

Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy (ASBRT)

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Transparency at the ASBRT

The Open Meetings Act requires State Licensure Boards to post Board Member Seats, Board Meeting Minutes, and advertise the time, date, and location of all Board Meetings. This is to ensure transparency in State government. All Board action is posted on the ASBRT Web Site. Therefore, if you want to know "what's going on at the ASBRT" just go to www.asbrt.alabama.gov where official Board Meeting Minutes reflecting Board action are posted or attend ASBRT Board Meetings for observation. Also, we encourage licensees to contact the Board office if you have any licensure Board questions or comments.

A **Calendar** of Board Meetings is posted at <http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov/Calendar.aspx>. The ASBRT typically votes to set Board Meeting dates a year in advance to ensure the public has more than adequate notice of meetings. In addition to being posted on ASBRT's web site, all meetings are also posted on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Board Meetings are open to the public for observation. The Chairman may call additional Board Meetings or reschedule as needed. Any change to Board Meeting dates will be advertised in advance as required by the Open Meetings Act to ensure the public has the opportunity to observe Board deliberation in action.

Board Meeting **Minutes** are posted at <http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov/Minutes.aspx>. All official Board Meeting Minutes are posted for the purpose of informing the public of Board action. Minutes become official after the Board has voted to accept them in open session at the next Board meeting and are then posted on the ASBRT web site in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

In addition to the above items, the Open Meetings Act prevents any Board deliberation (with the exception of active investigations or the discussion of an individuals' good name and reputation as defined in the Open Meetings Act) from taking place without the public having an opportunity to be present for observation. Please be assured the ASBRT is pleased to be transparent for the benefit of the public and welcome our licensees and consumers of respiratory therapy services to utilize the tools that the Open Meetings Act provides.