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MINUTES
Special Called Board Meeting
September 1, 2026

A special called meeting of the Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling met at the UAB Women and Infants Center in room #10373 located at 1700 6th Avenue South in Birmingham, Alabama. The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Fallon Brewer (Board Chairperson), Ms. Alicia Gomes (Board Secretary), Dr. Leon Dure (member), with Ms. Meagan Cochran and Ms. Catherine Allen attending virtually. There are two vacancies on the Board currently. The necessary quorum of Brewer, Gomes, and Dure were physically present at UAB. Also present virtually were Executive Director Patrick McWhorter, Board Administrator Randy Barrows, and Attorney Barrett Bowdre.

Chair Fallon Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm, and by a motion made by Ms. Gomes, seconded by Dr. Dure, the meeting's agenda was approved by roll call vote with Brewer, Gomes, Dure, Allen, and Cochran voting in favor. Then by motion made by Gomes, seconded by Dure, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by roll call vote with Brewer, Gomes, Dure, Allen, and Cochran voting in favor.

Chair Brewer deferred to Ms. Gomes to provide a short update as the status of the continuing education program, including the setup of the course shell, quizzes, and the application for CEUs through NSGC. Staff updated the Board on plans for implementing a paperless license renewal system through a new licensee portal being developed by KALM, our database management firm. They explained that the portal would allow licensees to renew online, print licenses, and access continuing education records, with the system expected to be more manageable than initially anticipated.

Chair Brewer presented the renewal of the Board's current contract with Arete Impact Management LLC, with both parties agreeing not to exercise the fee increase allowed in the contract. It was explained that even though the contract covers a 5 year term, state law requires an annual renewal. After brief discussion, Ms. Gomes moved to approve the contract renewal and submit it to Legislative Contract Review Committee for approval. Dr. Dure made the second to her motion, and it was approved unanimously with Brewer, Gomes, Dure, Allen, and Cochran voting in favor.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Gomes, for adjournment. Voting in favor of the motion was Brewer, Gomes, Dure, Allen and Cochran. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fallon Brewer 11.3.20

Ms. Fallon Brewer Date

Board Chairperson