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**January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy met on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), and the Board's website, [www.pt.alabama.gov](http://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, Dhrumil Patel, Robin Irwin, Margaret Hemm, Zach Nelson, Robert Fleming and Dana Daniel Blake. Also present were Kathy Miller, Executive Director, Angela Warr, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary, Kristi Mullins, Accounting Specialist, and Claire DiLaura, Accounting and Budgeting. Assistant Attorney General J. Matt Bledsoe was absent.

A quorum was established.

Dana Daniel Blake led the Board in a devotional.

**II. Open Discussion:** None

**III. Minutes:** The minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting as presented was made by Margaret Hemm and seconded by Zach Nelson. Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel, Robert Fleming and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. Dana Daniel Blake abstained. The minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting were approved.

**IV. Reports:**

**A. Licensee Report:** Angela Warr presented this report. As of January 1, 2025, there were 6683 active licensees – 3051 PTAs and 3632 PTs. Between November 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, there were 48 regular licenses issued – 6 PTAs and 42 PTs. Fifteen expired licenses were reinstated – 8 were PTAs and 7 were PTs. There was one FCCPT report submitted – a CWT4 equivalent and license issued. Between November 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, there were 16 temporary licenses issued – 2 PTAs and 14 PTs. Angela Warr further reported between November 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, 26 Compact Privileges had been issued – 5 PTAs and 21 PTs.

**B. Financial Report:** Kristi Mullins presented the November 30, 2024 Financial Report. A motion was made by Dana Daniel Blake to accept the financials as presented and to explore opportunities in which to utilize Board funds for the benefit of Alabama licensees, as requested by the Sunset Committee. Robin Irwin seconded the motion. Dhrumil Patel, Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, Margaret Hemm, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. The motion passed and the exploration of opportunities to expend Board funds for the benefit of Alabama licensees will be added to the agenda as unfinished business.

Claire DiLaura presented a report showing the amount of transaction fees paid by licensees for approximately the last 11 months. She also presented an anticipated amount to be paid by licensees when the Board makes the transition to utilizing Tyler Technologies as its payment processor. Claire DiLaura proposed to the Board that the Board absorb the cost of the transaction fees as a way to assist Alabama licensees. Dana Daniel Blake moved that the Board absorb the transaction fees and Zach Nelson seconded the motion. Dhrumil Patel, Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, Margaret Hemm, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. The motion passed and beginning in approximately July 2025, Alabama licensees will no longer need to pay transaction fees when renewing, applying, or making any other payment online to the Board through Tyler Technologies.

**C. Violations Committee Report:** There were no new violations. Kathy Miller gave a brief update on the two pending complaints. Both are working their way through the criminal court system.

**D. Executive Director Report:** See attached Executive Director Update.

**E. Wellness Report:** Zach Nelson noted that per Dr. Garver's report all participants are fully compliant with all conditions. Margaret Hemm moved to accept the Wellness Report and Robert Fleming seconded the motion. Dhrumil Patel, Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, Margaret Hemm, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. The motion passed.

**V. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Direct Access:**

T-Michael Dougherty provided a brief update on the status of the Board's proposed revision to the Direct Access legislation. Matt Bledsoe has nearly completed writing the language in hopes to draft a bill that will encounter little resistance from other entities. Jonathan Zecher has been in contact with Bachelor level physical therapists who are currently teaching DPT students to strengthen our stance on the proposed revision. Both Matt Bledsoe and Jonathan Zecher, along with some Board Members are in the process of searching for and securing a sponsor for the proposed legislation.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. FSBPT DELEGATE**

After a brief discussion, Dana Daniel Blake nominated Robin Irwin to continue to serve as the FSBPT delegate to represent the Alabama Board at the required FSBPT meetings. Zach Nelson seconded the motion. Dhruvil Patel, Robin Irwin, Zach Nelson, Margaret Hemm, Dana Daniel Blake, Robert Fleming, and T-Michael Dougherty voted in favor, and none were opposed. The motion passed. Chair T-Michael Dougherty will serve in Robin Irwin's place should she be unable to attend the meetings.

## **B. NEWSLETTER**

After a brief discussion, it was decided that all articles for the Winter ABPT Newsletter need to be submitted to Angela Warr no later than February 14, 2025. T-Michael Dougherty volunteered to write an article on general topics and a farewell to Jonathan Zecher; Zach Nelson volunteered to write an article on the Wellness Program; and Angela Warr volunteered to write a spotlight on families in the PT profession highlighting Board members Robert Fleming and Robin Irwin.

## **C. Jurisprudence CE Course**

After a discussion, it was decided that the Board did not have the time and resources needed to travel throughout the State to offer a free Alabama Jurisprudence course to licensees. It was noted that there are many acceptable and affordable opportunities to take the course online.

The next regular meeting will be March 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Board office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

  
T-Michael Dougherty  
Chair

  
Submitted by: Angela Warr, Recording  
Secretary on 3-13-25

**Executive Director Update:**

- **2/18/2025: Jeff State Community College- spoke to 20 PTA students about the licensure process.**
- **3/19/2025: South University (Montgomery) is our next scheduled training.**
- **We are still working with Thentia on our new software. It is going well and seems to be on schedule.**
- **Claire got a new laptop; now everyone in the office has updated technology.**
- **As you saw from the email I sent, we were not included in SB193 (consolidation of Boards). Will continue to monitor legislation.**