



# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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## MINUTES

October 1, 2021

### Present:

Ronda Hood

Ed Goodwin

Glenn Phippen

Vernon Johnson

Dr. Erin Ozgun

Elizabeth Sheehan

Matthew Bledsoe

Board Chair

Vice Chair

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

(Arrived late)

Executive Director

AG's Office

### Also Present:

Stephen McCormick – Alabama Hospital Association

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on October 1, 2021, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference room located at 400 S. Union Street, Montgomery, AL. 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

Board Chair, Ronda Hood, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. after establishing a quorum was present.

### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The board reviewed and unanimously voted to adopt the agenda.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

### III. Minutes of June 18, 2021 Board Meeting

After review of the minutes of the June 18, 2021, meeting, Mr. Johnson moved to accept the minutes; Mr. Phippen seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

#### IV. Minutes of September 16, 2021 Board Meeting

After review of the minutes of the September 16, 2021, meeting, Mr. Goodwin moved to accept the minutes; Mr. Phippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

#### V. New Business

##### a. FY22 Operation Plan

Executive Director Sheehan presented the Board with the proposed fiscal year 2022 Operation Plan. After discussion, Mr. Phippen motioned to accept the FY22 Operation Plan as presented; Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

##### b. Financial Statement

Executive Director Sheehan presented the Board with the most current Financial Statement. After discussion, Mr. Johnson motioned to accept the Financial Statement as presented; Mr. Phippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

##### c. Applications Received from October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

Mr. Stephen McCormick addressed the Board on behalf of the Alabama Hospital Association. Discussions were held as to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation and the state-wide staffing shortages due to COVID-19. After discussions, Mr. Johnson made a motion that any Respiratory Therapist license issued, renewed or reinstated between October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021, will not expire until October 31, 2023. Mr. Phippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

##### d. Additional AARC Approved Live CEUs

Discussions were held as to whether certain CEUs previously approved by AARC as "live" are actually being presented "live." After discussions, Mr. Johnson motioned to accept all

CEUs approved by AARC as “live/non-self-study” as compliant with this Board’s CEU requirements. Dr. Ozgun seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

BREAK: At 11:45 the Board took a 15 minute break.

RECONVENE: At 12:00 p.m., the Board Chair reconvened the meeting.

e. Letter to Governor

After discussion, Mr. Johnson motioned to adopt as Board Action the August 22, 2021 letter sent by Ronda Hood, Board Chair, to Governor Kay Ivey addressing the emergency proclamation failing to include respiratory therapists. Mr. Phippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson and Glenn Phippen.  
Opposed: None.

f. CEU Broker Presentation Request

Director Sheehan received a request from CE Broker to present at the next meeting. It was decided that CEU Broker may virtually appear before the Board at the Board’s December meeting.

g. Waiver Review

Due to the votes regarding accepting AARC approved CEUs as “live/non-self-study” the voting on the “Waiver Review” was deemed unnecessary.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:15 Mr. Goodwin 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 Mr. Phippen, and Board Chair Hood stated the Board would reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session in approximately one hour.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Phippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

At 12:55 p.m., Board Chair Hood made motion for the Board to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Phippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

- APP 2021.04 [DF] Mr. Goodwin motioned to allow applicant's license to be reinstated after and upon the completion of one year in the Board's Wellness Program. Mr. Pippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

- APP 2021.09 [LY] Mr. Johnson motioned to deny the application of this applicant. Mr. Pippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

- APP 2021.10 [BM] Mr. Goodwin motioned to preliminarily approve this application, pending the outcome of the current court action. Mr. Pippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

- C-2021.02 [VA] Mr. Goodwin motioned to require Respondent to enter the Wellness Program within thirty (30) days or the Board will schedule a revocation of license hearing. Mr. Pippen seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Abstained: Ronda Hood. Opposed: None.

- D-2021.01 [KR] Mr. Pippen moved to fine Respondent \$1,000.00 for working without a license and further moved the Executive Director to issue a letter of reprimand to the hospital's Director. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. New Licensee List

After review of the New Licensee List, Mr. Pippen moved the Board accept and approve the list as presented. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

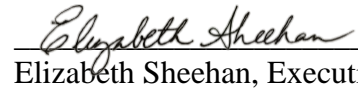
Votes in favor of the motion: Ronda Hood, Ed Goodwin, Vernon Johnson, Glenn Pippen and Erin Ozgun. Opposed: None.

### b. Date/Time of Next Meeting

December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey Building

ADJOURNMENT : With no further business, Mr. Goodwin motioned to adjourn. Mr. Phippen seconded. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

  
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Ronda Hood, Board Chair

  
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Elizabeth Sheehan, Executive Director