Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2011

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy met on Friday, October 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those present were as follows: Fred Hill, Chair; Linda Moore, Vice-Chair; Vernon Johnson, Member. Not present was Dr. William Saliski, Jr., Member; and Ron Stansell, Member. Also present were Paula McCaleb, Executive Director; Bettie Carmack, Assistant Attorney General; Amanda Lozada, Licensing Agent; and Patrick Woodham, Compliance Officer.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:03 a.m., with a quorum present.

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

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to approve the Minutes from July 15, 2011, corrected as follows: Chairman Hill appointed Ron Stansell, Board Member, and Paula McCaleb, Executive Director to the Legislative Committee. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Moore to nominate Fred Hill as Chair and to close the floor to new nominations. The motion was seconded by Vernon Johnson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to nominate Linda Moore as Vice Chair and to close the floor to new nominations. The motion was seconded by Fred Hill and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to approve the annual renewal of the administrative services contract with Leadership Alliance, L.L.C. with a five percent increase. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore. Voting “Aye” were Fred Hill, Linda Moore and Vernon Johnson. Voting “Nay” were none. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to adopt the new immigration affidavit for all new applicants as advised by counsel. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore. Voting “Aye” were Fred Hill and Linda Moore. Voting “Nay” was Vernon Johnson. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to investigate complaints submitted to the Board involving current licensees regarding their immigration status. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to send the new immigration affidavit to all licensees as advised by counsel to be in compliance with the new immigration law. The motion was
seconded by Linda Moore. Voting “Aye” were Vernon Johnson and Linda Moore. Voting “Nay” was Fred Hill. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Linda Moore to adopt the changes to the law to take to the Legislature and appoint Paula McCaleb and Fred Hill to negotiate minor changes and to contact other members of the Board for all other changes. The motion was seconded by Vernon Johnson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson that the Board enter into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of files “A, B, C, D, E, F, and G”, in accordance with Section VII (1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore. Voting “Aye” were Linda Moore, Vernon Johnson and Fred Hill. Voting “Nay” were none. The motion passed and the Chairman announced that the Board would continue in Executive Session for approximately ten (30) minutes, the time being approximately 12:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Ron Stansell to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore. Voting “Aye” were Linda Moore, Vernon Johnson and Fred Hill. Voting “Nay” were none. The motion passed, the time being approximately 12:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to approve Melford Glenn Sr. renewal application pending the review of his background check. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Moore to request a complete explanation of current charges from Mark Brooks. The motion was seconded by Vernon Johnson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson to request three letters of reference, a recent drug screening, and to invite Rietta McCarley to interview with the Board at the next meeting on January 27th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vernon Johnson for emergency suspension of the licenses of Benton Sanders, Adam Wolfe, Nicholas Henson, and Denise Monday for failure to comply with the wellness agreement until wellness standards are met. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Moore to approve the proposed dates for the 2012 Board meeting calendar as follows: January 27th, April 13th, July 21st, and October 12th. Vernon Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Fred Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Moore and passed unanimously. There being no further Board business, the Board adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m.; the Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 27th, 2012, in the Montgomery Board office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Hill, Chairman

Linda Moore, Vice-Chair

Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

Amanda J. Lozada, Licensing Agent (serving as Recording Secretary).

Patrick Woodham, Compliance Officer (serving as Recording Secretary).