

## MINUTES

### Board Meeting

March 23, 2006

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy met on March 23, 2006 in Montgomery Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board Business. Those present were as follows: Ronda Hood, Chair; Fred Hill, Vice-Chair; and David Howard, Member. Dr. William Goetter, Member; and Linda Jordan, Member were not present. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director (also serving as the recording secretary); Sandy Speakman, Assistant Attorney General; and Cheairs Porter, Assistant Attorney General.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

Public notice was given for this meeting on March 13, 2006 on the Secretary of State's Web Site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's Web Site.

A motion was made by Fred Hill and seconded by David Howard to take the Agenda out of order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board began discussion of the Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Fred Hill and seconded by David Howard to accept the amended Rules as advertised. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to authorize the ASRC to establish an amendment to the statute Section 34-27B with language to be developed by the Board with authorization to make changes that are substantially similar. The motion was seconded by David Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to appoint Ronda Hood, Chair as the point person to rule on language changes to any proposed legislation. The motion was seconded by David Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred Hill made a motion for the following language to be passed to ASRC for any proposed legislation: Add definition to Section 34-27B-2: "Order(s) of a physician", "prescription by a physician", "prescribed by a physician", "direction of a physician", in this act shall mean order(s) of a physician or other health care professional acting within his or her scope of practice as defined by a particular licensing board, if applicable. "The motion was seconded by David Howard. The motion was passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:20 a.m., the Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Fred Hill made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the December 1, 2006 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ronda Hood. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred Hill made a motion that Ronda Hood draft a letter to Medical Education Systems stating that we will accept AARC courses for the CRCE units that have been awarded by AARC, that we recommend they contact all of their clients who might be affected by this and make adjustments as they see fit. The motion was seconded by David Howard and passed unanimously by the Board.

Fred Hill made a motion to accept ABN approved courses that relate to RT as described in our Rules and Regulations as acceptable for continuing education. The motion was seconded by David Howard. Fred Hill voted aye, all other votes nay, motion fails.

Fred Hill made a motion to enter into an agreement with Alabama Interactive for the development of on-line renewals. The motion was seconded by David Howard and was unanimously passed by the Board.

Fred Hill made a motion to contact ISD to develop an Access Database for the Board. The motion was seconded by David Howard and unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made by Fred Hill that all students that have been granted exemption to work as students be made available on the Web Site. David Howard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 12:15 p.m. the Board recessed for a lunch break to reconvene in 30 minutes.

At approximately 12:50 p.m., the Board reconvened the Board Meeting.

A Legal Update was then given by Sandy Speakman. Ms. Speakman spoke for the record that the Board was not authorized to request a declaratory ruling from the Medical Association as previously requested according to the Attorney General's Office.

Fred Hill made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss with its attorneys controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the Board pursues a proposed course of action, in accordance with Section VII (3) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by David Howard. Sandy Speakman certified as the Attorney that litigation is the purpose to enter into closed session. Voting Aye: Fred Hill, David Howard, and Ronda Hood; Voting Nay: 0, the motion passed. The Chair announced that the time being 12:51 p.m., the Board would reconvene in fifteen minutes.

At approximately 1:15 p.m. the Board moved to enter into Open Session.

Ronda Hood then presented a Chair's Report.

The Board then began review of applications for continuing education providers that are not healthcare facilities.

Fred Hill made a motion to deny issuing a provider number to Capstone Educational Consultants. David Howard seconded the motion and was unanimously carried by the Board.

Fred Hill made a motion to approve two provider numbers for UAB upon receipt of complete information. David Howard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

David Howard made a motion to approve applications by work experience pending receipt of the original employment verification. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred Hill made a motion that Piretta Echols be approved for licensure. David Howard seconded the motion, and was passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to approve the applications for reciprocity. David Howard seconded the motion and was unanimously carried by the Board.

David Howard made a motion to deny Brent Austin and Matthew Howard for licensure. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill and was unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made by David Howard to approve the applications reviewed under the credential option. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill and passed unanimously.

Ronda Hood made a motion to license Patrice Bonner. The Motion was seconded by David Howard and unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made by David Howard to enter into Executive Session to review SR 62 - 75. At approximately 2:15 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill. Voting Aye: David Howard, Fred Hill, and Ronda Hood; Voting Nay: 0; the motion passed.

At 2:30 p.m. Fred Hill made a motion to move out of executive session and reconvene open session. The motion was seconded by David Howard. Voting Aye: Fred Hill, David Howard, and Ronda Hood; voting nay: 0; the motion passed.

Fred Hill made a motion for Robert Plunkett's application to be held over to the next board meeting pending information from the California Board and a request to Mr. Plunkett to verify his license explaining why he has been without a license for so long and do a criminal background check. The motion was seconded by David Howard and unanimously carried by the Board.

David Howard made a motion to approve the following pending criminal background checks: E. Paul Williams, Delvin Bradley, David Brown, Donald Davis, Travis England, Cindy Epping, James Gutierrez, Jason McCullough, Jay Thompson, Kathy Tucker, Robert Park, Carmen Luker, and Priscilla Wright. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill and unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made to accept the Applicant reviewed by David Howard. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the Board's expenses for the day and to approve Board Member expenses that travel to Montgomery to review applications between Board Meetings by David Howard. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill and unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made by Fred Hill that we recognize Sandy Speakman, Assistant Attorney General for her outstanding job performance during the initial adoption and amendment of Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by David Howard and unanimously carried by the Board.

A motion was made by David Howard and seconded by Fred Hill to send the Attorney General a letter of commendation for Sandy Speakman for her work on the ASBRT. The motion passed unanimously.

The time being 3:28 p.m. and there being no further board business, a motion was made by David Howard and seconded by Fred Hill to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ronda Hood, Chair

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director  
Serving as Recording Secretary

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Fred Hill, Vice Chair