

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2014

Call to Order

Mr. Roger McCullough, 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

Dr. Cary Boswell opened the meeting with prayer.

Verification of Quorum

Board members present were Mr. Roger McCullough, Mr. Eddie C. Williams, Mr. Mitch Strickland, and Dr. Stephen Kayes. Mrs. Andrea Collett, Mr. Jimmie Varnado, and Mrs. Stacy Mitchell were absent. A quorum was declared.

Verification of the Open Meeting Act Notice

Mrs. Bull verified that the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services meeting for Dec. 5, 2014, had been posted on the Secretary of State's website Dec. 12, 2013.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting September 5, 2014

Minutes from the Sept. 5, 2014, meetings were mailed prior to the meeting. Mr. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 5, 2014, board meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Strickland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Strickland and seconded by Mr. Williams. The agenda was approved unanimously.

New Business

Election of ADRS Board Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Roger McCullough made a motion to nominate Mr. Jimmie Varnado as the ADRS board chair. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion, and Mr. Varnado was unanimously approved as the ADRS board chair.

Mr. Roger McCullough made a motion to nominate Dr. Stephen Kayes as the ADRS vice chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strickland, and Dr. Kayes was unanimously approved as the ADRS vice chair.

2014 Annual Report

Mr. Roger McCullough made a motion to approve and adopt the 2014 Annual Report submitted and to authorize the staff of ADRS' Office of Communications and Information to make any necessary minor text and design changes prior to its publication. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and the 2014 Annual Report was approved and adopted unanimously.

Updates to Division Reports:

Division directors gave an update to their written reports. They also introduced any new staff from their division.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Boswell gave an update on the budget.

Commissioner Boswell gave a PowerPoint presentation on the VR funding strategy that he plans to take to the legislators and key Governor's Office staff.

Announcements

Mr. McCullough asked Commissioner Boswell to prepare a report for the board for the next board meeting so that they could conduct an evaluation and consider a raise for him.

ADRS Board Meetings for 2015:

- March 6, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room
- June 5, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room
- September 4, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room
- December 4, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room

Mr. McCullough adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes were taken by LeAnne Bull.



Respectfully submitted: Cary F. Boswell, Commissioner



Approved: Roger McCullough, Chair