

HME Board Minutes

10:00AM – CST

April 26, 2022

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM or In Person

With proper and required notice having been provided to the Alabama Secretary of State's Office along with posting on the websites of the Alabama Secretary of State and the Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment was held on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, from 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Lisa Wells.

A quorum having been established and maintained; the following Board members were present:

Lisa Wells

Jason Jones

Don Jones

Robert Beard

Jennifer Weathers

Also present was Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker, Administrative Support, Clara Casalino, Secretary, and Tara Hetzel, Board Legal Counsel.

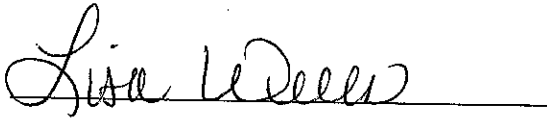
Jennifer Weathers was sworn into the board at the beginning of the meeting. After reading of the agenda that was passed out prior to the meeting, the motion to approve the agenda was made by Jennifer Weather and seconded by Jason Jones. All voted in favor and the agenda was approved. The reading of the minutes of the January 25, 2022, meeting was motioned to approve by Jason Jones and seconded by Don Jones. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Will Parker presented the Financial Report with a detailed status on the finances of the board. The board is in good standing financially. There were 11 new licenses issued since the prior meeting.

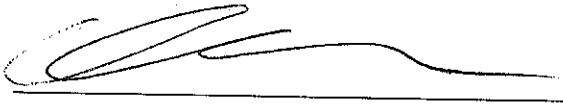
The Chair reported to the Board that even though they approved The Austin Group's contract at their last meeting for four years, it has been explained that they can only be extended one year at a time. Also, she informed the Board they can increase the contract each year but by no more than 5%. After some discussion, Don Jones motioned to increase the contract by 5% which was seconded by Jason Jones. The Board voted unanimously to approve a 5% increase for the approved year. There was discussion about seeking an individual to fill the Hospice seat and Physician seat on the board.

There was no news for the General Counsel Report. Executive Director, Claire Austin, stated that starting on July 1st, members who attend virtually are eligible to vote remotely. Renewal information will be mailed out after July 4th for all licensees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Beard and seconded by Don Jones @ 11:02 am.



Lisa Wells



Clara Casalino