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May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy met on Thursday, May 14, 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 9:03 am. Board Members present were T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake. Board Member not present was Margaret Hemm. Also present were Kathy Miller, Executive Director, J. Matt Bledsoe, Board Counsel, Angela Warr, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary, Claire DiLaura, Accounting and Budgeting, and Kristi Mullins, Accounting Specialist.

A quorum was established.

Dana Daniel Blake provided a devotional.

- II. Open Discussion:** None.

- III. Minutes:** The minutes from the March 12, 2026 and April 17, 2026 meetings were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2026 and April 17, 2026 meetings was made by Dana Daniel Blake and seconded by Robert Fleming. T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed. The minutes from the March 12, 2026 and April 17, 2026 meetings were approved.

- IV. 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 Robin Irwin. T-Michael Dougherty, Robin Irwin, Robert Fleming, Zach Nelson, Dhrumil Patel, and Dana Daniel Blake voted in favor, and none were opposed.

C. Violations Committee Report:

J. Matt Bledsoe presented the recommendations of the Violations Committee.

2026-03 – VC recommended no probable cause.

2026-04 – VC recommended no probable cause.

2026-05 – VC recommended no probable cause.

2026-08 – VC recommended no probable cause.

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

D. Executive Director Report: Kathy Miller presented the Executive Director's Report. See attached Executive Director Update.

E. Wellness Report: Zach Nelson presented the Wellness Report. See attached Wellness Report.

V. Unfinished Business:

A. Direct Access: J. Matt Bledsoe discussed his previous meetings with MASA and the feasibility of meeting with MASA in the future to correct the Direct Access Law which excludes certain physical therapists. Tabled until later in 2026.

B. Scholarship Opportunities: Tabled indefinitely.

VI. New Business:

A. Telehealth: T-Michael Dougherty relayed that he had received an email regarding Hinge Health, a PT telehealth provider. A discussion was held. The decision was made that Board staff would investigate the nature of the services provided by Hinge Health and report their findings at the next Board meeting.

B. T-Michael Dougherty presented several questions regarding a PT's ability to render first aid and other screenings in a sports sideline emergency situation. A discussion was held by the Board. T-Michael Dougherty will respond to the PT who made the inquiry.

Kristi Mullins left the meeting at 10:59.

C. Dana Daniel Blake inquired about the Board's ability to offer free continuing education courses to all licensees either before or during the Alabama APTA annual conference. Robert Fleming left the meeting at 11:20. Dhruvil Patel left the meeting at 11:29 and Robin Irwin left the meeting at 11:30. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Board staff would contact the Examiners of Public Accounts to inquire about any conflict with

state law or ethical concerns. Board staff will report their findings at the next meeting.
Zach Nelson left the meeting at 11:38

VII. Announcements

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

T-Michael Dougherty

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Chair

Angela Warr

Submitted by: Angela Warr
Recording Secretary on July 9, 2026

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