

## **HME Board Minutes**

**March 5, 2024**

**11:00am CST**

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 the meeting was held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at 60 Commerce Street – Suite 1440, Montgomery Alabama. The meeting has been called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Chairman Jason Jones.

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

Jason Jones

Robert Beard

Michael Hadden

Don Jones

Jennifer Weathers

Vernon Johnson– Via Zoom

Lisa Wells - Via Zoom

Also present was Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker, Administrative Support, Darrell Tatum, Investigator and Cameron Elkins, Board Legal Counsel.

After reading the agenda that was emailed prior to the meeting, the motion to approve the agenda was made by Lisa Wells and seconded by Jenifer Weathers. All voted in favor, and the agenda was approved. The reading from the minutes from the December 12, 2023, meeting where motioned to approve by Robert Beard, and seconded by Michael Hadden.

Chairman's report by Jason Jones discussed the

major issues facing the board currently the change in healthcare cyberattack, the 75/25 blend relief, SOAR

Chairman Jones mentioned the Diabetes issues at the Medicaid agency, he called on Jennifer Weathers to discuss this matter. J. Weathers discusses the issue facing the non-coverage of CGM and CPAS for adults by the Medicaid agency. Weathers discussed the 2023 legislation that didn't move in 2023 – SB 63/54.

Chairman Jones appointed a outreach and marking committee l with Jennifer Weathers, Don Jones, and Robert Beard a to meet following the end of Board meeting, and update the board during each meeting on the progress.

Claire Austin gave the executive director's report to the board on the status of the board. Austin discussed the random inspections that have been done over the past year, Austin stated that

Will Parker presented the Financial Report with a detailed status on the finances of the board. The board is in good standing financially. Parker stated that the Board cash balance \$421,612.00. board went into executive Session.

The board went into Executive Session on the renewal management contract.

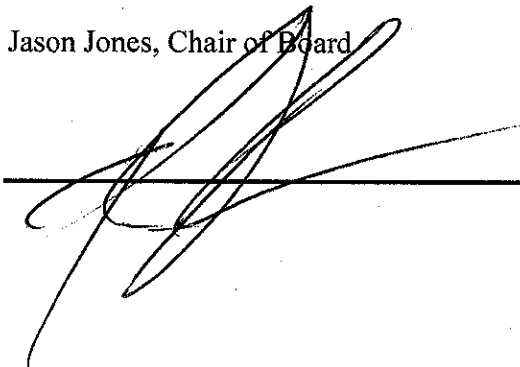
Then, a motion was the Board voted unanimously to give The Austin Group, LLC a 5% Increase for the management of the board.

Cameron Elkins, the general counsel had no report for the board. Elkins stated he was work with Austin on my licensees operating out of compliance by not staffing stores for the statutory weekly hours of operation.

Chairman Jason Jones said with no further business before the board, "I would like a motion to adjourn, Robert Beard made the motion to adjourn, and Jennifer Weathers seconded the motion to adjourn the board meeting unanimously voted in favor to adjourn at 12:23 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Jason Jones, Chair of Board



Claire H. Austin, Executive Director

