

September 16, 2021 Board Meeting

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.

The Board and the Executive Director discussed how 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 and carried 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). Online verifications will only be accepted from states who offer primary source verification and who update their websites regularly. It was further decided that this matter will be reviewed at the Board's December 2021 meeting.

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 and carried that licensees who obtained CEUs from "Last Minute CEUs" may request a waiver of the live CEU requirement to comply with ASBRT rules and regulations. The waiver for this CEU shall only be available through the 2021 renewal season and will expire November 30, 2021. 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 that Alabama be included in the list of states that do not accept "live" CEUs from this provider.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m. with no further discussion.