

Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling

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MINUTES Board Meeting June 12, 2024

The Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 12:00 Noon. The meeting was held at the Women and Infants Center in room #10281 located at 1700 6th Avenue South in Birmingham, AL. The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Fallon Brewer (Board Chairperson), Ms. Alicia Gomes (Board Secretary), Dr. Sheri Jenkins (member), Ms. Katie Nelson (member attending virtually), Dr. Leon Dure (member attending virtually), and Ms. Jessa Blount (member attending virtually at 12:31 p.m.). The Board members absent were Ms. Kelly East (Board Vice Chair) and Dr. Warner Huh (member). Others in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Barrett Bowdre (Assistant Attorney General attending virtually), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator attending virtually), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Mr. Warren called the Board roll and indicated a quorum was present to conduct business. Ms. Brewer, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled virtual meeting was submitted and published on the Board's website at www.agcb.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Chairperson Brewer presented the agenda for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Jenkins made the motion to approve the June 12, 2024, meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gomes and, following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Brewer presented for the Board's approval of the minutes from February 29, 2024, Board meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Ms. Gomes made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and, following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board.

REPORTS

Board Chair: Chairperson Brewer commented on the two-year licensing period approved by the Board which became effective on January 14, 2024, and would begin with the 2025 license renewals.

Executive Director: Mr. Warren reported on the number of active licenses (340) and temporary licenses (4) and he presented a list of new licenses issued since the last meeting in February, along with a complete list of active licenses (report available in official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren reviewed the financial activities of the Board for the period ending May 31, 2024. A detailed line-item report of expenses was provided for the same reporting period. He reported that the financial reports would be expanded and more details with vendor information would be prepared for the next Board meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Jenkins made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gomes, and following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Blount joined the meeting virtually at 12:31 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Gomes made the motion to ratify the approval of the new licenses issued. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and, following a roll call vote, was unanimously approved by the Board.

Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Bowdre explained the current requirements allowing Board members to attend meetings virtually. He indicated that the Board's statute changes in 2023 did not allow for the full Board to attend virtually. Mr. Warren reported that pursuing additional legislative changes this time may not be supported by the Legislature, and the Board asked Mr. Bowdre to inquire about pursuing an Attorney General's opinion on this matter, since it was the Board's intent in pursuing the 2023 legislation to allow the full Board to attend meetings virtually.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Board Terms: Mr. Warren reported that he had provided Dr. Ananth information about apply online to the Governor's office indicating her interest to serve on the Board. He indicated that this appointment was for the position held by Dr. Robin. He stated that he would continue to follow-up with the Governor's office about Board reappointments regarding expired terms.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Brewer called for new business and there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Chairperson Brewer reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 23, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Chairperson Brewer called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Ms. Gomes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and, following a roll call vote, unanimously approved by the Board. Secretary Gomes adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fallon Brewer
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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Date Approved by the Board