

HME Board Minutes

11:00AM – CST

May 23, 2023

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 the meeting was held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting has been called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Chair Lisa Wells.

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

Lisa Wells – Via Zoom

Jason Jones

Don Jones - Via Zoom

Robert Beard – Via Zoom

Michael Hadden

Jennifer Weathers – joined @ 1120 am

Vernon Johnson

Also present was Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker, Administrative Support, and David Crowder, Board Legal Counsel.

After reading the agenda that was passed out prior to the meeting, the motion to approve the agenda was made by Jason Jones and seconded by Don Jones. All voted in favor, and the agenda was approved. The reading from the minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting where motioned to approve by Michael Hadden, and seconded by Jason Jones

Chair, Lisa Wells, discussed the survey being conducted by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding evaluation inspection of ventilators. This survey is focusing on the supplier's report with various size DME suppliers. Wells discussed the new contract with Humana and Adapt Health that will be implemented by July 31, 2023, they have 34 states and Alabama is a part of this contract.

Claire Austin gave the executive director's report to the board, the transfer of the Ford SUV vehicle to the Board of Archives, Governor's Red Tape Executive Order for Boards. Austin also stated numerous companies calling trying to conduct business and claiming exceptions, she discussed that she had worked closely with Tara Hetzel on these matters.

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 a thank you to the Office of the Attorney General for their legal cost, and great work.

Andy Crowder attended the meeting as legal counsel for Attorney General's Tara Hetzel.

Crowder is going to ask Hetzel regarding an update on legal matters of the where more information was needed regarding the out of state discipline of a AL licensee.

Under new business, Jason Jones mentioned the applications for a licensee regarding the city license prior to getting the HME license. Austin will take this matter into consideration with each new licensee.

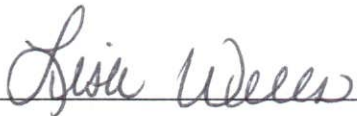
Announcements the next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lise Wells said with no further business before the board, "I would like a motion to adjourn, Robert Beard made the motion to adjourn, and Don Jones seconded the motion to adjourn the board unanimously voted in favor to adjourn at 1140 am.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 100pm CST.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Beard, and seconded by Don Jones @ 11:40 am.

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Lisa Wells, Chair of Board

  
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