

HME Board Minutes

2:30pm – CST

April 15, 2026

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 Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Embassy Suites located on the John Hawkins Parkway, Hoover Alabama. The meeting has been called to order at 2:31pm by Chairman Jason Jones.

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

Jason Jones, Jennifer Weathers, Henry Fulgam Ashley Lauderdale, Russell Terry, Michael Hadden, and Dr. Daneille Powell.

Phil Kilbene and Will Parker – Via Zoom

Also, present was Claire Austin, Executive Director, Steve Herndon, Board Legal Counsel from the Office of Attorney General and Scott Burroughs with DeVilbiss Healthcare, Southern Regional Manager, who sat in the meeting as a public person to listen and observe.

After reading the agenda that was emailed prior to the meeting, the motion to approve the agenda was made by Michael Hadden and seconded by Jennifer Weathers, the board unanimously approved the agenda. After reading the minutes, there was a motion made by Jennifer Weathers and seconded by Ashley Lauderdale to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March meeting.

The Chair of the Board, Jones, thanked everyone for coming to Hoover today for the meeting. Mr. Jones stated that the industry is still under a 6-month moratorium by Medicare. The federal government believes this will cut down on much fraud and abuse in the industry.

Jones discussed the two bills pending in the Legislature SB 277 and HB 228 both that the Board is opposed to for the industry. Chairman Jones then, discussed the matter regarding the upcoming moratorium by CMS, and other general issues facing the industry.

The executive director, Austin, gave the board her report to the office and that Board matters are running smoothly. Austin continued some dialogue on the pending SB 227, and the fact it would be coming to the House. She reminded the Board that we will have another Audit by the Examiners of Public Accountants beginning the end of April given there was a one year extensive for the HME Board. We will work to prepare for another audit beginning in late April 2026.

Will Parker presented the Financial Report and the performance update with a detailed status on the finances of the board. Parker stated the board had a cash balance of \$411,009.21 and said

that we are in good financial shape, healthy and streamlined. Parker stated the decreased funds were due to the payments to the vendor for the Educational Awareness campaign paid during this quarter.

Chairman Jones appointed a committee to work on the Rules and Regulations. Jones appointed Jennifer Weathers, Ashley Lauderdale, Phil Klebine, and himself. The plan is to try and have the first meeting in May, time and location to be determined, and it will be posted on the Secretary of State's website.

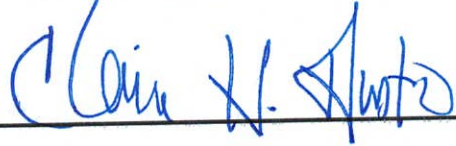
The next meeting was scheduled for May; however, due to this meeting next meeting to be determined maybe mid-July.

Jason Jones said with no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned. Ashley Ledbetter made the motion to adjourn, and Michael Hadden seconded the motion to adjourn. The board unanimously voted in favor of adjourning at 4:42pm.

Jason Jones, Chairman of Board

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Claire H. Austin, Executive Director

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