

## **Meeting Minutes January 5, 2018**

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy met on Friday, January 5, 2018, in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board Business. The following Board members were present: Vernon Johnson, Chair; Ronda Hood, Vice-Chair; William Scott Roberts, Jr., Member; and Debra Laken, Member. Not present was Dr. Saliski, Member. Also present were Paula McCaleb, Executive Director; Frank Mitchell, Investigator; and Todd Hughes, Assistant Attorney General.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m., with a quorum established in the following members: Vernon Johnson, William S. Roberts, Jr., Ronda Hood, and Debra Laken.

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

Ms. Hood moved that the Board approve the Minutes from September 8, 2017, as written. Ms. Laken seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Laken, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Hood).

Ms. Hood made a motion to adopt the Rule and Regulation changes for Chapters 798-X-5-.08 Renewal of License, 798-X-8-.01 Continuing Education, and Appendices I – Fee Schedule as discussed and amended to be published for public comment and to allow for ASRC's Meeting in May for review. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Laken). Proposed Rule Changes in their entirety are attached to these Official Minutes.

The time being 11:25 a.m., the Chair announced the Board would recess for approximately 5 or 10 minutes.

At 11:32 a.m., the Chair reconvened the meeting with the following Members present to constitute a quorum: Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts.

Ms. Laken made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of Applicant A-D, in accordance with Section VII(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Johnson). The time being 11:32 a.m., the Chair announced that the Board would reconvene in Open Session in approximately 20 minutes.

The time being 12:09 p.m., Mr. Roberts made a motion to reconvene in Open Session. Ms. Laken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Johnson).

Ms. Hood made a motion to approve Applicant A – Christina Beckman's application for licensure. Ms. Laken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts).

Ms. Laken made a motion to approve Applicant B – Kristi Squires' application for licensure. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts).

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve Applicant C – Brittney Parrish's application for licensure with the condition that she enroll in the ASBRT Wellness Program for at least one year. Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts).

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve Applicant D – Brandy Turner's application for licensure with the condition that she enroll in the ASBRT Wellness Program for at least one year. Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts).

Mr. Roberts made a motion to adopt the proposed 2018 Board Meeting Calendar with the following dates: March 9<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Laken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Mr. Roberts, Ms. Laken, and Ms. Hood).

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chair. Ms. Hood made a motion to nominate Vernon Johnson as Chair. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Mr. Roberts, and Debra Laken).

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Ms. Hood made a motion to nominate William S. Roberts, Jr. Ms. Laken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Hood, Ms. Laken, and Mr. Roberts).

Ms. Laken moved that the Board adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. with there being no further business. Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Laken, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Hood). The next scheduled Board meeting was announced for March 9, 2018 at the Board office in Montgomery.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vernon Johnson, Chair

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William S. Roberts, Jr., Vice Chair

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director/Recorder