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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy's conference room by Board chair T-Michael Dougherty at 9:03 A.M. Board members present were Jonathan Zecher, Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, T-Michael Dougherty, Robert Fleming, and Margaret Hemm. Also present were J. Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Kristi Mullins, Finance Specialist and Claire DiLaura, Accounting Specialist. Not in attendance was Dana Daniel Blake.
- II. A quorum was established.
- III. **Open Discussion:** Introduction of new board member Zach Nelson.
- IV. **Minutes:** The minutes from November 9, 2023, were reviewed. One typographical error was noted and corrected. A motion to accept the November 9, 2023, minutes was made by Margaret Hemm and seconded by Jonathan Zecher. T-Michael Dougherty, Jonathan Zecher, Robin Irwin, Robert Fleming and Margaret Hemm voted in favor, none opposed, and Zack Nelson abstained. The minutes, as amended, for November 9, 2023, were approved.
- V. **Reports:**
 - A. **Licensee Report:** Kristi Mullins presented this report. As of January 1, 2024, there were 6469 active licensees – 3018 PTA's and 3451 PT's. Between November 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, we had 45 regular licenses issued, 3 were PTA's and 42 were PT's. 20 Temporary licenses were issued, all were PT's. There were 14 expired licenses reinstated, 6 were PTA's and 8 were PT's. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT5 submitted and license issued.
 - B. **Financial Report:** Kristi Mullins presented this report. The amounts for October were higher than September because the end of the fiscal year shortened the days that expenditures could be processed during September. Otherwise, everything else was normal. Jonathan Zecher made a motion to accept the financial report and Robin Irwin seconded this motion. All voted to approve, none opposed.

C. Violations Committee Report: Assistant Attorney General J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report. A report was made on one 2023 violation.

2023-15: Licensee (PTA) called the Board office to report she inadvertently failed to renew her license during the renewal period. She signed and returned her consent agreement. She will pay the \$100.00 fine by January 30, 2024.

Robin Irwin made a motion to accept the Violations Committee recommendations 2023-15. Jonathan Zecher seconded this motion. T-Michael Dougherty and Margaret Hemm abstained. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed.

D. Executive Directors Report: Director Kathy Miller presented this report. See attached Executive Director Update.

E. Wellness Committee Report: T-Michael Dougherty presented this report and stated that Dr. Garver had updated the report. There was one question regarding a person being monitored in Florida on an inactive license. The person lives in Florida.

VI. Unfinished Business:

A. PT Compact Update: Assistant Attorney General, J. Matt Bledsoe and Executive Director, Kathy Miller presented this report. Kathy Miller stated we have the draft memorandum of understanding between ALEA, Fieldprint and ABPT for review. ALEA provided the documents staff need to complete to be background checked. After the staff are background checked ALEA will provide access to the on-line training. Matt Bledsoe discussed the timeframe of the administrative rule publication. We are aiming for midsummer for the PT Compact to be in place.

B. Rule Changes: Assistant Attorney General, J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report. He stated there was nothing major in there, just adding language that is already in the statute. The first change is to change our address to reflect the Board's current and correct address. The next rule change is to include all privilege holders in the directory. We have added 3 subchapters. We put in an explanation of the fees to avoid confusion. We are going to be requiring the Jurisprudence exam for each new licensee and adding compact privilege applicants. We will strike through where all applicants are required to do 2 hours of Jurisprudence CEU's. They will be paying the fees to FSBPT who will be providing the examination. The next change is to the issue of privileges and to make it clear that the compact commission will be issuing those, and they will be collecting the fee on our behalf. The next change would be the renewal of the privilege, this will be done through the compact commission. We added privilege holders where appropriate for disciplinary provisions for licensees. Regarding temporary licenses, amending the letter that the license will expire one year from date issued or until such time as the Board makes a determination with respect to your application. Jonathan Zecher made a motion to accept the rule changes. T-Michael Dougherty seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

C. Jurisprudence Exam: Discussion was held concerning the Jurisprudence exam. FSBPT agreed to create an exam and will be looking back to the one that FSBPT created for ABPT in 2020. FSBPT would like us to vote on proceeding with the JAM (Jurisprudence Assessment Module) and assign someone to review the exam. The JAM is like an online learning module. The pass/pass/failure will be set at 80% per suggestion of FSBPT. Jonathan Zecher proposed to accept the JAM. Margaret Hemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed. T-Michael Dougherty will take the JAM once it is completed by FSBPT and before it is implemented for use by the applicants.

VII. New Business:

- A. Election:** An election was held to fill the vacant position of Secretary, previously held by Nathan McGriff. Johnathan Zecher nominated Robert Fleming as Secretary for the upcoming year. T-Michael Dougherty seconded this motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.
- B. Voting for Delegate & Alternate Delegate:** Johnathan Zecher nominated Robin Irwin as Delegate & T-Michael Dougherty as alternate delegate. Zach Nelson seconded this motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

The next meeting will be March 14, 2024, at 9:00 am, at the ABPT Board Room.

T-Michael Dougherty

T-Michael Dougherty, Chair