

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
December 5, 2019

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian at 10:05 AM. Board Members present were; Christian, Hemm, McGriff, Zecher, Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director, and Sheila Wright Dopson, Executive Assistant III. Visitors were Andrea Johnson, PT.

Legal Counsel noted that the meeting did have a quorum.

Ms. Dopson provided the devotional.

Open Discussion –Executive Director mentioned that the FARB Forum is January 23 to January 26, 2020 in Colorado Springs for member interested in attending. The Examiners Office will hold their next training on January 29, 2020 in Montgomery. Vinzant recommended that members should attend at least once inside of their appointed term. This is the first opportunity for this year, the next should be after the legislative session ends in June. Christian expressed he would attend; others should contact the office before January 10th.

Chair recognized Andrea Johnson, PT, President of the ALAPTA. Ms. Johnson reviewed with the members the associations initiatives and timeline of the direct access campaign for the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Johnson requested a statement of how the Board protects the public currently and how the role of the Board will not change if direct access is successful. The intent is to dispel misconceptions that may be presented to the public. The members agreed that a statement needed to be created. Christian noted he would begin working on a draft.

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 10:40 AM.

- II. Minutes** – The minutes of the October 18th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by McGriff, seconded by Hemm. All voted in approval of the minutes.

III. Reports

New Licensees Report –Presented by Sheila Wright Dopson. Mrs. Dopson reviewed new license activity from October 4, 2019 to November 15, 2019. There were 86 new licensees. 40 Physical Therapists; 20 by exam and 20 by endorsement. There were 46 Physical Therapist Assistants, 43 by exam and 3 by endorsement. We had no Temporary license issued. There were two FCCPT reports substantially equivalent to CWT5.

Violations Committee Report –The Executive Director presented the recommendations for the cases under review by the committee. Case #18-12-24, unprofessional conduct is recommended to be held over due to pending court date in that county. Case #20-01-16 Practiced with expired license. Licensee had paid fine, signed Consent Agreement, item needs approval of Board. Zecher motioned to approve and accept committee report, seconded by McGriff. McGriff and Zecher voted yea, Christian and Hemm abstained.

Executive Director Report – October 24th, 25th, and 26th, Members Christian, Zecher, and Vinzant attended the FSBPT Annual meeting in Oklahoma City. For the most part, the meeting was productive and educational sessions were very good. The Federation’s focus on bringing more states into the ELDD and the Compact seem to be having a positive effect in increasing the information available in the ELDD.

On November 1, Members Hemm, Christian, McGriff and Counsel Bledsoe attended our exit meeting for our two year compliance with the Examiners office. Other than the two missed meeting being posted, all other aspects seemed to be in order. Our last Sunset was in spring of 2016, therefore, we should be getting close this upcoming year.

Since we are post annual renewal cycle, the pace in the office has slowed and we’re getting prepared for the January tests results and licensing.

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant reviewed the activity since the last meeting. Three email blast sent, first targeted expiring licensees inviting them to renew, next expired licensee list, and last the newsletter. Vinzant mentioned the expired licensee list did have a problem within the state network allowing distribution, thus, not everyone might have gotten it. The problem has been addressed and appears resolved with OIT. Facebook activity October 6th to November 6th. Total of 4 posts made, 183 views of the site, 4 “likes”.

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Member McGriff for Dr. Garver (Attachment A). McGriff reviewed the most recent report and updates with the membership. An update that will show on the December report is that we have added three new participants.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. Financial activity is only of the start of our new year. Vinzant reminded members that October is traditionally our highest expense month due to risk management fees, membership dues, and one time expenses. Revenue looks good due to September cut off and renewal proceeds carried forward into October. (attachment B).

IV. Unfinished Business

Application Process—After a recap of what changes were agreed upon up to this point, the members began the discussion of the jurisprudence requirement for licensure. Contradictory language of all applicants having to take a jurisprudence exam was notated. Members agreed that exam applicants having one standard while endorsement applicants another is unequitable. All members agreed the need to reach a consistent standard.

Counsel pointed out that the Practice Act, in its current language, prevents us from requiring an individual who has already taken an exam (NPTE) from taking another exam (AL Law). It was also pointed out we have a broader range of options in continuing education requirements. Members discussed how the AL Law exam came into being, the reasoning behind it, and the question was raised has it really addressed the issue of Practitioner violations? With no data to prove whether the AL Law has been a deterrent or not, the members moving to be consistent, agreed we will forgo the AL Law exam for a CE requirement for all new licenses. The discussion then centered on the time frame of when we can require the jurisprudence CE for the first time licensee. It was determined that it could be made a requirement of a new licensees first renewal of their license. The Board staff will work with our vendor to create a mechanism that will prevent renewal without confirmation of the jurisprudence CE requirement met. The members further discussed the proposed change and agreed to the application process changes.

Chair called the meeting to recess at 12:09 PM.

Chair called for the meeting to resume at 12:49PM, all attending members were present.

V. **New Business**

Fee schedule revisions—the members reviewed the provided spreadsheet of the current proceeds from fees and proposed changes if reduced by the various percentages presented. During the discussion, concerns were raised that there could be an unforeseen expense, similar to the STAARS expense a few years ago, and if fees are reduced, we may be caught having to raise them again, which in itself, would cause unrest by the licensees. The group looked at the current fees of Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana. After reviewing those states fees, it was determined that our annual renewal is in the mid-range of the states that have autonomous boards and only our initial application fee was higher. The members decided at this point that the application fee is to be reduced, license replacement fee is to be reduced, and the license verification fee is to be eliminated. License verifications will still be provided as a no cost service. These changes will go into effect when the Administrative Code changes are next filed and certified.

Demographics review—Executive Director presented a PowerPoint presentation of the licensee demographic information that had been collected the past renewal cycle. An abbreviated version was contained in the Fall newsletter. There was a review and discussion of the results. Vinzant noted this was our first year of the data collection. Next year will begin the process of collecting and comparing data.

Board room upgrade—Executive Director presented three quotes from vendors to provide large screen displays for the board room to replace our overhead projector configuration. The quotes include two large screen TV's; one for the front and back of the meeting room, and a CPU to replace the current laptop. Members reviewed the quotes and authorized the project to proceed. Additionally, members agreed that the seating in the board room should be upgraded.

VI. Announcements

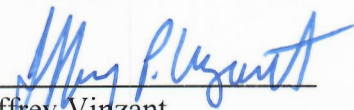
Scheduled board meetings:

- February 21, 2020—Wallace State Community College, Dothan—Noon.
- April 17, 2020—University of South Alabama, Mobile—Noon.
- June 11, 2020—Montgomery Office—10:00AM.
- August 2020—ALAPTA Fall meeting—TBA.

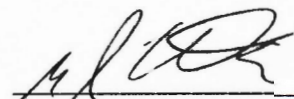
VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Christian, seconded by McGriff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.



Jeffrey Vintzant
Executive Director



Wiley Christian, III
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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) has completed program. Still in contact with individual.

PTA D-14-02 (Deferral) has completed program. Still in contact with individual.

PTA D-14-03 (Deferral) has completed program. Still in contact with individual.

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) has completed program. Still in contact with individual.

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 Has completed treatment and is being monitored by our committee

PTA D18-7 Self-reported to us. Completed treatment :**SEE BELOW**

UPDATE: Individual has relapsed and voluntarily surrendered their license rather than have a relapse evaluation

PTA D18-8 Self-reported to us. Has had treatment and has signed an agreement and is being monitored

PTA D19-11 Has signed agreements and set up monitoring and is now fully invested in our program

PTA D19-12 Has an evaluation for alcohol abuse scheduled for October 7,2019 after calling me and asking for help

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

Financial Review--FY 2020

Beginning Fund Balance:

\$ 1,754,513

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
Revenue:	161,580.00												161,580.00
Expenses:													
Salaries & Benefits	14,142.00												14,142.00
Travel in State	1,465.88												1,465.88
Travel out of State	0.00												0.00
Conferences	450.00												450.00
Telecom-Web services	536.70												536.70
Attorney General Fee	0.00												0.00
Database Support Fee	1,200.00												1,200.00
Comptroller's Fee	202.63												202.63
State Business Sys Fee	254.55												254.55
Rent	4,883.67												4,883.67
Professional Services	3,333.33												3,333.33
Memberships & Dues	3,475.00												3,475.00
Office Supplies	0.00												0.00
Office Equipment	0.00												0.00
Postage Services	138.30												138.30
Reference Service Fee	60.00												60.00
Risk Management	3,032.00												3,032.00
ADA Accommodation Fee	0.00												0.00
Cellular Contract	41.24												41.24
Miscellaneous	0.00												0.00
Total Expenses:	33,215.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,215.30
Current Fund Balance:	<u>\$ 1,882,878</u>												