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- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in the Alabama State Purchasing Auditorium by Secretary Jonathan Zecher at 9:00 AM. Board Members present were Robert Fleming, Alina Adams, Nathan McGriff, Margaret Hemm, and Dana Daniel Blake. Also present was J. Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Angela Warr, Executive Assistant III, Kristi Mullins, Accounting Specialist, and guest Don Lein. T-Michael Dougherty was not present.

Secretary Jonathan Zecher opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. A quorum was established.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM and all in attendance proceeded to Suite 724 to continue the meeting.

Secretary Jonathan Zecher reopened the meeting at 9:10 AM. T-Michael Dougherty joined the meeting.

Alina Adams provided a devotional.

Open Discussion: Jonathan Zecher welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves as there were two new Board members and a new ABPT staff member.

- II. Minutes:** The minutes from November 2, 2021, were reviewed. Corrections and edits were made. A motion to accept the November 2, 2021, minutes, as amended, was made by Nathan McGriff, and seconded by Margaret Hemm. Jonathan Zecher, Margaret Hemm, Nathan McGriff, Alina Adams, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor. Minutes, as amended, were approved.
- III. Guest Speaker:** Mr. Don Lein from the Alabama Physical Therapy Association addressed the Board regarding the current continuing education and jurisprudence requirements in the State of Alabama.

IV. Reports:

- A. Licensee Report:** Angela Warr presented this report. As of February 28, 2022, the Board has 6168 active licensees. 2913 are PTAs and 3261 are PTs. Between January 1, 2022, and February 28, 2022, we issued 80 regular licenses: 62 physical therapists and 18 physical therapist assistants. Three temporary licenses were issued: all were physical therapist. Seven expired licenses were reinstated: 2 PTs and 5 PTAs. There were no FCCPT reports. One license was surrendered.
- B. Financial Report:** Kathy Miller presented this report. She elaborated on the posting of some possible additional expenses including a new printer/scanner. She also informed the Board that she has collected all past due Wellness Monitoring Fees which had not been monitored or collected for several years. Because of this, the Board was able to collect just over \$20,000 in delinquent monitoring fees.
- C. Violations Committee Report:** Assistant Attorney General J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report.

2022-01: The licensee, a physical therapist, voluntarily surrendered his license. No further action needed.

2022-02: The patient complained about the quality of care received from the physical therapist. The violations committee recommends no probable cause. No violation of the Practice Act was determined.

2022-03: The patient complained about the quality of care received from the physical therapy assistant. The violations committee recommends no probable cause. No violation of the Practice Act was determined.

Alina Adams made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Violations Committee regarding 2022-01, 2022-02, and 2022-03. Nathan McGriff seconded that motion. Alina Adams, Nathan McGriff, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted to approve. Jonathan Zecher and Margaret Hemm abstained from voting.

- D. Wellness Report:** Nathan McGriff stated Dr. Garver indicated there are no issues with the Wellness program and all participants are in compliance.
- E. Executive Director Report:** See attached Appendix.

- III. Unfinished Business:** PT Compact update was covered by Executive Director Kathy Miller in her report. Additionally Assistant Attorney General Matt Bledsoe gave an update on the revised PT Compact legislation. The updated proposed legislation was submitted the Lt. Governor's Office, but it was not given priority. AAG Bledsoe has submitted the language to the LSA for review and to be put into proper form for introduction. He checks daily to determine if the bill has been introduced. There is a chance it will not be introduced

during the current Legislative Session and will be tabled until next year. We are also still waiting on FBI clearance regarding background checks.

IV. New Business:

- A. Election of New Board Members:** Secretary Jonathan Zecher opened the floor to nominations for the position of Board Chair. Margaret Hemm nominated Jonathan Zecher for the position of Chair. Dana Daniel Blake seconded the motion. No further nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Margaret Hemm, Nathan McGriff, Alina Adams, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted to approve the motion. Jonathan Zecher was elected as Board Chair.

Chair Jonathan Zecher opened the floor to nominations for the position of Board Secretary. Alina Adams nominated Nathan McGriff for the position of Secretary. Jonathan Zecher seconded the motion. No further nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Jonathan Zecher, Alina Adams, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted to approve the motion. Nathan McGriff was elected as Board Secretary.

Chair Jonathan Zecher opened the floor to nominations for the position of Board Treasurer. Nathan McGriff nominated Dana Daniel Blake for the position of Treasurer. Jonathan Zecher seconded the motion. No further nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Jonathan Zecher, Nathan McGriff, Alina Adams, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted to approve the motion. Dana Daniel Blake was elected as Board Treasurer.

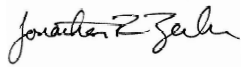
- B. Review Request from the Alabama Midwives Alliance:** The Board received a request that licensed midwives be allowed to refer patients for physical therapy treatment. After discussion by the Board, it was determined that the Board cannot make changes to its administrative code to satisfy the request without the legislature first making changes to the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

- C. FSBPT Training Opportunities:** Jonathan Zecher has signed up to attend the May 20-22, 2022, Board Member and Administrator Training. The FSBPT will cover all costs. Other Board members showed interest in attending Executive Assistant III Angela Warr will contact the FSBPT to see if others may attend and whether or not their costs will be covered as well.

FSBPT asks that each state select a voting delegate to cast votes on behalf of their home state for committee and board positions. T-Michael Dougherty volunteered to be Alabama's delegate and Jonathan Zecher volunteered to be the alternate delegate. The delegate will need to attend the Leadership Issues Forum on July 23-24, 2022, and the Annual Meeting which will be held October 27-29, 2022. Delegate costs will be covered by the FSBPT for both meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

The next meeting will be May 12, 2022 @ 9:00 AM at the ABPT office.



Jonathan Zecher
Chair

Appendix Executive Director Report

- On 12/7/2021, I received training on the Asset Works System. I spent the rest of the week doing an internal property audit of all items valued at \$500.00 or more. Everything is in order. All that property got new/required RFID tags.
- December 7-8, Claire took Alabama Buys training. This is the new procurement system. She has also been working diligently with Shared Services to get our bills paid. She did all the legwork to get us started using their services and that was not an easy task. However, on 2/16/2022, Claire took another position with OIT. On 3/2/2022, Kristi Mullins began working in the position previously held by Claire. Before retiring, Kristi worked as an Unemployment Compensation Technician with the Department of Labor.
- On 12/8/2021, I watched an NPDB coding webinar.
- In addition to issuing licenses and helping with a variety of office tasks (including decorating the office for the holidays) Angela spent a large part of November and December organizing files/paperwork. She also took a large volume of documents, mainly CEUs, got them scanned into the system. She also entered CEU's in the computer system that were in a drawer in paper form. While much has been accomplished, this task continues.
- We are scheduled for an on-site visit from Archives on 4/1/2022. The purpose of the visit is to help us prepare to go as paperless as possible.
- The board member job description and outreach efforts are still a work in progress.
- We are trying to be more engaging with Facebook. We continue to add followers each week and have had an increase in the number of people reached. We are considering adding the ABPT to Twitter.
- Reminder-please complete your Statement of Economic Interest by 4/30/2022.
- On 1/21/2022, we did an online presentation for the UAB DPT students. On 2/28/2022, we did an online presentation for the Calhoun Community College PTA students. On 3/16/2022, we will go to South University (Montgomery Campus) and do a presentation for the PTA students.
- In preparation for compliance with the FBI background check storage requirements, we had locks installed on all the inner office doors.
- We are in the process of applying for an FSBPT grant to cover the cost of getting our weekly FSBPT report updated and automated by iGov to meet the PT Compact requirements.
- On 2/17/2022, Angela and I attended a video conference with Richard Woolf and Angela Johnson from the FSBPT regarding the grant application process and how best to word our application.
- Angela Johnson is in contact with iGov to work out the requirements in order for iGov to provide a quote to update and automate the required PT Compact weekly report.
- We hope to have the quote and grant application submitted soon.