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September 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy met on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Board's office located at 100 North Union Street, Suite 724, in Montgomery, Alabama. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, and the Board's website, www.pt.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

- 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 9:04 AM. Board Members present were T-Michael Dougherty, Jonathan R. Zecher, Robin Irwin, Dana Daniel Blake, Margaret Hemm, Zach Nelson, and Robert Fleming. Also present were J. Matt Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Angela Warr, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary, and Kristi Mullins, Accounting Specialist. One visitor was present – Mr. Wiley Christian.
- II. Minutes:** The minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Three revisions were noted. A motion to accept the September 12, 2024 minutes, as revised, was made by Margaret Hemm and seconded by Jonathan Zecher. Robin Irwin, Dana Daniel Blake, Jonathan Zecher, Zach Nelson, Robert Fleming, Margaret Hemm, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. The minutes for the September 12, 2024 meeting were approved.

Chair T-Michael Dougherty called for a recess at 9:08 AM while the Board attended the Sunset Review Hearing.

The Board was reconvened at 11:17 AM.

III. Unfinished Business:

Direct Access: A discussion was held regarding the recently enacted Direct Access law and changes the Board would like to make to the law. Assistant Attorney General Matt Bledsoe presented two revised versions of the Direct Access law. Version one would eliminate the education level requirement for all physical therapists. Version two would allow for bachelor's degree educated physical therapists with 20 years of experience to offer direct access. After review and discussion, Robin Irwin moved to accept version two and to allow Assistant Attorney General Matt Bledsoe to move forward with negotiating the changes on the Board's behalf with other parties. Jonathan Zecher seconded the motion. Robin Irwin, Dana Daniel Blake, Jonathan Zecher,

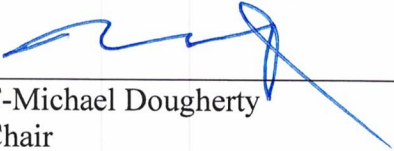
Zach Nelson, Robert Fleming, Margaret Hemm, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed.

Jonathan Zecher volunteered to be the point of contact for Assistant Attorney General Matt Bledsoe and other Board members and to assimilate all information that is gathered to assist Assistant Attorney General Matt Bledsoe as he begins negotiating the proposed changes with other parties.

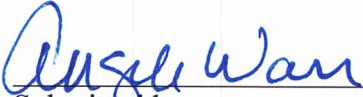
Jonathan Zecher departed the meeting at 12:06.

The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Board office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.



T-Michael Dougherty
Chair



Submitted by:
Angela Warr, Recording Secretary
on 11-14-2024