

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2017

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Chair Wiley Christian, III at the board’s offices. Members present were, Adams, Champion, Christian, Hobbs, McGriff, Molyneux, Strunk, Bettie Carmack, Assistant Attorney General, Sheila Wright, Executive Assistant III, and Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director.

Open Discussion – Adams presented that the Consumer Information Certificate be updated. She presented a draft of needed changes. Discussion centered on making it more like a certificate suitable for hanging. Ms. Wright brought up the need to update our original licenses that are sent out to new licensees. Discussion involved keeping it where it had the pocket version available, yet having more color, a nicer appearance, and ensuring that it cannot be counterfeited. Vinzant stated he would look into costs of new license stock since current inventory is running low and now would be a good time for change.

Adams asked the Board to revisit the need for a Personnel Committee to evaluate the professional staff. Christian inquired as to whether a model exists. Discussion involved more frequent surveys of licensees and their feedback on their interactions and experiences with professional staff. Christian noted he would look into finding some examples and present to the membership at a future meeting.

Chairman Christian then presented and led a devotional.

Chair Christian moved that the meeting take up a New Business item to recognize a visitor, Ms. Noelle Ward of Alacare Home Health and Hospice, a therapist that had been inquiring along with other therapists on the role of PT’s and PTA’s reconciling medications. The Board agreed and the discussion of what is being asked of therapist in reconciling medications began. Discussion centered on that most were accepting of PT’s reconciling and teaching medications but concerns of PTA’s doing so. Champion brought up potential interference with other boards, namely Pharmacy. Christian mentioned he had brought the matter to the Pharmacy Board and as of this time, not received a response. Remaining discussion focused on issues of who better knows what medications the patient is receiving is educational training meeting this demand? After discussion, Counsel Carmack recommended to the Board to table the item for more discovery. Chair Christian agreed. The matter will be discussed at a later date.

- II. Minutes** – Upon motion by Molyneux and second by Adams with condition of correction of typographical errors. The board voted unanimously approval of the corrected minutes of the November 2016 board meeting.

III. Reports New Licensees – presented by the Executive Assistant III, Sheila Wright. Through January 6, Temporary Licenses Issued: PTA-1, PT-16. Permanent Licenses Issued by Examination: PTA-1, PT-2. Permanent Licenses Issued by Endorsement: PTA-8, PT-17. Foreign Educated Applicant Educational Credentials Reviewed: Equivalent-2, Deficient-none.

Violations Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Committee recommended that case 16-10-24 be dismissed due to lack of evidence against licensee, Case 16-12-27 be dismissed due to no response from the DA in the county of the incident, and Case 17-2-7 have an investigator visit clinic with the option to suspend license if unsatisfactory response from licensee is obtained. Motion to accept by Molyneux, seconded by Adams. Board accepted unanimously.

Report from the Executive Director – Vinzant advised the board of activities as far as attending STAARS training, attending AARB meeting, the December 19th Administrative Code review, and scheduling of visits to PT and PTA programs throughout the spring.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant presented the report given on activity of the fund balance since the start of the year through end December. Discussion centered on overall costs of year end compared to subsequent months.

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Member Champion. Revised newsletter sent out December 22, 2016. Facebook site notices included December 19th meeting, “Seasons Greeting” notice. Discussion moved to review of needed articles and content of upcoming spring deadline for submissions is last week of February including importance of needed nominations of new board members.

Wellness Committee Report – presented by Treasurer McGriff. Review of report provided by Dr. Graver showing everyone being compliant. Program side is progressing satisfactorily. McGriff presented an e-mail of a recap presented by Dr. Garver. McGriff plans to have a more detailed follow-up conversation with Dr. Garver. The conversation moved to the upcoming expiration of the contract at the end of the fiscal year and starting the review process and developing an RFP.

IV. Correspondence/FYI
No new items presented.

V. Unfinished Business
Chair Christian pointed out that with the absence of Counsel Bledsoe, it would be best to keep the new proposed version of the Administrative Code tabled to another meeting.

VI. New Business
Board member Adams mentioned that we need to look at adding a question on the license

renewal form inquiring to whether or not a licensee is interested in serving as a board member thus giving us a list of potential list of nominees as board opening arise.

Champion updated the status of HB17 and its movement through House Chamber. The question was raised as to the overall liability coverage of the board. Vinzant pointed out that we are covered minimally by the state and that additional coverage was available from state Risk Management. Counsel Carmack reviewed the basics of current coverage and how the board would be protected.

Molyneux questioned if the board meeting room had been arraigned at the upcoming Perdido conference. Vinzant mentioned arrangements had been made. Champion brought up the need of another meeting prior to the April meeting to finalize Administrative Code. After discussion, Chair Christian designated February 9, 2017 at 9:00AM as the next Board Meeting. All members unanimously agreed.

VII. Announcements

Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

February 9, 2017 (Board Office, Montgomery) 9:00AM

April 21, 2017 (Perdido Beach) 10:00 AM

July 13, 2017 (Board Office, Montgomery)

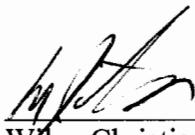
August 11, 2017 (Ross Bridge, Birmingham)

October 12, 2017 (Board Office, Montgomery)

IX. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.



Jeffrey Vinzant,
Executive Director



Wiley Christian, III
Board Chairman