HME Board Minutes

11:00am – CST

September 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 Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Board office 60 Commerce Street – Suite 1440, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting has been called to order at 11:01 am. by Chairman Jason Jones.

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

Jason Jones, Jennifer Weathers, Michael Hadden, Dr. Danielle Powell, Russell Terry, Henry Fulgham – 11:18 am

Also present was Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker, Jacki Tucker, and Steve Herndon Board Legal Counsel from the Office of Attorney General.

After reading the agenda that was emailed prior to the meeting, the motion to approve the agenda was made by Jennifer Weathers, and seconded by Dr. Danielle Powell, the board unanimously approved the agenda. After reading the minutes, there was a motion made by Michael Hadden, and seconded by Jennifer Weathers to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 28th meeting.

Board member Russell Terry was administered the Oath of Office by the Executive Director, Claire Austin.

The Chair of the Board, Jones, thanked everyone for their attendance today. Jones discussed many issues facing the industry in the coming months. Mr. Jones stressed the importance of the upcoming Sunset Committee on October the 29th and for everyone to make an effort to be in attendance.

The Executive Director, Austin, presented her report on office and board matters. Austin stated that the Board finished the renewal period and that there are still about 24 outstanding licenses that should be renewed with a late fee.

She reported that 502 licenses have been renewed, two new applications have been received, three changes of address have been submitted, and 36 audits have been completed during the renewal period. She also told the Board that all Harbor Freight locations have withdrawn their Alabama licenses this year. The company stated they're not selling enough products, and what they may sell will be items not being reimbursed by insurance or Medicare.

We will need to meet in October prior to the scheduled Board meeting in order to certify the Rules the Board proposed.

Austin stated she will now turn the board financial updates to Will Parker. 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 $506,242.60, and said that we are in good financial shape, healthy and streamlined. Parker stated that the board has processed 502 renewals, closure of 28 due to Harbor Freight decision to not to sell DME products in any of the stores in Alabama. There are 24 non-renewals at this time that can pay late fees to the Board.

Jennifer Weathers gave the educational outreach working with AMP/Sinclair on the campaign currently running throughout the state via FB, social media, and all platforms. This campaign is very much the same as last year's campaign that was very effective.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 8; however, the Board will need to meet prior to this date to certify rules. Meeting is added on Tuesday, Oct 27th at 11: 30 am in Hoover @ the Embassy Suites located off the John Hawkins Parkway.

Jason Jones said with no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned, Russell Terry made the motion Michael Hadden, seconded motion to adjourn. The board unanimously voted in favor of adjourning at 12:26pm.

Jason Jones, Chairman of Board

Claire H. Austin, Executive Director