens are negative

**PTA D -16-03 (Deferral)** has completed treatment (alcohol) and is being monitored by us.

**PT D-17-1 (Deferral)** has completed treatment (alcohol) and is being monitored by us.

PT D-17-2 Has completed treatment and is being monitored by our committee

PTA H17- has completed treatment (alcohol) and is being monitored by us.

**PT 17-4 HAS ASKED THAT HIS\HER LICENSE BE INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED SUBSEQUENT TO A RELAPSE WITH THEIR DRUG OF CHOICE, COCAINE. THIS VOIDS THE DEFERRAL AGREEMENT, AND IF THE PT DECIDES SOMETIME TO RETURN ANY RESULTING TREATMENT AND BOARD ACITION WILL BE PART OF THE PUBLIC FILE. THIS PT WILL ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE NPDB. THE PT WAS ADVISED OF ALL THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES BY MYSELF AND MR. VINZANT.**

All these individuals have mentors, and all are involved in the profession of Physical therapy at this time.

Mike Garver

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy  
 Financial Review  
 FY 2018

**Beginning Fund Balance:** 1,050,791

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
<b>Revenue:</b>	225,144.00	11,193.00	9,268.00	6,790.00									<b>252,395.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>													
Salaries & Benefits	12,146.20	14,896.20	22,284.80	5,988.60									55,315.80
Travel in State	2,644.71	0.00	1,856.25	472.25									4,973.21
Travel out of State	0.00	2,518.44	0.00	0.00									2,518.44
Conferences	1,740.00	0.00	0.00										1,740.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									0.00
Telecom-Web services	409.30	409.30	357.00	382.16									1,557.76
Attorney General Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									0.00
STAARS Support Fee	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00									4,500.00
Comptroller's Fee	114.77	121.63	95.82										332.22
State Business Sys Fee	11.08	20.79	26.33										58.20
Rent	4,816.59	5,687.42	4,816.59	4,816.59									20,137.19
Professional Services	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33									13,333.32
Memberships & Dues	3,475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									3,475.00
Office Supplies	92.74	0.00	0.00	63.36									156.10
Office Equipment	0.00	16.60	4.14	5.28									26.02
Postage Services	217.81	107.19	112.55										437.55
Reference Service Fee	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									60.00
Risk Management	1,935.00	0.00	0.00	875.00									2,810.00
ADA Accommodation Fee	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00									225.00
Cellular Contract	41.24	82.48	41.24										164.96
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00										0.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	33,287.77	27,418.38	32,928.05	18,186.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>111,820.77</b>

**Current Fund Balance:** 1,191,365