



ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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MINUTES

March 25, 2022

Present:

Ronda Hood
Glenn Pippen
Vernon Johnson
Elizabeth Sheehan
Matthew Bledsoe

Board Chair
Board Member
Board Member
Executive Director
AG's Office

Absent:

Ed Goodwin
Dr. Erin Ozgun

Vice Chair
Board Member

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on March 25, 2022, in the 4th Floor conference room located at 400 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL. The meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, as well as the Board's website, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Ronda Hood, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. after establishing a quorum was present.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to adopt and amend the agenda as needed.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Pippen. Opposed: None.

III. Minutes of December 3, 2021, Board Meeting

After review of the minutes of the December 3, 2021, meeting, Mr. Johnson moved to accept the minutes; Mr. Pippen seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

IV. Old Business

a. CE Providers Proposal

Ms. Sheehan presented the Board with the proposal of CE Brokers. After discussing this proposal, Mr. Phippen moved to (1) authorize Ms. Sheehan to revise the proposal to include State's contract required language, including but not limited to, the required "arbitration" and "immigration" language; (2) to accept and adopt the proposal after revision; and (3) to authorize Ms. Sheehan to execute the proposal after said revisions. Mr. Johnson 2nd the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen.

Opposed: None

a.1. (Added to Agenda) Rule Making Committee

The Board discussed the need for Rule Making Committee to oversee the rule changes the Board would like to propose to the Legislature. Glenn Phippen and Ronda Hood volunteered for the committee.

a.2. (Added to Agenda)

Chair Hood presented the Board with a handout from AARC entitled *Traditional and Nontraditional Education Defined*. After review and discussion, Mr. Johnson motioned to adopt the definition of traditional and nontraditional education as defined by the AARC handout. Mr. Phippen 2nd the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen.

Opposed: None

b. iGov Temporary Application Update

Ms. Sheehan advised that iGov is updating the system to allow the online request for the one-time six-month extension of the student RT temporary license.

c. Updated Forms

Ms. Sheehan presented the Board with copies of the revised forms found on the Board's website. Ms. Sheehan also agreed to make a General Complaint form.

V. New Business

a. Financial Statement

Executive Director Sheehan presented the Board with the most current Financial Statement. The Board requested that a “Total Available Cash Balance” be added to the Financial Statement presentation. Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the current Financial Statement as presented; Mr. Pippen second the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Pippen.

Opposed: None

b. Wallet Cards

Ms. Sheehan and the Board discussed the cost to print and mail wallet cards vs. the possibility of the licensees printing same from their individual profiles in iGov. Ms. Sheehan advised she will inquire as to the Board’s options and will update the Board at the next Board meeting.

c. Proposed Statute Changes

Ms. Sheehan presented the Board with proposed changes to Ala. Code §§34-27B-1 through 34-27B-14. Discussions were held between the Board, Mr. Bledsoe and Ms. Sheehan as to language needed in order to authorize the Board to enact “emergency rules outside the Administrative Procedure Act.” After these discussions, Mr. Pippen motioned to adopt the code changes as presented. Mr. Johnson 2nd the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, , Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Pippen.

Opposed: None.

d. Buffalo Respiratory Therapy, LLC Letter

Ms. Sheehan presented the Board with a letter from Waldemar F. Carlo, MD, of UAB regarding Buffalo Respiratory Therapy, LLC equipment. After discussion, the Board advised this correspondence is more appropriately directed to the Medical Equipment Board. Ms. Sheehan will forward this letter to the Medical Equipment Board and copy Dr. Waldemar F. Carlo of UAB.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:11 a.m., Mr. Pippen moved the Board go into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of applicants, in accordance with Section VII (1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Board Chair Hood stated the Board would reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session in approximately thirty minutes.

Votes in favor of the Motion to enter Executive Session: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen. Opposed: None.

At 11:45 a.m., Mr. Johnson moved that the Board come out of Executive Session. Mr. Phippen 2nd the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

The Board voted to instruct Ms. Sheehan to send a “letter of concern” concerning C-2022-01.

Votes in favor Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen. Opposed: None.

The Board voted to offer entry into the Wellness Program or set for hearing for revocation of license as to C-2022-02.

Votes in favor Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen. Opposed: None.

The Board instructed Ms. Sheehan to issue a letter advising of the setting of a revocation hearing pursuant to ASBRT Administrative Code §798-X-7-.03(4)(e) – refusal to submit to drug screen for cause regarding C-2021-02.

As to T.D., the Board instructed Ms. Sheehan to invite T.D. to meet with the Board at 1:00 p.m. on June 24, 2022, after the next Board meeting in order to discuss exiting the Wellness Program.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Licensee List

After review of the New Licensee List, Mr. Johnson moved the Board accept and approve the list as presented. Mr. Phippen second the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Vernon Johnson, and Glenn Phippen. Opposed: None.

b. Date/Time of Next Meetings

June 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

September 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

December 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn, Mr. Phippen seconded and the motion passed upopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



Ronda Hood, Board Chair



Elizabeth Sheehan, Executive Director