

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2017

Meeting was held at Wallace Community College in Hanceville

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian at 10:02 AM. Board Members present were; Adams, Christian, Hobbs, Molyneux, Strunk, Hemm, Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Sheila Wright, Executive Assistant III, and Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director. Visitors included Jeff Rosa from FSBPT and T.J. Cantwell from the PT Licensure Compact. The meeting was held in the Bevill Health Building, Room 708. (See attachment A for list of attendees).

Open Discussion – Chair Christian greeted everyone and opened the floor to general discussion. The Executive Director provided a brief recap of the current end of fiscal year and licensee renewal cycle at the Board's Office. After taking a moment to introduce the board members and guest speakers to the classroom, the discussion was closed.

- II. Minutes** – During a brief discussion of the August minutes, Member Hemm inquired if the minutes needed to reflect the inquiry into a board membership to the ALAPTA. After a brief discussion, motion was made to accept the August 11, 2017 minutes as written by Member Molyneux, seconded by Adams. All members voted unanimously in favor.

Member Nathan McGriff joined the meeting at 10:15.

III. Presentation

Jurisprudence Access Module – presented by Jeff Rosa of the FSBPT. Mr. Rosa reviewed the difference between methods of administering the Jurisprudence exam. The new Jurisprudence Access Module (JAM) administered via the Federation website, versus the current method of the standard Jurisprudence exam administered at a specified testing center. Advantages of the JAM include the ability to change content easier and an interactive testing procedure, giving the participant immediate feedback of errors made and showing the correct answer. Molyneux brought up the issue of the possibility of someone taking the JAM for another person. During the discussion, the point was made that the philosophy of the JAM is to be a learning tool and not so much as a high stakes pass/fail proposition. JAM test results will show the licensee where they were deficient in their understanding of Alabama law; whereas, our traditional test does not. The presentation moved forward to the various methods of requiring the JAM; whether it could be used for initial licensing, license renewal, a continuing education requirement, or an every year requirement. The discussion concluded with the review of how pricing models per state

differentiate, associated costs for the board, and statute requirements that might need to be changed if the board chooses to move to the JAM.

PT Licensure Compact—presented by T.J. Cantwell, Executive Director of the Licensure Compact. Mr. Cantwell presented the reasons for the development of the Licensure Compact and the main effort to expand the availability of PT services to the public by providing license portability for licensees. Cantwell's review included the mechanics of how the exchange of licensee information will work. States will have to approve a biometric background check for licensees. In order for a state to participate, the Compact legislation must be adopted by a participating state as written. Cantwell pointed out that the current major hurdle is getting legislation through the state's legislative process. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the scope of practice will be dictated by the state a compacter is currently practicing in, not their home state of licensing. When a compact state takes disciplinary actions on a licensee, their compact license for all compact states is lost for a minimum of a two year period. A licensee must also remain a residence in a compact state to maintain a compact license. The issue of different CE requirements of each state was reviewed. It was later clarified that disciplinary action taken on a licensee, regardless of whether a compact state or not, will be reported to the compact and will result in a person losing compact privileges. Final discussion involved pointing out that even though the PT Licensure Compact is now operating separate from FSBPT, it has been funded by FSBPT, and will be supported by FSBPT until it reaches a point that it can financially stand on its own.

In a closing presentation, Mr. Rosa showed a different way of the board approving the NPTE test for initial applicants. This would be different from the current method of board personnel providing an authority to test for each applicant. The Alternate Approval Pathway would allow applicants to register and take the NPTE test without having first come to the board and completing the application process before they are given approval to test. Applicants will still have to complete our application process before becoming licensed. During discussion, it was noted that an Administrative Code change would have to be made before this process could be implemented.

IV. Reports

New Licensees Report – presented by Sheila Wright. From the period of August 5th through September 28th, 2017: There were 91 Physical Therapists licensed; 56 by endorsement and 35 by examination. There were 94 Physical Therapists Assistants licensed; 71 by examination and 23 by endorsement. 38 Temporary Licenses issued; 6 Physical Therapists and 32 Physical Therapists Assistants. One temporary license was rescinded for failing the Alabama Law exam. There were 8 FCCPT reports; 6 were substantially equivalent to CWT 5, 1 substantially equivalent to CWT 4, and 1 substantially equivalent to CWT 3. We had a total of 3,681 renewals; 1,839 PT's and 1,842 PTA's. Of the total, 73 were manual (mail-in) renewals. Member Strunk inquired if an email of non-renewed therapists could be circulated in an attempt to get them to renew and make

employers aware of therapists who might be practicing with an expired license. The Executive Director stated that this could be done and will be taken care of with a blast email in the upcoming week.

Violations Committee Report –Case #17-2-7 Alleged sexual misconduct. Executive Director notified the board that the case had made it to the Grand Jury the last week of August. The Grand Jury declined to prosecute the therapist. The complainant went back to the DA and the matter is scheduled to go back to the grand jury in mid-November. This case will remain in a pending status until a final outcome is made. Case #17-11-31, Therapist self-reported traffic violation that resulted in a DUI charge. The therapist worked with the local DA and court to resolve the matter with pre-trial diversion program involving community service and drivers training courses. The violations committee has chosen to hold this matter over until a copy of the arrest report can be obtained and reviewed by our Counsel. The Executive Director mentioned to the board that as of Wednesday, 10/4/2017, there are three instances of individuals renewing late having practiced. The committee recommends that for this violation there be a \$100.00 fine for the month of October with a Consent Agreement. After November 1st, violations will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Motion to accept Committee report made by Molyneux, seconded by McGriff. All members voted in approval.

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

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant presented review of email and Facebook activity. (Attachment C).

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Executive Director for Dr. Garver. (Attachment D). Executive Director mentioned that the Wellness Contract was approved through Contract Review committee in mid-September.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. Activity through September 30, 2017, final year-end figures are still not available, we are still in the 13th month. (Attachment E).

V. Unfinished Business

Pharmacology and Therapists - Member Strunk mentioned she was unable to get a final draft of proposed policy to the board for this meeting. She reviewed with the students present the purpose and goals of the policy for Practitioners. Strunk inquired if there could be a special newsletter once the policy is created. Executive Director Vinzant mentioned there is the ability to have one once the policy is finalized. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mobility Aides Clarification – Chairman Christian suggested that going forward we need to look at pulling the language of restorative aide out of our Administrative Code. After a brief discussion, the general consensus is that with the rapidly changing environment, it would be best to remove the language and not allow ourselves to get trapped in specific definitions.

Background Checks – The Executive Director reminded the Board that if we do go forward with the Licensure Compact, criminal background checks are a requirement of being a compact member. Christian and Bledsoe mentioned that there will be a significant amount of Practice Act change to enact the compact and that it would be best to submit this legislation in a package versus piece by piece. Mr. Rosa pointed out that background checks did not have to be enacted first, just have to be part of the final Compact legislation passed. The Executive Director mentioned he would get a copy of the proposed compact legislation to Counsel for review.

VI. New Business

Board member update—Executive Director reviewed with the members that he had been in contact with the Governor’s Office and has yet to receive any notifications to the outstanding positions being filled.

Board elections—Executive Director reminded the board that since this is the first meeting of October, it was time to elect new board officers. Chair Christian opened the floor to nominations for Board Chairman. Member Strunk nominated Wiley Christian for the Chair. Seconded by Molyneux. All members voted unanimously in favor. For the position of Secretary, McGriff nominated Adams, Adams declined. Molyneux nominated Hobbs for Secretary, McGriff seconded, all members voted unanimously in favor. For Treasurer, Adams nominated McGriff, Christian seconded, all members voted in favor.

Board Travel—Member Adams inquired if the board needed to approve upcoming travel. Counsel Bledsoe reminded the group that all board member travel needs to be voted upon. After a brief discussion, Adams, Strunk, and Vinzant were voted unanimously in approval to attend the FSBPT Annual Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled board meetings:

- December 7, 2017 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- February 8, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- April 20 & 21, 2018 (Perdido Beach Resort)

- o June 21, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)

IX. ADJOURN

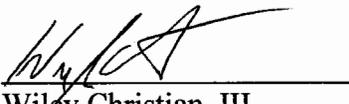
The meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM.

At 12:27 PM the meeting was reconvened with all members present. Strunk motioned for Christian to attend the FSBPT Annual meeting. The motion was seconded by McGriff. All members voted in approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.



Jeffrey Vinzant
Executive Director



Wiley Christian, III
Board Chair

Attachment A

Board Meeting Attendance - October, 2017
Laura Smallwood, PTA
Kathryn Neese, PTA
Kris Graves, PTA
Students in Attendance
Alexander, Zac
Anders, Bailey
Awtrey, J. Luke
Bloodworth, Corina
Bridges, Pamela
Brown, Adam
Brown, Will
Burttram, Denise
Clayburn, Courtney
Daniel, Mackenzie
Davis, Brad
Dillard, Ryan
Faile, Jason
Guthrie, Mallary
Hay, Deanna
Howard, Joy
Jenkins, Darian
Johnson, Megan
Kelly, Sawyer
King, Kayla
Kirtland, Katie
Lafferty, Laurel
Lockley, Daniel
McLemore, Ashley
McNutt, Ashleigh
Parker, Ema
Plunkett, Spencer
Putman, Hannah
Robison, Lauren
Scott, Brian
Scott, Dylan
Sewell, Clint
Sims, Lauren
Steele, Lenora
Whitson, Brooke
Wood, Mason

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
October 5, 2017**

Reviewing for the first time our annual renewal cycle, I must say that it seemed to go smoothly. Of course, the major two questions asked of the staff in the office were about our continuing education and jurisprudence requirements. As a goal moving forward, we must find a way to better communicate to our licensees what is needed of them at renewal.

On Thursday, September 14th, the Alabama Physical Therapy Association hosted a "PT night out" at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. I attended and represented the board at the event. The event was mainly attended by students from Alabama State University and South University. It was good to meet the young adults that will become our future licensees.

The fiscal year closed this past week. We will spend the next couple of weeks wrapping up all of last year's payments and begin on setting up the required payment schedule for the new year. Additionally, the budget for FY 2019 will be due before we meet again and if any members have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jeff Rosa of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy for coming and making his presentation on the licensure compact and the Jurisprudence Access Module. We have a lot to decide going forward and the sharing of this information should give us some good food for thought.

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

Submitted by:

Jeffrey Vinzant

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
October 5, 2017

Blast e-mails were sent:

September 1st – Fall Newsletter to Licensees.
September 27th –three days left to renew notice.

Facebook activity:

August 17th, Forwarded post from APTA on “Good Stuff: Member and Professional news”
August 21st, Forwarded post from ALAPTA on Chapter Leaders.
August 22nd, Forwarded post from APTA’s #choosePT media campaign.
August 29th, Forwarded post from APTA on Cardiac PT benefits.
August 31st, Posted notice of 30 days left in renewal cycle.
September 8th, Forwarded post from UAB School of Health Professions about Patty Perez, PT being awarded the President’s award for excellence in teaching.

September 11th, Posted notice of office closure due to Hurricane Irma.
September 14th, Posted notice of “PT night out” in Montgomery.
September 21st, Forwarded post from APTA in regards to Senate Passes NDAA to include PTA’s in Tricare.
September 26th, Posted notice on 4 days left to renew.

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.

PTA 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

PT 17-4 Has completed signing documents and is being monitored by us as of April 9, 2017

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

We are presently working with a work related issue and drug screen with a PTA who reported the problem to me. We will update you through Mr. Vinzant shortly.

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 2017

Beginning Fund Balance: \$ 721,559

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
Revenue:	295,034.00	6,671.00	9,000.00	5,198.00	2,560.00	10,025.00	8,920.00	17,165.00	8,524.10	39,033.50	77,295.00	227,121.00	706,546.60
Expenses:													
Salaries & Benefits	18,555.03	14,136.31	20,133.25	6,065.25	11,928.38	18,673.25	5,842.10	14,375.50	18,543.04	5,842.10	14,218.70	16,312.44	164,625.35
Travel in State	3,021.80	1,506.65	284.54	1,582.63	1,529.34	0.00	3,751.09	835.70	319.51	2,057.44	3,045.48	544.80	18,478.98
Travel out of State	0.00	0.00	524.20	940.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,464.83
Conferences	0.00	0.00	150.00	750.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	1,385.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	13.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.80
Telecom-Web services	932.99	397.82	563.69	350.16	667.72	561.88	502.96	448.00	536.69	343.78	556.25	351.55	6,213.49
Attorney General Fee	3,015.00	0.00	0.00	3,270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,070.00	0.00	0.00	1,605.00		9,960.00
STAARS Support Fee	66.72	12.81	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00		6,829.53
Comptroller's Fee	138.77	151.75	98.82	95.82	84.41	60.21	123.53	102.88	112.00	56.67	114.85	102.69	1,242.40
State Business Sys Fee	2,269.29	50.83	12.81	31.48	13.83	7.15	34.51	4.15	16.63	16.63	4.15	23.56	2,485.02
Rent	4,656.50	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	4,723.59	56,615.99
Professional Services	6,666.66	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,712.95	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	43,712.91
Memberships & Dues	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,475.00
Office Supplies	222.28	387.69	93.78	0.00	637.44	9.48	710.00	135.40	140.00	124.44	238.30	204.75	2,903.56
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	482.00	70.00	4,097.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.13	80.83	3.06	6.02	4,745.28
Postage Services	194.68	350.56	91.06	46.32	51.70	67.31	62.11	48.35	78.60	0.00	81.67	236.74	1,309.10
Reference Service Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	4,230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,830.00
Risk Management	2,061.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,061.00
ADA Accommodation Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.50	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.50	12.50	372.50	1,153.00
Cellular Contract	123.16	0.00	81.68	0.00	40.84	40.84	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24	533.96
Miscellaneous	60.00	90.00	13.80	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	235.00	0.00	0.00	498.80
Total Expenses:	44,483.88	25,155.14	30,586.55	21,589.71	30,332.82	28,991.66	21,374.46	26,168.14	32,105.76	19,517.55	27,978.12	26,253.21	334,537.00
Current Fund Balance:	<u>\$ 1,093,569</u>												