



ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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MINUTES

August 24, 2023

Present:

Ronda Hood	Board Chair
Glenn Pippen	Board Vice Chair
Ashley Pool	Board Member
Kristen Johnston	Board Member
Elizabeth Sheehan	Executive Director
Paula Little	Assistant Director
Matt Bledsoe (left 11:40 a.m.)	Attorney

Absent:

Ed Goodwin	Board Member
Dr. Erin Ozgun	Board Member

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on August 24, 2023, in the 4th floor conference room located at 400 S. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. 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/WELCOME

Board Chair Ronda Hood called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. after establishing a quorum was present and welcomed new board members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

After review, Glenn Pippen made a motion to adopt the agenda and rearrange as necessary. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the agenda with no opposition.

Glenn Pippen motioned to rearrange the Agenda and hold the Executive Session first. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion with no opposition.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:32 a.m., Glenn Phippen 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 Kristen Johnston. Board Chair Ronda Hood stated the Board would reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

At 11:47 a.m., Glenn Phippen motioned for the Board to come out of Executive Session. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

Glenn Phippen motioned that disciplinary case 2023-04 be offered reinstatement pending the acceptance of a Wellness Program including full panel drug screenings. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion with no opposition.

Ashley Pool motioned that disciplinary case 2023-05 be denied licensure based on false statements on the initial application which violated Administrative Code sections 798-X-7-.02(2) and (4). Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion with no opposition.

Kristen Johnston motioned that disciplinary case 2023-06 be offered renewal pending acceptance of an agreement to notify the Board within twenty-four (24) hours of any charges brought against licensee. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion with no opposition.

Kristen Johnston motioned that disciplinary case 2023-07 be offered renewal pending the acceptance of a one (1) year Wellness Program with reevaluation at the conclusion and stipulation that UAB report their findings to the Board. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the motion with no opposition.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

After review, Glenn Phippen made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2023, meeting as presented. Ronda Hood seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2023, meeting as presented with no opposition.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Board Members Oaths of Office. Ashley Pool and Kristen Johnston were appointed by Governor Ivey and took their oaths of office as Board Members. Their terms of service expire August 4, 2026.
- b. Financial Statement. Ms. Sheehan presented the financial statement to the Board. After discussion, Ashley Pool made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.
- c. Sunset Hearing Update. Ms. Sheehan updated the Board regarding the hearing before the Joint Interim Sunset Committee that was held August 24, 2023, at 10:15 am, on the 3rd floor, Room 325 of the Alabama State House.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Renewal Update. Ms. Sheehan notified the Board that to date 331 renewals have been processed.
- b. Rule Changes. Ms. Sheehan notified the Board that this will be taken up at the October meeting because the public comment period has not ended.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. New Licensee Listing. Elizabeth Sheehan presented the Board with a listing of the new licensees. After review of the list, Glenn Phippen moved to approve and accept the new licensees as presented. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.
- b. Dates and times of next meetings.
 - i. 10/06/2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 - ii. 12/01/2023 at 10:00 a.m.

- VIII. With no further business, Glenn Phippen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition. Board Chair Ronda Hood adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.