



## ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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### MINUTES

July 25, 2025

#### Present:

Ronda Hood Mask

Ed Goodwin

Glenn Pippen

Ashley Pool (via Teams Mtg)

Elizabeth Sheehan

Paula Little

Mike James

Matt Bledsoe

Board Chair

Board Vice Chair

Board Member

Board Member

Executive Director

Assistant Director

Board Investigator

Attorney General's Office

#### Absent:

Dr. Erin Ozgun

Kristen Johnston

Board Member

Board Member

#### Public Attendees:

Michael Bridier, Alabama Office of Apprenticeship (10:33-11:42 a.m.)

Steven McCormick, Alabama Hospital Association (10:33-11:42 a.m.)

Brett Haynes (left 10:25 a.m.)

James Norris (via Teams Mtg, left 10:25 a.m.)

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on July 25, 2025, in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Bailey Building located at 400 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. 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/WELCOME

Board Chair Ronda Hood Mask welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. after a roll call and establishing a quorum was present.

#### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

After review, Ed Goodwin made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented with the ability to make changes if necessary. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with no opposition.

### III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

After review, Glenn Pippen made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting as presented. Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting as presented with no opposition.

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:14 a.m., Glenn Pippen 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 Ed Goodwin. Board Chair Ronda Hood Mask stated the Board would reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. In a roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

At 10:32 a.m., Ed Goodwin motioned for the Board to come out of Executive Session. Glenn Pippen seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

- a. After meeting with Wellness case 2024-08 and discussing the licensee's current compliance, Ed Goodwin motioned to allow licensee to continue in the wellness program while being monitored by their work supervisor. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.
- b. Matt Bledsoe presented Complaint 2025-01. The Investigative Committee recommended the licensee be offered a Consent Agreement for a six (6) month probation and a fine of \$250.00. The licensee could accept the Consent Agreement or request a hearing. After discussion, Glenn Pippen moved to accept the recommendation of the Investigative Committee. Ronda Hood Mask seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed with Ed Goodwin abstaining.
- c. Elizabeth Sheehan and Paula Little presented the application and email communications of Luis Vega. After discussion, Glenn Pippen motioned to deny the application based on Administrative Code section 798-X-7-.02(2). Ashley Pool seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Michael Bridier from the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship explained the proposed apprenticeship program to the Board. Mr. Steven McCormick from the Alabama Hospital Association spoke on behalf of the apprenticeship program. After the presentation, questions, and discussion, Ronda Hood Mask did state the Board was interested in the program; however, several questions/issues must be addressed. First, CoARC does not allow students to be paid for clinical hours. Second, the apprenticeship program must be more than 1 year to meet the federal definition. Third, the Board's law must be changed to

accommodate the program. These issues will be looked at moving forward.

- b. Financial Statement. Ms. Sheehan presented the financial statement to the Board. After discussion, Glenn Phippen made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial statement as presented with no opposition.
- c. FY26 Operations Plan. Ms. Sheehan explained the FY26 Operations Plan is the same as last year. Ashley Pool motioned to approve the FY26 Operations Plan as presented. Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Operations Plan as presented with no opposition.
- d. Renewals. Ed Goodwin motioned to open renewals August 1, 2025. Ronda Hood Mask seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to open renewals August 1, 2025, with no opposition.
- e. Rule 798-X-8-.02(4)(b). Ms. Sheehan informed the Board that Rule 798-X-8-.02(4)(b) allows for 12 CEUs of advanced life support training to be applied for license renewals.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CEU Committee. The CEU Committee is comprised of Ronda Hood Mask, Ed Goodwin, and Glenn Phippen.
- b. Legislative Update. Ms. Sheehan informed the Board that she plans to pre-file the amended law for respiratory therapy for the next legislative session.

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. New Licensee List. Elizabeth Sheehan presented the Board with a listing of the new licensees. After review of the list, Ed Goodwin moved to approve and accept the new licensees as presented. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to accept the motion with no opposition.
- b. Dates and times of 2025 meetings.
  - i. 9/19/2025 at 10:00 a.m.
  - ii. 12/12/2025 at 10:00 a.m.

- VIII. With no further business, Ed Goodwin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to accept the motion with no opposition. Board Chair Ronda Hood Mask adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.



Ronda Hood Mask, Board Chair



Elizabeth Sheehan, Executive Director