

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2019**

President Kenny Sanders called the February 20, 2019, meeting of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy to order at 9:26 a.m. to conduct necessary business and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members were present:

C. Kenneth Sanders	President
Ralph E. Sorrell	Vice President
Brenda R. Denson	Treasurer
Chris Phung	Member
Rob Colburn	Member

Other Alabama Board of Pharmacy staff members present were:

Donna C. Yeatman, Executive Secretary	Todd Brooks, Drug Investigator
Susan P. Alverson, Ph.D., Dir.-Regulatory Affairs	Peyton Zarzour, Drug Investigator
Cristal Anderson, Director of Compliance	Casey Shaw, Drug Investigator
Edward R. Braden, Chief Drug Investigator	Rhonda Coker
Scott Daniel, Asst. Chief Drug Investigator, Legal/Legislative Liaison	Lynn Martin
Glenn Wells, Drug Investigator	Patty Wright
Mark Delk, Drug Investigator	Wendy Passmore
Richard Lambruschi, Drug Investigator	Kim Pickett
	Twalia King

Members of the public present were:

Jim Driskell	Laura Matthews	Chuck Schneider
Johnny Watts	Chuck Beams	Will Harris
Rebecca Whitmore	Rosanne Thurman	Mark Todd
Jim Easter	Ava Eure	Tomie Ann Boackle
Angela Dee Thomason	Julie Kimbrough	Eddie Vanderver
Sarah Merkle	Jon Linna	Jessica Cain
Tracy Davis	Kelli Newman	Kailee Jones
Derrick Browning	Alex Jenkins	Allison Souders
Rachel Weaver	Louise Jones	Heath Hogge
Robby Smith	Kelly Tate	Rusty Harris
Neil Hitchcock	Jessica Adams	Jeff Church
Tommy Cobb	Scott Baker	Nathan Kendrick
Julie Lasseigne	Donnie Calhoun	

1. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

President Sanders called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was presented by Mr. Sorrell and seconded by Dr. Denson. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- Derrick Browning with TwelveStone Health Partners gave a presentation requesting out-of-state licensure. The Board asked Mr. Browning to provide a label with all Alabama requirements, along with a current license application, and then the office could approve the out-of-state license request.
- Chuck Schneider and Donnie Calhoun gave a presentation on behalf of Ecofibre and Ananda Professional on the uses and benefits of CBD oil. A lengthy discussion was held on the pros and cons of CBD oil. No action was taken.
- Jessica Adams with TelePharm gave a presentation regarding the use of telepharmacy specifically in rural areas where no pharmacy is present. Ms. Adams discussed what it is, its history, the regulatory environment, and the national landscape of telepharmacy. The Board members advised her that Alabama's statutes do not allow for telepharmacy at this time.
- Scott Baker with Winfield Drugs gave a presentation regarding rural areas of Alabama that do not have a pharmacy and discussed possible ways to use parts of telepharmacy and other ways to provide pharmacy services to those areas. The Board members advised him that Alabama's statutes do not allow for telepharmacy at this time. No action taken.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Brenda Denson presented the treasurer's report. Total revenues are at 87 percent of the fiscal year budget. Total expenses are at 39.5 percent of the fiscal year budget. Licensing fee revenues are at 90 percent of the annual projection. Building expenses may be over budget due to plumbing issues and other improvements that have been and will continue to be made to the building.

A motion was made by Mr. Sorrell and seconded by Mr. Colburn and Mr. Phung to approve the treasurer's report. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the treasurer's report passed with aye votes from Mr. Sorrell, Mr. Colburn, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Phung.

4. WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Garver gave the Wellness Committee report. There are currently 141 people in the screening program. This number includes individuals with signed monitoring contracts but does not include the number of individuals who choose not to contact the Board after being advised to by investigators or staff.

There is one technician in residential treatment and one technician is being evaluated for relapse. There is one pharmacist in residential treatment for relapse. There is one pharmacist who is being held out for six months before being presented to the Board who is not in a halfway house.

The total number of pharmacy professionals identified and worked with in 2019 is six.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Denson and seconded by Mr. Sorrell to approve the interview minutes from the January 16, 2019, interviews. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the interview minutes passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Sorrell and seconded by Dr. Denson to approve the abbreviated business meeting minutes from the January 16, 2019, business meeting. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the business meeting minutes passed unanimously.

6. INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Chief Investigator Edward R. Braden was called upon to give his report of activities of investigations and inspections. His report with statistics and activities of investigators for the month is in the Dropbox.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Donna Yeatman gave the Executive Secretary's report, which consisted of the following:

- Ms. Yeatman announced that Sheri Connelly, court reporter, has taken a full-time position and will no longer be reporting the Board hearings and meetings and wished her well.
- Ms. Yeatman provided an updated list of renewals.
- The staff now have weekly meetings to identify opportunities to improve. Several items identified so far are:
 - A new format for pharmacist pocket licenses-something more substantial;
 - Redesigning technician registration documents;
 - Continuing to award 50-year certificates to pharmacists but also adding 25-year certificates for technicians;
 - Undertaking a file renovation to comply with state recordkeeping standards and allow purging of unnecessary files and provide better organization;
 - Adding a link for discipline for all licensees, permittees, and registrants that will allow the final discipline to be viewed from the Board website; and
 - Returning the hearings tab to the website to allow visibility to the public record of hearings conducted by the Board.