



ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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MINUTES

June 21, 2024

Present:

Ronda Hood Mask
Ed Goodwin
Glenn Pippen
Kristen Johnston
Dr. Erin Ozgun
Ashley Pool
Elizabeth Sheehan
Paula Little
Matt Bledsoe

Board Chair
Board Vice Chair
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Executive Director
Assistant Director
Office of Attorney General

Public Attendees:

Faith Pursifull
Demi Nicholson
Alison McGuire

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy held a meeting on June 21, 2024, in the 4th floor conference room located at 400 S. 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 called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. after 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. 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 8, 2024, meeting as presented. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 8, 2024, meeting as presented with no opposition.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CEU Presentation. Representatives from Children’s of Alabama presented information on the 2-day course “Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue” and asked that it be accepted for Respiratory Therapy continuing education credits. After review and discussion of the presentation and materials, Dr. Ozgun motioned to accept the course for 13 live CEUs based on Administrative Code section 798-X-8-.02(4)(d)(iv). Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to allow 13 live CEUs for the 2-day course “Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue” with no opposition.
- b. Financial Statement. Ms. Sheehan presented the financial statement to the Board. After discussion, Ed Goodwin made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The motion to accept the financial statement as presented passed unanimously with no opposition.
- c. NBRC Requirement for Renewal. Ms. Sheehan notified the Board that based on the existing Legislative Code, the Board does not have the legal authority to require licensees to maintain current credentials with the NBRC for renewal. Based on the above information, Glenn Phippen motioned to authorize Elizabeth Sheehan to revise the 3/31/2023 minutes, to note the 3/31/2023 revision in the current minutes, and vacate Case 2022-07 and delete its fine. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition.
- d. Students. Elizabeth Sheehan led a discussion on the Board’s responsibility/legal authority over respiratory therapy students. The issue was tabled until the meeting when the law’s revisions will be proposed.

V. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- a. Compact Update. Ed Goodwin updated the Board on the status of the compact. The proposed council to oversee the compact is to be called the “Respiratory Care Interstate Compact Commission.”
- b. Eliminating CRT Component. Ed Goodwin led a discussion to eliminate the CRT credential for licensure and only accept the RRT credential. After discussion, Ed Goodwin motioned that the Board supported eliminating the CRT credential in the law and support only licensing RRT credentialed applicants provided there is a Grandfather Clause for current licensees. Ashley Pool seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition.

VI. WELLNESS/DISCIPLINE

- a. Case No. 2023-08 (P.H.)
 - b. Case No. 2024-02 (B.T.)
 - c. Case No. 2024-03 (A.R.)
 - d. Case No. 2024-06 (K.V.)
- Glenn Phippen motioned to authorize Elizabeth Sheehan to hold revocation hearings for the above four disciplinary cases July 18, 2024. Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Committee to Rewrite CE Requirements: Elizabeth Sheehan will meet with the committee and a draft rewrite will be presented at the next meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. New Licensee Listing. Elizabeth Sheehan presented the Board with a listing of the new licensees. After review of the list, Glenn Phippen moved to approve and accept the new licensees as presented. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.
- b. Disciplinary List. Elizabeth Sheehan presented the Board with an updated disciplinary list; the list is on the website.
- c. Discipline/Wellness/Emergency suspensions. Elizabeth Sheehan led a discussion on the disciplining of wellness cases. After discussion, Kristen Johnston moved to authorize Elizabeth Sheehan to issue emergency suspensions of licenses for drug or alcohol cases that occur in the workplace. Glenn Phippen seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

Upon further discussion, Ed Goodwin motioned to amend the above motion to read Elizabeth Sheehan is authorized to issue emergency suspensions at her discretion with the advice of counsel from the Attorney General's Office in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. Kristen Johnston seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

- d. Dates and times of next meetings.
 - i. 08/23/2024 at 10:00 a.m.
 - ii. 11/08/2024 at 10:00 a.m.

- IX. With no further business, Ashley Pool motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ed Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with no opposition. Board Chair Ronda Hood Mask adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.



Ronda Hood Mask, Board Chair



Elizabeth Sheehan, Executive Director