

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
100 North Union Street, Suite 724  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 20, 2018  
*Meeting held at Perdido Beach Resort*

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian at 10:06 AM. Board Members present were; Christian, Hobbs, Borrego, Strunk, Hemm, McGriff, Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Sheila Wright, Executive Assistant III, Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director.

Ms. Wright provided the devotional.

**Open Discussion** – Chair Christian greeted everyone and opened the floor to general discussion. The Executive Director reminded members of the impending deadline for submission of their Statement of Economic Interest. S.O.E.I.'s are due to the Ethics Commission on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Director reviewed with members the latest changes in state travel policy.

Board member Hobbs notified the group that he was resigning his position on the board effective April 21<sup>st</sup>, to pursue a medical degree. After a brief discussion reviewing the solicitation of nominees for opening, it was decided that nominations would be accepted from the floor at the ALAPTA business meeting on Saturday.

- II. Minutes** – The minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Member Hemm made a motion to adopt the minutes as is, seconded by Hobbs. All members voted in favor of the minutes.

**III. Reports**

**New Licensees Report** –Presented by Sheila Wright. (Attachment A). Hemm inquired into the endorsement process. Ms. Wright reviewed the endorsement process with the members and how endorsement applications processing is handled in the offices operation. Additionally, she emphasized how we explain the process to new graduates interested in going to other jurisdictions for licensure; that this will in fact cost those more financially in the long run, yet, we cannot prohibit them from the decision to go to another state.

**Violations Committee Report** –Case #18-05-02 therapist accused of unbecoming conduct of improper relationship with a patient. The Violations Committee recommended that the case should be dismissed after review of all documentation provided by the board's private investigator. After a discussion of the details, Member McGriff motioned to dismiss the

case, seconded by Strunk. McGriff, Strunk, Hemm, Borrego voted yea; Christian and Hobbs abstained.

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

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant did a recap of activity since the last meeting, three blast emails had been sent; February 14<sup>th</sup> on board opening and the nomination process, March 13<sup>th</sup> on board nominations now open statewide, and April 6<sup>th</sup> distribution of the spring newsletter. A review of Facebook activity for March 6 through April 2 showed a total of 10 posts made, 854 views of the site, 8 “likes” and one new follower.

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Member McGriff for Dr. Garver (Attachment C). McGriff reviewed the most recent report with the membership.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. Financial activity of current year through March. (Attachment D) Discussion of overall financial standing and fund balance.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business**

Database Option—Executive Director presented the financial figures requested of how the purchase of a new database system would impact the boards budget. Vinzant briefly reviewed the benefits of the new system, the RFP process and timeline of implementation if purchase of the new system is approved. During the discussion, Hemm recommended that office desktop units need updating at the same time. Strunk made a motion that the purchase of new database and equipment be made, seconded by McGriff. All members voted in favor.

Administrative Code modifications—Executive Director presented the pending code changes to application process as a result of the approval of the alternative approval pathway. Vinzant mentioned changes in Chapter 2 that will be effected. First item mentioned, the possibility of a decline in temporary licenses to be issued. After discussion it was agreed that this will be monitored closely once the alternate approval pathway goes into effect. Next item, we will need to delete International Credentialing Associates out of the Code due to the company is ceasing business this fall. Last item, a request to change the application fee to a one time, good for five years or six attempts versus our current process of having to pay again after their second attempt at the NPTE. During the discussion, the suggestion was made to change the language to take out the additional application fee and add FSBPT’s testing standards as the standard. On chapter 3 changes, we will not be able to thoroughly discuss without Member Adams task force report. The Executive Director recommended that since chapter 3 will be more detailed, due to the changes in the physical therapist aide language, the board should move forward with chapter 2 changes while continuing to work on chapter 3. The item was tabled for continued discussion next meeting.

Jurisprudence Access Module—a recap of providers of our jurisprudence continuing education and their published costs was presented. The question, “of how would the JAM keep us out of conflict with other providers?” was discussed. In the course of the discussion, Ms. Wright pointed out the inconsistency in our CE requirement for endorsement applicants versus the standard annual renewals. After discussion, the recommendation of endorsement applicants having 10 hours of CE within the 120 day period of licensure was tabled for further consideration at the next meeting.

## **V. New Business**

Samford accreditation process—Executive Director reviewed with the board the pending accreditation process and its effect on the application process for Samford’s first graduating class. In the course of the discussion, Legal Counsel advised that no application or fees can be accepted until the accreditation is finalized and made public. After discussion, it was suggested that after the first visit to the school is made, a follow up visit needs to be made to collect applications and fees upon accreditation.

Eric Dekel joined the meeting at 11:54 AM.

Evaluation and Treatment—member Strunk brought an email from a therapist with an inquiry about section 34-24-210.1 of the Practice Act. After discussion of the direct access section of the Act, it was decided that the board could not specifically address the inquiry. A formal response will be composed to the therapist explaining the decision and will be sent from the board’s office.

Nominations—for the PTA position, nominees are:

Nathan McGriff—Florence  
Patricia Denise Thomson—Moody  
Zack Nelson—Sylacauga  
Jason Sasser—Opp  
Vincent Molyneux—Mobile

## **VI. Announcements**

### **Scheduled board meetings:**

- June 21, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- August 10 & 11, 2018 (Westin Hotel, Birmingham)
- October 11, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- December 13, 2018 (Board Office, Montgomery)
- February 7, 2019 (Board Office, Montgomery)

At 12:04, a motion to recess the meeting till Saturday at the ALAPTA General Assembly meeting was made by Christian, seconded by Hobbs. All member voted in agreement.

At 11:30AM on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the meeting was reconvened at the ALAPTA general business meeting by Chair Christian with the following present: Christian, Hobbs, Strunk, Borrego, Hemm, McGriff, Sheila Wright, and Jeffrey Vinzant.

The Board opened the floor to the general assembly for nominations for the PTA position. No additional nominations were made.

The Board opened the floor for nominations for the vacant PT position for District 5. Nominations made were:


Gwendolyn Murphy  
Jonathan Zecher  
Ty Farr  
Gilaine Nettles  
Robert Malone

With no further nominations being made, the floor was closed to nominations.

Christian motioned the meeting adjourned, seconded by McGriff. All members voted in approval.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

  
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Jeffrey Vinzant  
Executive Director

  
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Wiley Christian, III  
Board Chair

**Licensee Report**

January 31, 2018—March 31, 2018

**New Licensees**

**39 Physical Therapists**

**13 via Exam**

7—UAB

5—University of St. Augustine

1—Alabama State University

**26 via Endorsement**

**18 Physical Therapists Assistants**

**1 via Exam**

Kent State University

**17 via Endorsement**

**0 Temp License**

*None this cycle*

**3 FCCPT Reports**

**1 Not** Substantially equivalent to CWT 5

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**1** Substantially equivalent to CWT 4

## REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For the most part, it has been a quite spring at the Board office. Ms. Wright and I have made visits to Calhoun Community College in Decatur and South University in Montgomery. Upcoming visits will include our first visit to Samford University in Birmingham on April 25; then on April 30<sup>th</sup> we will visit University of South Alabama, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be Wallace Community College in Dothan, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson State in Birmingham, and lastly on May 8<sup>th</sup> will be Bishop State in Mobile. The staff is eagerly looking forward to the end of May first of June time frame for all the new applications that should be coming in.

The legislative session ended on March 29<sup>th</sup> with a whisper. The two state budgets were approved and there was no legislation that would impact any of the boards operations. Most of the legislators quickly left town heading home to hit the campaign trail.

Lastly, there was an article in the Alabama Political Reporter in March about the report “The Cost of Occupational Licensing in Alabama” conducted by the Alabama Policy Institute. The article, to say the least, was very slanted toward damages being done by over regulation to employment and business opportunities in Alabama. Since the North Carolina Dental case, there has been an increase of pressure on boards to prove their worth to the public. We have not seen the “anti-regulation” movement very strong in Alabama yet, but I think we must be prepared for the challenge if it arises. We all agree on the value of this board. Always, we must all focus our efforts to remind licensees that we provide them something very important...self-regulation. Our open door and open meeting policy gives the licensee’s unlimited access to the board’s decision making process. I ask you to assist me in making sure that licensees always feel comfortable contacting the board. Here’s the link to the article:

<http://www.alreporter.com/2018/03/15/opinion-licensing-away-economic-prosperity/>

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

Submitted by:  
Jeffrey Vinzant

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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.

**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** This Physical Therapist self-reported a problem with alcohol. He is halfway through treatment at this time. We are also already set up for monitoring him when he finishes and Mr. Vinzant has the documents ready for him to sign.

**PTA 18-05** having an evaluation for illegal stimulant abuse/use. Has been combative so far. Outlook not good- will keep you all in the loop as they proceed. **UPDATE: He has decided to stay surrendered and not pursue the practice of Physical therapy. His case is closed**

**PT 17-4 HAS ASKED THAT HIS\HER LICENSE BE INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED SUBSEQUENT TO A RELAPSE WITH THEIR DRUG OF CHOICE, COCAINE. THIS VOIDS THE DEFERRAL AGREEMENT, AND IF THE PT DECIDES SOMETIME TO RETURN ANY RESULTING TREATMENT AND BOARD ACTION WILL BE PART OF THE PUBLIC FILE. THIS PT WILL ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE NPDB. THE PT WAS ADVISED OF ALL THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES BY MYSELF AND MR. VINZANT. The case is closed**

All these individuals have mentors, and all are involved in the profession of Physical therapy at this time.

Mike Garver



ATTACHEMENT D

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

Financial Review--FY 2018

**Beginning Fund Balance:**        \$ 1,050,791

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
<b>Revenue:</b>	225,144.00	11,193.00	9,268.00	6,790.00	3,766.00	11,985.00							<b>268,146.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>													
Salaries & Benefits	12,146.20	14,896.20	22,284.80	5,988.60	13,048.90	19,787.10							88,151.80
Travel in State	2,644.71	0.00	1,856.25	472.25	2,105.11	0.00							7,078.32
Travel out of State	0.00	2,518.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							2,518.44
Conferences	1,740.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	285.00							2,525.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00
Telecom-Web services	409.30	409.30	357.00	382.16	382.87	372.08							2,312.71
Attorney General Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,114.43							2,114.43
STAARS Support Fee	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00							4,500.00
Comptroller's Fee	114.77	121.63	95.82	84.41	60.21	86.81							563.65
State Business Sys Fee	11.08	20.79	26.33	4.15	11.08	22.17							95.60
Rent	4,816.59	5,687.42	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59	4,816.59							29,770.37
Professional Services	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33	3,333.33							19,999.98
Memberships & Dues	3,475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							3,475.00
Office Supplies	92.74	0.00	0.00	63.36	331.65	0.00							487.75
Office Equipment	0.00	16.60	4.14	5.28	3.26	4.02							33.30
Postage Services	217.81	107.19	112.55	97.14	120.93	57.53							713.15
Reference Service Fee	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							60.00
Risk Management	1,935.00	0.00	0.00	875.00	0.00	0.00							2,810.00
ADA Accommodation Fee	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00							237.50
Cellular Contract	41.24	82.48	41.24	41.24	41.24	41.24							288.68
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.57	0.00							28.57
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>33,287.77</b>	<b>27,418.38</b>	<b>32,928.05</b>	<b>18,913.51</b>	<b>24,296.24</b>	<b>30,920.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>167,764.25</b>
<b>Current Fund Balance:</b>	<u>   \$ 1,151,172</u>												