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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 Jonathan Zecher at 9:09 A.M. Board members present were Jonathan Zecher, Robin Irwin, Nathan McGriff, T-Michael Dougherty, Robert Fleming, and Margaret Hemm. Also present were J. Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Teresa Allen, Licensure Specialist, Kristi Mullins, Finance Specialist and Claire DiLaura, Accounting Specialist. Not in attendance was Dana Daniel Blake.
- II. A quorum was established.
- III. **Open Discussion:** Discussion was held regarding the recently released al.com article on Governor Kay Ivey's study group recommendation to consolidate some state agencies.
- IV. **Minutes:** The minutes from September 14, 2023, were reviewed. Two typographical errors were noted and corrected. A motion to accept the September 14, 2023, minutes was made by Nathan McGriff and seconded by Jonathan Zecher. All voted in favor, none opposed. The minutes, as amended, for September 14, 2023, were approved.
- V. **Reports:**
  - A. **Licensee Report:** Teresa Allen presented this report. As of November 1, 2023, there were 6407 active licensees – 3006 PTA's and 3401 PT's. Between September 1, 2023, and October 31, 2023, we had 54 regular licenses issued, 40 were PTA's and 14 were PT's. Seven Temps were issued, all were PTA's. There were 17 expired licenses reinstated, 12 were PTA's and 5 were PT's. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT6 submitted and license issued. There was 1 FCCPT report substantially equivalent to CWT5 submitted and license issued.
  - B. **Financial Report:** Kristi Mullins presented this report and noted that the revenue is up due to renewals and expenses are down due to end of fiscal year cut off. Otherwise, everything else has remained the same. Margaret Hemm made a motion to accept the financial report and Jonathan Zecher seconded this motion. All voted to approve, none opposed.

- C. Violations Committee Report:** Attorney J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report. A report was made on three 2023 violations.

**2023-12:** Licensee was alleged to have submitted false documentation. There was no probable cause found.

**2023-13:** Licensee admitted guilt to submitting false documentation to her employer and a \$250.00 fine was recommended.

**2023-14:** Licensee was found to be practicing with an expired license and a \$100.00 fine was recommended.

Nathan McGriff made a motion to accept the Violations Committee recommendations 2023-12 through 2023-14. Robin Irwin seconded this motion. Jonathan Zecher 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 there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

- A. PT Compact Update:** Assistant Attorney General, J. Matt Bledsoe presented this report. Mr. Bledsoe reported he was waiting on ALEA to do necessary fingerprinting training. Discussion was also held concerning the need to establish a fee for the background checks.
- B. Jurisprudence Exam/Continuing Education:** Discussion was held concerning the rule change requiring new licensees to take the Jurisprudence exam and the time frame it would take for FSBPT to create a link on the Board website for applicants to take the Alabama Jurisprudence Exam. Several suggestions were made on how to offer testing to new licensees. A motion was made by Jonathan Zecher to utilize FSBPT to perform the Jurisprudence testing and T-Michael Dougherty seconded this motion. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed. Jonathan Zecher made a motion for Kathy Miller, Executive Director, to utilize a fillable PDF as a stop gap measure and T-Michael Dougherty seconded this motion. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed. Jonathan Zecher made a motion to waive the Jurisprudence exam for new licensees until testing measures are in place and Robert Fleming seconded this motion. All voted in favor, none opposed. Jonathan Zecher made a motion to defer the fingerprint requirement on new licensees until ALEA setup is complete. Robin Irwin seconded this motion. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed.

**VI. New Business:**

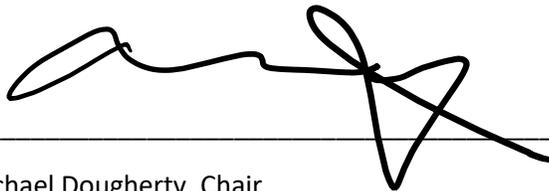
**A. Elections:** Jonathan Zecher opened the floor to officer nominations for the upcoming year. Margaret Hemm nominated Jonathan Zecher, current Chair, to be the new Chair for the upcoming year. Robin Irwin seconded this motion. Robin Irwin nominated T-Michael Dougherty to be the new Chair for the upcoming year. Margaret Hemm seconded this motion. A vote was taken, and T-Michael Dougherty was elected Chair for the upcoming 2024 year by a vote of 3-1. T-Michael Dougherty nominated Nathan McGriff as Secretary for the upcoming year. Robert Fleming seconded this motion. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed. Jonathan Zecher nominated Robin Irwin as Treasurer for the upcoming year. Margaret Hemm seconded this motion. All remaining voted in favor, none opposed.

**B Selection of 2024 Meeting Dates:** Discussion was held regarding the upcoming meeting dates for the 2024 year. Jonathan Zecher proposed the second Thursday of odd number months.

**C. Newsletter:** Director, Kathy Miller suggested articles for the upcoming year be submitted by the next Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2024, at 9:00 am, at the ABPT Board Room.

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T-Michael Dougherty, Chair