



ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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MINUTES

September 16, 2021

Present:

Ronda Hood
Ed Goodwin
Glenn Pippen
Elizabeth Sheehan
Beth Haisten
Matthew Bledsoe

Board Chair
Vice Chair
Board Member
Executive Director
Assistant Director
AG's Office

Not Present:

Vernon Johnson
Dr. Erin Ozgun

Board Member
Board Member

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on September 16, 2021, via ZOOM conference and telephone conference call. 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 established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

II. Reciprocity Licensing during Governor's State of Emergency

The Board and the Executive Director discussed a way to expedite applications for licensing from out of state licensed respiratory therapists, while adhering to the Board's laws, rules and regulations.

A motion was made to allow ASBRT staff to access and accept the on-line verification of applicants' credentials held or having been held in other state(s), pending receipt of the formal/written verification from the applicants' reciprocal state(s). The acceptance of the on-line verification shall be dependent upon the reciprocal states' websites' assurance that the site is the official licensure verification site, contains data obtained from primary (original) sources and is updated regularly. It was further decided that this matter will be reviewed at the Board's December 2021 meeting.

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

- III. Continuing Education Requirements during Governor's State of Emergency
The Board, the Executive Director, and Matt Bledsoe discussed issues with a Continuing Education provider "Last Minute CEUs." The site purports to provide "live" webinars. Accordingly, numerous licensed respiratory therapists have subscribed to and obtained these "live" CEUs. However, it has come to the Board's attention that these webinars are, in fact, recorded and therefore, do not meet Alabama's standards for traditional ("live) CEU.

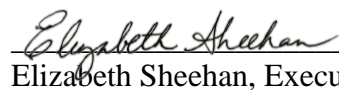
A motion was made that any applicant who is subject to the randomly selected CEU audit by the Board and who has obtained CEUs from Last Minute CEUs, may request that the Board waive their live CEU requirement pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code Section 798-X-8-.01. Should the Board decide to grant a waiver to licensees, they should acknowledge that going forward that live CEU credits are not prerecorded and must provide the live interaction and ability to speak directly to the presenter as well as other participants during the presentation. The Board will consider granting the live CEU waiver for Last Minute CEUs during the 2021 renewal season only. After November 30, 2021, CEUs obtained from Last Minute CEUs will only be accepted as "non-traditional" CEUs. The Board further instructed the Executive Director to contact Last Minute CEUs and request Alabama be included in the list of states that do not accept "live" CEUs from this provider.

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

ADJOURNMENT : With no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.



Ronda Hood, Board Chair



Elizabeth Sheehan, Executive Director