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**Meeting was held via WebEx digital platform in accordance with Governor's Emergency Orders.**

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Strunk at 9:04 AM. Board Members present were Ellen Strunk, Alina Adams, Robert Fleming, Nathan McGriff, Vince Molyneux, Margaret Hemm, and Jonathan Zecher. Also, present Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, and Sheila Wright Dopson, Executive Assistant III. We had two guests join the meeting: Brandon Clark and Aaron Nguyen (licensees). Introductions were made by all present.

Chair Ellen Strunk established a quorum.

Sheila Wright Dopson provided the devotional.

- II. Open Discussion:** Alina Adams brought up the topic of TOFEL scores. Matt Bledsoe stated the Board can require the submission of TOFEL scores. Ellen Strunk indicated nominations for Board positions will be announced and opened later this summer. If less than five nominations are received, it will be opened to the floor during the APTA conference in August. Ellen Strunk noted that the question regarding Referrals in the School System, listed in the minutes on the March agenda (carried over to the May agenda), has been resolved and addressed via email. Jonathan Zecher stated he is still researching a "share space" option for Board use.
- III. Minutes:** The minutes from March 4, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Nathan McGriff and seconded by Margaret Hemm. Ellen Strunk, Alina Adams, Jonathan Zecher, Robert Fleming, Nathan McGriff, Vince Molyneux, and Margaret Hemm voted in approval of the minutes.
- IV. Reports:**

**Licensee Report:** Sheila Dopson presented this report and indicated that between February 28, 2021 and April 29, 2021, there were 30 Physical Therapists, 11 Physical Therapist Assistants licensed. There was 1 temporary license issued for a Physical Therapists. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT5.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Miller indicated she obtained the data contained in the report from STAARS. Ellen Strunk inquired about the category “personal” costs. She was advised that there were multiple pay periods in that category, along with increased Board pay due to additional WebEx meetings. She also inquired about the category “professional services”, it was explained to her that Attorney General fees, the private investigator, and I-Gov all fall into that expenditure listing.

**Violations Committee Report:** Assistant Attorney General, Matt Bledsoe, presented this report. Case 2020-14 continues to be under investigation. On cases 2021-03 and 2021-04, he noted the committee found no probable cause; Jonathan Zecher moved to dismiss those cases, Vince Molyneux seconded the motion. Margaret Hemm and Ellen Strunk abstained from voting. Alina Adams, Nathan McGriff, Jonathan Zecher, Robert Fleming, and Vince Molyneux voted in favor. Matt Bledsoe stated that an applicant for licensure was arrested for practicing medicine without a license. He indicated the Board will wait on the applicant’s criminal court case before proceeding.

**Executive Director Report:** The Executive Director, Kathy Miller, provided an update on the rule change (700-x-2) filed with Legislative Services. The rule change was posted on the ABPT website. No comments were received pertaining to the rule change. Matt Bledsoe held a public hearing on the rule change. Ellen Strunk voted to certify the rule change, Jonathan Zecher seconded that motion. Robert Fleming abstained from voting. Alina Adams, Nathan McGriff, Jonathan Zecher, Margaret Hemm, Vince Molyneux, and Ellen Strunk voted in favor. The rule change will be effective forty-five days after the date it is published. Kathy Miller noted the APA 3 form will be filed with Legislative Services on May 7, 2021. Kathy Miller also noted she and Sheila Dopson conducted three school trainings since the last Board meeting. She also stated that Sheila Dopson and April Tucker were honored on Administrative Professionals’ Day. She stated that Facebook activity and followers have greatly increased.

**Wellness Report:** Nathan McGriff stated that, according to Dr. Garver, all participants are following the program. Dr. Garver hopes to attend the July Board meeting.

## **V. Unfinished Business:**

Ellen Strunk provided an update on the Compact agreement. The Board will work with a goal of submitting a bill for the next legislative session (2022). She mentioned that she and Kathy Miller discussed possibly hiring a part-time employee to assist with duties involved in the Compact agreement. Hiring a part-time employee will be added to the agenda for the July meeting. Matt Bledsoe noted that before the Board can issue Compact licenses, several things must occur: approval from the FBI to do the background checks, every PT and PTA license ever issued must be documented and that documentation

must be given to the Compact Commission, and administrative rules must be updated. Alina Adams mentioned having a future discussion regarding the fee amount set by the Board for a licensee to participate in the Compact agreement. Matt Bledsoe suggested a timeline be formulated for accomplishing the goals for issuing compact licenses. Jonathan Zecher asked if all licensees will require a background check; Matt Bledsoe stated only new licensees will require the background check. Matt Bledsoe stated that while ABPT is in the Compact, privileges cannot be issued. Ellen Strunk indicated the Compact will be a standing agenda item so the Board can be updated.

**VI. New Business:**

FSBPT Delegate Selection: Vince Molyneux will serve as the delegate, Jonathan Zecher will serve as the alternate delegate. Kathy Miller will attend the Leadership Issues Forum and the Delegate Assembly.

Contract for Investigative Services: Kathy Miller stated Karen Entrekin won this bid. Sheila Dopson stated the previous contract (also held by Karen Entrekin) had an annual cap of \$18,000.00 for services rendered. Ellen Strunk moved to approve the contract for Karen Entrekin, Jonathan Zecher seconded the motion. Ellen Strunk, Alina Adams, Jonathan Zecher, Robert Fleming, Nathan McGriff, Vince Molyneux, and Margaret Hemm voted in favor.

**VII. Announcements:**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:  
July 1, 2021 @ 9:00AM  
September 2, 2021 @ 9:00AM  
November 4, 2021 @ 9:00AM



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Ellen Strunk  
Board Chair