

Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services
Minutes
March 16, 2018

Call to Order

Mr. Jimmie Varnado, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the large conference room at the State Office of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Prayer

Mrs. Betsy Prince opened the board meeting with prayer.

Verification of Quorum

Board members present: Mr. Jimmie Varnado, board chair; Mr. Eddie Williams, board vice-chair; Ms. Penny Foster; Dr. Stephen Kayes; Ms. Leah Patterson Lust; Mr. Mitch Strickland; and Mr. Charles Wilkinson. A quorum was declared.

Verification of the Open Meeting Act Notice

Mrs. Karen Freeman verified that the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services meeting for March 16, 2018 was successfully posted on the Alabama secretary of state's website on Feb. 12, 2018.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Varnado asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Kayes and seconded by Mr. Williams. The agenda was approved unanimously.

New Board Members: Swearing in Ceremony

Mr. Varnado introduced the new board members, Mr. Charles Wilkinson and Ms. Leah Patterson Lust. Mr. Wilkinson represents Congressional District 6 and business and industry. Ms. Lust represents Congressional District 4 and the interest of people with disabilities.

Mrs. Freeman administered the oath of office for Mr. Wilkinson and Ms. Patterson Lust as members of the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services.

Approval of Minutes for December 8, 2017 Meeting

Minutes from the Dec. 8, 2017 meeting were mailed prior to the board meeting. Mr. Varnado stated that if there are no corrections, the minutes would stand approved. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business

Mr. Varnado opened the floor for discussion regarding the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Administrative Code, Chapter 795-1-1 .07 Requests for Information. Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to amend the rule that citizens requesting information should submit their request to the State's headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. This motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and the Board unanimously approved it.

The Statement of Economic Interests should be completed and filed with the Alabama Ethics Commission no later than April 30, 2018, for calendar year 2017.

Updates to Division Reports

The division directors gave brief updates to their written reports.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw provided an update to her written report.

Announcement

The next quarterly board meeting will be on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the ADRS office in Tuscaloosa. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- June 15, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – Tuscaloosa ADRS Office/Multi-Purpose Room
- Sept. 14, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. - State Office/Large Conference Room
- Dec. 7, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. - State Office/Large Conference Room

Board Business/Discussion *Special Recognition - Roger McCullough*

Commissioner Burdeshaw presented Roger McCullough with a Certification of Appreciation from Gov. Kay Ivey recognizing Mr. McCullough for his outstanding service as chairman of the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services.

On behalf of the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services, Mr. Varnado presented Mr. McCullough with a Certification of Appreciation. Mr. Varnado thanked him for his hard work and dedication as board chairman.

Mr. McCullough thanked everyone for the kind remarks and stated he enjoyed serving on the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

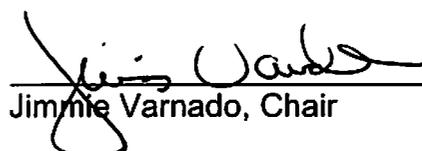
Minutes were taken by Karen Freeman.

Respectfully submitted:



Jane E. Burdeshaw, Commissioner

Approved:



Jimmie Varnado, Chair