

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2020

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 Wiley Christian, III at 8:05AM. Board Members present were; Alina Adams, Wiley Christian, Margaret Hemm, Nathan McGriff, Ellen Strunk, Jonathan Zecher, Attorney Matt Bledsoe, Interim Executive Director Shelia Wright Dopson, April Tucker, ASAI. Vince Molyneux was not present.

The Board Chair Wiley Christian verified the meeting had a quorum.

Open Discussion – Chair Wiley Christian opened discussion. The Interim Director gave the devotion and read a thank you note to the board members from Ann Cosby. Wiley Christian thanked the Interim Director and the office staff for a job well done. Alina Adams brought up the Interim Director bonus. The Interim Director informed the board that the bonus could not be awarded until there was a New Executive Director in place. The Board discussed Microsoft SharePoint.

- II. Minutes** – The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 10, 2020 board meeting. Margaret Hemm made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Jonathan Zecher 2nd the motion. Wiley Christian, Margaret Hemm, Alina Adams, Nathan McGriff, Ellen Strunk, Jonathan Zecher all were in favor to approve the minutes as amended.

III. Reports

New Licensee Report – Presented by the Interim Director. New licensee activity from September 1, 2020 through October 9, 2020 there were 40 new licensees, 30 Physical Therapists and 10 Physical Therapist Assistants. There were 15 temporary licenses issued, 6 Physical Therapists and 9 Physical Therapist Assistants.

2020 Renewals – July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 there were 5,364 licensees who renewed online. There were 38 online renewals from October 1, 2020 through October 9, 2020.

Financial Report – Nathan McGriff presented the financial report.

Violations Committee Report – Matt Bledsoe presented the report.

Case #2020-05 The board is awaiting the payment and Consent Order. No action needed.

Vince Molyneux joined the meeting at 8:33AM

Case #2020-06 The Violation Committee recommended the licensee pay a 500.00 fine take a boundaries course, and the Interim Director will report to National Practitioner Data Bank. Ellen Strunk made the motion to accept the recommendation and Jonathan Zecher 2nd the motion. Alina Adams, Vince Molyneux, Nathan McGriff, Ellen Strunk and Jonathan Zecher all were in favor. Wiley Christian and Margaret Hemm abstained.

Case#2020-07 Surrendered license on 9/9/2020, the Interim Director reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and made documentation in licensees file. If licensee tries to apply to Alabama, they will be directed to the Wellness Program for an evaluation. No action needed.

Case#2020-08 The Violations Committee found no probable cause and recommends closing the case. Jonathan Zecher made the motion to accept the recommendation and Vince Molyneux 2nd the motion. Alina Adams, Jonathan Zecher, Ellen Strunk, Nathan McGriff and Vince Molyneux were all in favor. Wiley Christian and Margaret Hemm abstained.

Case#2020-09 and Case#2020-10 Treated patients with an expired license. The Violations Committee recommended signing a consent order, pay 100.00 fine and submit proof of continuing education. Report to National Practitioner Data Bank. Vince Molyneux made the motion to accept the recommendation and Ellen Strunk 2nd the motion. Alina Adams, Ellen Strunk, Nathan McGriff, Jonathan Zecher and Vince Molyneux were all in favor. Margaret Hemm and Wiley Christian abstained.

Report from the Interim Executive Director - The Interim Director reported that the office has been busy and productive. The 2020 renewal process is complete. The auditor has been in the office since September 22, 2020 and should complete the audit by Friday, October 16, 2020. The Interim Director thanked the staff for all the hard work during the renewal process. The staff is working to close out physical year 2020 and ensure that everything is in place for 2021.

Communication's Committee Report – Presented by the Interim Director. The Interim Director posted the October board meeting on the Secretary of State website on September 17, 2020, sent out a renewal reminder to all licensees on September 18, 2020, and removed Executive Director position from the website and Facebook page October 5, 2020. The Interim Director worked with OIT to set up SharePoint for board members.

Wellness Report – Presented by Nathan McGriff. McGriff presented the Wellness Report from Dr. Garver, Program Director. and stated that all participants are complying except for one, whom will surrender their license.

Application Process for New Executive Director – Ellen Strunk presented the report on behalf of the Executive Director Search Committee. After last month's board meeting,

the committee decided to extend the posting period for 2 additional weeks (through September 24, 2020). During this time period, we received four additional applicants that were accepted. The posting was pulled from the website and the Experience Record Questionnaire's (ERQ's) were sent out to the qualified applicants with the request to return them no later than September 28, 2020.

On October 6th, an applicant that had been notified he/she did not meet qualifications sent a rebuttal letter explaining why he/she thought they did. This was accepted, and he/she was subsequently sent an ERQ. He/she was asked to return it as soon as feasible but no later than October 20, 2020. The Search Committee will plan to meet and review candidates on October 26 and present their recommendations to the full Board on October 29, 2020. The Interim Director will research availability of large conference room in RSA building or ASU amphitheater, and let Search committee know of dates available.

IV. Unfinished Business

Administrative Code Change 700-X-02 – Tabled until next meeting.


V. New Business

- A. Question regarding “PTA Scope of Practice (Acute Care Environment)” - The board discussed the question and Ellen Strunk agreed to draft a response to the licensee.
- B. Question regarding “Referrals in the School System” - The board discussed the question and Ellen Strunk agreed to draft a response to the licensee.
- C. Administrative Code (*Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 31-12A-2) - Licensure for Discharged Military. Tabled until next meeting.

VI. Announcements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – October 29, 2020 9:00AM

VII. Adjourn - Wiley Christian adjourned the meeting at 10:05



Wiley Christian, III
Board Chair