

# *Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling*

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## **MINUTES**

### **Board Meeting**

**October 9, 2020**

The Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling met on Friday, October 9, 2020 via video-conferencing during the COVID 19 State of Emergency. The following Board members participated in the virtual special/called meeting. Ms. Fallon Brewer (Board Chair), Ms. Merideth Sanders (Board Vice Chair), Dr. Nathaniel Robin (member), Ms. Katie Nelson (member), Ms. Kelly East (member) and Dr. Warner Huh (member). Members not present were Ms. Alicia Gomes, Dr. Sheri Jenkins and Dr. Leon Dure. Also on the call was Mr. Bill Garrett (Assistant Attorney General). The meeting was held at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others onsite in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated a quorum was present to conduct business. Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Public Notice of this special/called scheduled meeting was submitted and published on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Chairperson Brewer commented on the purpose of the meeting was to review and adopt proposed rules and she gave an overview of the topics added to the rules in accordance with the action taken at the September Board meeting. The Board discussed reducing the licensing fees for Practicing Counselors in Education during the first cycle of licensing. Also discussed were the CE units required for renewing licenses. The Board discussed a goal of issuing licenses before October 1, 2021.

Mr. Garrett, Board Legal Counsel, reviewed the process for adopting Board rules. Dr. Huh made a motion to approve the Board rules, 405-X-1 Licensure, 405-X-2 Disciplinary Action and 405-X-3 Continuing Education as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren commented on publishing rules for public comment and he recommended that the Board meet in December to adopt the final rules. He reported that based on the publishing timeline, the rules could be effective as early as mid-February 2021.

Chairperson Brewer indicated that she would poll the members through Doodle Poll about meeting in the week of December 7, 2020.

There was no further business of the Board and Chairperson Brewer adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fallon Brewer  
*Board Chair*

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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