

Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2009

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy met on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board Business. Those present were as follows: Fred Hill, Chairman; Linda Moore, Vice-Chair; Vernon Johnson, Member, Bill Saliski, Jr, Member; and Ron Stansell, Member. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Bettie Carmack, Assistant Attorney General and Legal Counsel; Fred Crawford, Executive Director of the Alabama Society of Respiratory Care; Dr. Greg Skipper and Dr. Robert Thornhill of the Wellness Program; and Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:07 A.M. with a quorum present.

The meeting was advertised on the Board web site as well as the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to approve the Minutes from October 31, 2008 as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Saliski, Jr and passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:11 A.M. Bill Saliski, Jr. was administered the Oath of Office.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell to reappoint Fred Hill as Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore. Vernon Johnson made the motion to close nominations and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell to reappoint Linda Moore as Vice-Chair of the Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Saliski, Jr. Vernon Johnson made the motion to close nominations and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson for the Board to go into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of Applicant 09-1, in accordance with Section VII(1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Ron Stansell and passed unanimously. The time being approximately 10:16 A.M. The Chair announced that the Board would remain in Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell for the Board to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Vernon Johnson and passed unanimously. The time being approximately 10:29 A.M.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to temporarily suspend the license of Melinda Cantrell for Emergency Suspension because she is a danger to the health system of Alabama. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to allow the Chair to approve the reimbursement of Assistant Attorney General Bettie Carmack's continuing education. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson for the Board to go into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of Applicant 09-2 and 09-3 in accordance with Section VII(1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Bill Saliski, Jr. and passed unanimously. The time being approximately 11:31 A.M. The Chair announced that the Board would remain in Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell for the Board to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously. The time being approximately 11:46 A.M.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell to approve the application of Ronsheka Bush for Temporary Licensure and to send applicant a letter of advisement requesting an interview before the Board upon application for Regular Licensure. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to approve the application of Patrick Essix. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Saliski, Jr and passed unanimously.

There being no further Board Business, the Board adjourned at approximately 11:49 A.M. The Chair announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held April 17, 2009 in the Montgomery Board Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fred Hill, Chairman

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Linda Moore, Vice Chair

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Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director

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Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent serving as Recording Secretary