

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2015

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

Mr. Graham Sisson opened the meeting with prayer.

Verification of Quorum

Board members present were Mr. Jimmie Varnado, Mr. Roger McCullough, Mrs. Stacy Mitchell and Mrs. Andrea Collett. Dr. Stephen Kayes, Mr. Mitch Strickland, and Mr. Eddie C. Williams 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 June 5, 2015, had been posted on the Secretary of State's website on Nov. 13, 2014.

Special Visitors

Mr. Mark Vosel brought the Dogs On Call therapy dog team by to visit during the meeting. Dogs On Call is organized through Easter Seals to provide assistance and compassion to adults and children. Dogs On Call regularly visits Montgomery CRS to provide comfort to children with disabilities attending clinics.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Varnado asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. McCullough and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting April 17, 2015

Minutes from the April 17, 2015, meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. Mr. Varnado stated if there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Updates to Division Reports:

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

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Boswell said he is grateful to have the FY 2016 ETF finally passed and signed by the Legislature and Gov. Bentley. Our department has many legislators to thank for their hard work

and support in keeping us in the ETF as well as for giving the department an additional \$1.6 million for Vocational Rehabilitation Service. Sen. Trip Pittman and Rep. Bill Poole have been our department's heroes and have kept their word in helping children and adults with disabilities.

Commissioner Boswell thanked Mr. Dave White with the Governor's Policy Office for always helping us out with our board appointments and for always taking his time to come and learn more about what we do as a department that serves Alabama's children and adults with disabilities.

Announcements

ADRS board meetings for 2015:

- 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. Varnado adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Minutes were taken by LeAnne Bull.

Respectfully submitted:



Cary F. Boswell, Commissioner

Approved:



Jimmie Varnado, Chair