

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
June 21, 2018

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian at 10:01 AM. Board Members present were; Christian, Borrego, Strunk, Hemm, McGriff, Zecher, Bill Garrett, Assistant Attorney General, Sheila Wright, Executive Assistant III, Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director. Visitors attending were Nick Bottoms, Alisa Hogan, and Nick Washmuth, PT.

Chair Christian greeted everyone and recognized new board member Jonathan Zecher, PT from Huntsville. Legal Counsel noted that the meeting did have a quorum.

Ms. Wright provided the devotional.

Open Discussion – Member Strunk reviewed new developments in the PT Compact with three states now being able to share their licensure data. After discussion, it was agreed we will watch how our surrounding states develop into the compact and continue to pace ourselves for timeline of entry, if ever. Christian raised the question to the group if we still wouldn't be better served in finding ways to further streamline our endorsement licensure process to reach the same goal of licensee portability. Consumer Member Hemm pointed out developments in the disciplinary reporting process of the compact. Discussion closed with general agreement to continue to monitor the PT Compact's development.

Chair Christian opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Randi Borrego was nominated by Christian. Being no other nominations, the floor was closed to nominations. All members voted in approval for Borrego as Board Secretary.

- II. Minutes** – The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were reviewed. Member McGriff made a motion to adopt the minutes as is, seconded by Hemm. All members voted in favor of the minutes.

III. Reports

New Licensees Report –Presented by Sheila Wright. (Attachment A). Ms. Wright reviewed new license activity since the April meeting and additionally reviewed the previous year's pass/fail rate of the schools.

Executive Director presented to the members the situation of Ms. Alisa Hogan, an applicant who passed the NPTE; then failed the Alabama Jurisprudence Exam, all in 2013. Ms. Hogan is now seeking to finish the application process and become licensed. Ms. Hogan was given an opportunity to present herself and circumstances of her situation to the board.

After discussion, the board advised Ms. Hogan that there will have to be further research into what type of reentry programs or courses are available before the board makes a decision. The board has tabled this matter until more information can be provided as to a pathway for her to get into the profession. Ms. Hogan left the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Violations Committee Report –The Executive Director presented the situation of a licensee with an expired license who is seeking to have the Alabama license reinstated but has a license from another state currently under probation. The Violations Committee interviewed the licensee and reviewed the circumstances of probation in the other state. After a discussion of the details, the board members agreed that the license may be reinstated once conditions of the other states probation has been met, then meet our reinstatement requirements, and take an Alabama Jurisprudence course. Member Strunk motioned to accept the recommendations of the committee, seconded by McGriff. McGriff, Strunk, Zecher, Borrego voted yea; Christian and Hemm abstained.

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

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant did a recap of activity since the last meeting, no blast emails had been sent. A review of Facebook activity for April 3rd through July 12th showed a total of 12 posts made, 224 views of the site, and 8 “likes”.

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Member McGriff for Dr. Garver (Attachment C). McGriff reviewed the most recent report with the membership. McGriff requested more utilization of the email system to periodically send out information about the wellness program to licensees. Discussion centered on ways we can promote the program.

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

Executive Director recognized visitor Nick Washmuth, PT who had an inquiry to the board in regards to the direct access section of the Practice Act. During the discussion, the board emphasized to Dr. Washmuth that the intent of the direct access section is not to restrict a therapist from performing at the top of their license and is intended to advance the therapists clinical judgement on a case by case as to whether a physician should be involved. Nick Washmuth left the meeting at 11:45 AM.

IV. Unfinished Business

Administrative Code modifications—Executive Director reviewed with the members the changes approved thus far. Vinzant presented some suggested changes to updating some dated language in regards to method of payment, affidavit for license replacement, and surrender of license for name change. The item from the last meeting in regards to licensure by endorsement continuing education having 10 hours for the past 12 months was discussed. During discussion the concern of undue hardship on military spouses was

raised. Legal Counsel pointed out the new Military Spouses Act that was passed this last legislative session requires boards and agencies to give priority in the application process to military spouses. With no other concerns mentioned, the suggested change accepted was the 10 hours of CE for the past 12 months provided within 30 days of licensure. Last change recommended was the elimination of the \$10 Temporary License fee for new graduates. The Temporary license is only valid until the first exam, which is usually four to six weeks. It was mentioned the difficulty it creates in the office in collecting the fee which often delays the applicant getting into the workforce due to time taken to get the money order to the board office. After discussion, Christian motioned in favor of the changes, all voted in approval. In regards to Chapter 3 changes, it was agreed to forgo any discussion until the task force is able to make suggestions.

Jurisprudence Access Module—the discussion raised the question if the JAM is still under consideration for the jurisprudence requirement for new applicant and an optional alternative for the CE requirement. Discussion centered on cost per applicant and our cost if we want to fund development to reduce the price per unit. It was decided after members attend Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) and the fall meeting, the board will then decide on whether to proceed or not.

V. New Business

FSBPT Training Report—Member Hemm presented to the board a recap of topics presented at the annual FSBPT board member training June 8 through June 10, 2018 in Alexandria, VA. Topics reviewed were board powers and responsibilities, Physical Therapy Compact, trends in the NPTE, Jurisprudence Assessment Module, Continuing Competence, and Conflicts of Interest. (Attachment E)

VI. Announcements

Scheduled board meetings:

- August 10 & 11, 2018 (Westin Hotel, Birmingham)
- October 11, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- December 13, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- February 7, 2019 (Board Office, Montgomery)

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.



Jeffrey Vinzant
Executive Director



Wiley Christian, III
Board Chair

Licensee Report

March 30, 2018 – May 31, 2018

47 New Licensees

33 Physical Therapists

5 Exam

28 Endorsement

14 Physical Therapists Assistants

2 Exam

12 Endorsement

69 Temp License

40 Physical Therapist

29 Physical Therapist Assistants

3 FCCPT Reports

1 Substantially equivalent to CWT4

2 Substantially equivalent to CWT5

Test taken from 1/1/2017 thru 5/31/2018

Exam Type	Total Number Attempts	Total Number Passed	Total Number Failed	Percentage Passed	Percentage Failed
PTA	173	146	27	84.4%	15.6%
PT	136	118	18	86.7%	13.2%
LAW	290	281	9	96.8%	3.1%
Total	599	545	54		

Pass Rates by School for ALABAMA Graduation Year: 2017

Report Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 Data Current as of: Monday, May 28, 2018

Program	Code	School	First Time Pass Rate	Ultimate Pass Rate	Total Candidates
PT					
	3309	University of Mobile (PT) - Accred. Withdrawn	0.00%	0.00%	0
	3314	Tuskegee Institute (PT) - accred. withdrawn	0.00%	0.00%	0
	3315	Samford University (PT)	0.00%	0.00%	0
	3301	University of Alabama at Birmingham (PT)	97.83%	100.00%	46
	3302	University of South Alabama (PT)	92.50%	100.00%	40
	3310	Alabama State University (PT)	60.87%	86.96%	23
		ALABAMA Total (PT)	88.07%	97.25%	109
		All U.S Accredited Programs (PT)	92.52%		10316
PTA					
	3313	University of Alabama at Birmingham (PTA) - Accred. Withdrawn	0.00%	0.00%	0
	3303	South University - Montgomery (PTA)	76.00%	84.00%	25
	3304	Bishop State Community College (PTA)	94.74%	100.00%	19
	3305	Wallace State Community College - Hanceville (PTA)	93.33%	96.67%	30
	3307	George C. Wallace Community College (PTA)	89.47%	89.47%	19
	3308	Jefferson State Community College (PTA)	100.00%	100.00%	13
	3311	Calhoun Community College (PTA)	91.30%	100.00%	23
	3312	Jefferson State Community College - DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (PTA)	100.00%	100.00%	10
		ALABAMA Total (PTA)	90.65%	94.96%	139
		All U.S Accredited Programs (PTA)	87.46%		6803

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By the second week of May, Ms. Wright and I had finished our visits to all of the schools. We had a follow up visit to Samford on May 17th, when they were formally informed of their accreditation approval, to pick up all of their graduates license applications. There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm in the Samford graduates. We're eagerly awaiting the outcome of their performance on the NPTE.

Last week, the formal request for quotations from potential vendors for the database system was sent. Once the formal responses come forward, we'll begin the process of the final purchasing department approval and setting dates for implementation.

The annual renewal cycle begins on Sunday, July 1st. We'll have everything set up with our website and Alabama Interactive before we leave the afternoon of June 29th.

Lastly, the next year state budgetary and end of year cycle begins this month. We've began looking at our budget needs and setting figures accordingly. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

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Jeffrey Vinzant

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May 31, 2018

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 D 18-6 This Physical Therapist self-reported a problem with alcohol. He is halfway through treatment at this time. We are also already set up for monitoring him when he finishes and Mr. Vinzant has the documents ready for him to sign. **(Deferral)** has completed treatment (alcohol) and is being monitored by us.

PTA D18-7 Self reported to us. Completed treatment and is being monitored by us.

We have an anonymous PTA in treatment we are working to self repost at this time.
Updates to come

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
Revenue:	225,144.00	11,193.00	9,268.00	6,790.00	3,766.00	11,985.00	8,895.93	20,319.00					297,360.93
Expenses:													
Salaries & Benefits	12,146.20	14,896.20	22,284.80	5,988.60	13,048.90	19,787.10	6,138.20	17,049.00					111,339.00
Travel in State	2,644.71	0.00	1,856.25	472.25	2,105.11	0.00	4,009.41	707.70					11,795.43
Travel out of State	0.00	2,518.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					2,518.44
Conferences	1,740.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00					2,525.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00
Telecom-Web services	409.30	357.00	382.16	382.87	374.84	372.08	378.62	377.78					3,034.65
Attorney General Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,114.43	1,620.00	0.00					3,734.43
STAARS Support Fee	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00					6,750.00
Comptroller's Fee	114.77	121.63	95.82	84.41	60.21	86.81	119.98	137.75					821.38
State Business Sys Fee	11.08	20.79	26.33	4.15	11.08	22.17	4.15	16.63					116.38
Rent	4,816.59	5,687.42	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59					39,403.55
Professional Services	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	4,851.50	3,333.33					28,184.81
Memberships & Dues	3,475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					3,475.00
Office Supplies	92.74	0.00	0.00	63.36	331.65	0.00	101.51	125.03					714.29
Office Equipment	16.60	4.14	5.28	3.26	4.02	3.24	2.15	6.19					44.88
Postage Services	217.81	107.19	112.55	97.14	120.93	57.53	62.22	100.91					876.28
Reference Service Fee	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					60.00
Risk Management	1,935.00	0.00	0.00	875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					2,810.00
ADA Accommodation Fee	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00					237.50
Cellular Contract	41.24	82.48	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24					371.16
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.00					28.57
Total Expenses:	33,304.37	27,353.62	32,954.35	18,912.20	24,288.97	30,919.52	24,395.57	26,712.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	218,840.75
Current Fund Balance:	<u><u>\$ 1,129,311</u></u>												

**FSBPT Regulatory Training for Members and Board Staff
June 8-10, 2018 | Alexandria, Virginia**

Submitted by:
Margaret Hemm, Ed.D. CCC-SLP
Consumer Member

Meaningful Topics Covered:

- FSBPT Structure and what it means to be a Member
- Board Powers and Responsibilities – Role of Board Member
 - Emails should use a public domain
 - Members should not have side bars – open meetings
 - Be “regulators” and not as PT/PTA (dry needling case, NC)
 - Push by legislators to improve Board efficiencies via Consolidation
- Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD)
 - Alabama Board recognized in 2017 Q4 as **5 STARS**
- Physical Therapy Compact – 21 State Boards signed for “contract privilege”
- Development and Administration of the NPTE
 - Only 75% PT & 40% PTA candidates scoring 540 on first attempt ever pass
 - Less than 40% PT & 10% PTA Candidates scoring 500 or below ever pass
 - Passing score on TOEFL is a strong predictor of success for foreign trained
 - PEAT and Academic PEAT is predictive & users perform better
 - FSBPT recommends candidates have a lifetime limit of six (6) attempts
- Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM)
- Regulation – licensure renewals, ADA, Disciplinary Actions
 - Suspensions versus Revocation
 - On-line ethics courses do not work
 - Wellness Program
- Continuing Competence
 - aPTitude, ProCert, oPTion
 - Evidence that CE/staying engaged in learning is related to competency/hrs?
 - FSBPT developing Model of Continuing Competence
- Conflicts of Interest