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March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy met on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the Board's Office at the RSA Union Building, located at 100 N. Union Street, Suite 724, 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 by Chair T-Michael Dougherty at 9:09 am. Board Members present were T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Margaret Hemm, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake. Also present were Angela Warr, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary, Claire DiLaura, Accounting and Budgeting, and Kristi Mullins, Accounting Specialist. Not present were the Board's Executive Director, Kathy Miller, and Board Counsel, J. Matt Bledsoe.

A quorum was established.

II. Dana Daniel Blake provided a devotional.

III. Open Discussion: Chair T-Michael Dougherty commended Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Angela Warr on her taking of the Board's meeting minutes in a concise manner consistent with the guidelines provided by the State Records Commission. Chair T-Michael Dougherty also discussed the status of SB227 currently before the House of the Alabama Legislature and what, if any, impact it may have on the Board.

IV. Minutes: The minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Margaret Hemm noted one typographical error. A motion to accept the minutes with revision from the January 8, 2026 meeting was made by Zach Nelson and seconded by Dana Daniel Blake. T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Margaret Hemm, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed. The minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting were approved as revised.

V. Reports:

A. Licensee Report: Angela Warr presented the Licensee Report. See attached Licensee Report.

B. Financial Report: Kristi Mullins presented the Financial Report See attached Financial Report. A motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Dana Daniel Blake and seconded by Zach Nelson. T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Margaret Hemm, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed.

Claire DiLaura presented her findings regarding the feasibility of the Board awarding scholarships to PT/PTA students. Per her findings, the Board would need three years' worth of operating expenses in reserve, plus one million available to fund the scholarships at the outset. Currently, the budget through 2027 has been submitted and the Board does not have sufficient funds to cover the required three years of operating expenses and one million to fund the scholarships. This matter will remain on the Board's agenda as unfinished business.

C. Violations Committee Report:

Margaret Hemm and T-Michael Dougherty presented the recommendations of the Violations Committee.

- 2025-20 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2025-21 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2025-22 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2025-23 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2025-24 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2026-01 – VC recommended no probable cause.
- 2026-02 – VC recommended no probable cause.

Dhrumil Patel moved to accept the recommendations of the Violations Committee, and Robert Fleming seconded the motion. Robin Irwin, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed. T-Michael Dougherty and Margaret Hemm abstained from voting.

The Board was also tasked with reviewing a previous complaint, 2024-07, which was a complaint filed by law enforcement charging PT with soliciting a child. The licensee voluntarily surrendered his license. The case was noll prosed in the Court. The licensee wrote to the Board requesting that the NPDB report be removed and license reinstated. The options presented to the VC were to amend the NPDB showing the case has been noll prosed or removing the report altogether. The VC recommended amending NPDB, not removing it. It was noted that the licensee has yet to apply for reinstatement. Robin Irwin moved to accept the recommendation of the VC and Zach Nelson seconded the motion. T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Margaret Hemm, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed.

D. Executive Director Report: Angela Warr presented the Executive Director's Report. See attached Executive Director Update.

E. Wellness Report: Zach Nelson presented the Wellness Report. See attached Wellness Report. Some concern was noted that the Board may be close to reaching its contractual limits

with Dr. Garver as he is only contracted to monitor a certain number of participants. Angela Warr will discuss this matter with Executive Director Kathy Miller to determine what, if anything, needs to be done.

VI. Unfinished Business:

A. Direct Access: T-Michael Dougherty gave a brief update on the feasibility of passing the required legislation this legislative session. It is unlikely that any legislation would pass as there is currently opposition to the changes required to correct the 2024 Direct Access Bill. This matter will stay on the agenda for future meetings and discussion.

B. Scholarship Opportunities: Tabled to 2027.

VII. Announcements

The Board will meet April 17, 2026, at approximately 4:30 PM, in conjunction with the Alabama APTA Annual Conference in Gulf Shores to accept nominations and vote on the three upcoming open positions on the Board.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be May 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM at the Board Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

T-Michael Dougherty
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Chair

Angela Warr
Submitted by: Angela Warr
Recording Secretary on May 14, 2026

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