



STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY

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September 14, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy's conference room by Board chair Jonathan Zecher at 9:05 A.M. Board members present were Jonathan Zecher, Robin Irwin, Dana Daniel Blake, Nathan McGriff, Robert Fleming, and Margaret Hemm. Also present were J. Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Teresa Allen, Licensure Specialist, Kristi Mullins, Finance Specialist, and Claire Dilaura, Accounting Specialist. Not in attendance was T-Michael Dougherty.
- II. A quorum was established.
- III. **Open Discussion:** Jonathan Zecher made a motion to approve a 2-step raise for Director, Kathy Miller. Dana Daniel Blake seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.
- IV. **Minutes:** The minutes from August 26, 2023, were reviewed. There were no recommendations for change. A motion to accept the August 26, 2023, minutes was made by Jonathon Zecher and seconded by Robin Irwin. Margaret Hemm and Nathan McGriff abstained. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed. The minutes for August 26, 2023, were approved.
- V. **Reports:**
 - A. **Licensee Report:** Teresa Allen presented this report. As of September 1, 2023, there were 6680 active licensees- 3088 PTA's and 3592 PT's. Between July 1, 2023, and August 31, 2023, we had 124 regular licenses issued, 51 were PTA's and 71 were PT's. 27 Temps were issued, 13 were PTA's and 14 were PT's. 11 expired licenses were reinstated, 6 were PTA's and 5 were PT's. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT6 submitted and license issued. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT5 submitted and license issued.
 - B. **Financial Report:** Kristi Mullins presented this report and noted that the revenue is up due to renewals. Otherwise, everything else has remained the same. Margaret Hemm made a motion to accept the financial report and Dana Daniel Blake seconded this motion. All voted to approve, none opposed.

- C. **Violations Committee Report:** Director, Kathy Miller presented this report and stated that there had been 2 new complaints filed since the last meeting. Those complaints will be addressed at the next violations committee meeting.
- D. **Executive Directors Report:** See attached Executive Director Update.
- E. **Wellness Committee Report:** Nathan McGriff reported this would be his last meeting and T-Michael Dougherty would be taking over as liaison. He also stated that he spoke to Dr. Garver, and everything was going well and nothing new to report.

VI. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **PT Compact Update:** Assistant Attorney General, J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report. Mr. Bledsoe reported he was waiting on ALEA to do necessary training for background checks. Discussion was also held concerning the need to establish a fee for the background checks.
- B. **Jurisprudence Exam/Continuing Education:** Discussion was held concerning the time frame it would take for FSBPT to create a link on our website for applicants to take the Alabama Jurisprudence Exam.

VII. **New Business:**

- A. **Governor's Executive Order 735:** Assistant Attorney General, J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report: An update was given that there had been recent exercises held to determine the number of discretionary terms used in the regulation of our rules.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2023, at the ABPT Board Room.



T-Michael Dougherty, Chair

Executive Director Update

- 8/26/2023-During the APTA conference Claire and I met a lot of students and licensees. Licensee voting for nominees was a smooth process.
 - 8/28/2023-Information on the five nominees was sent to the governor's office
 - 8/29/2023-1 spoke to the PTA students at South University (Montgomery) about the licensure process.
 - 8/29/2023-1 had a Zoom meeting with FSBPT staff regarding a presentation I was asked to do at the Annual Education meeting October 19-21. I will be presenting on preparing to join the PT Compact.
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