

ALABAMA BOARD OF HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at the Board's office located at 60 Commerce Street Suite 1440 in Montgomery and on Zoom to conduct Board business. All Board members in attendance did so by Zoom. They were: Board Chair Lisa Wells, Board Vice Chair Jason Jones, Mr. Andy Alvarez (member), Mr. Don Jones (member), and Rep. Chris Sells (member). Board members not in attendance were Dr. Randall Lee Murphy, Jr (member), and Mrs. Susan Haigler (member). Others present in Montgomery were Ms. Claire Austin (Executive Director), Mr. Will Parker (Administrator), Mr. Parker Alwan (staff) and Ms. Brenda Holden (serving as recording secretary). Mr. Cameron McEwen (Legal Counsel), attended by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Ms. Wells, Board Chair with a quorum present. Public notice of the regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site at www.homemed.alabama.gov and published on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Chairperson Wells asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Johnson made the motion to accept the agenda as provided, Mr. Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes – each member read the Minutes individually.

Chairperson Wells asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020. Mr. J. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair addressed the Board and thank them for serving under such trying times. The passed year has been challenging both professional and personally due to the Covid-19 and she appreciated their hard work in serving the consumers under these situations.

Ms. Austin provided the Board with the current financial information since the last meeting. She provided the Board Members copies of the financial information in advance should there be any questions. Mr. Parker also provided information on what expenses had been paid since the last meeting. Ms. Austin added that the Examiners of Public Accounts will be scheduling their appointment for the exit interview for the audit just completed shortly. The Chair stated she planned to be in attendance for that meeting.

Mr. McEwen, Board Legal Counsel announced that this would be his last meeting as he has accepted a position out of State with the Federal Government. He also said that he would be available by telephone, email or text should something come up that they would need his assistance but that a new representative will be assigned and he was sure that everything will go smoothly for this transition.

New Board Business, Chairperson Ms. Wells stated that there was no New Business, but she reminded everyone that as of January 1, 2021, the criteria for competitive bids have changed and that the outcome will hopefully relieve the financial stress and hardship imposed on the Home Medical Equipment Industry.

Chairperson Wells announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Rep. Sells made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Jones and unanimously passed by the Board. Chairperson Wells adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wells
Board Chair