

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2016

Call to Order

Mr. Jimmie Varnado, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the large conference room at the State Office of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Prayer

Dr. Boswell opened the meeting with prayer.

Verification of Quorum

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

Verification of the Open Meeting Act Notice

Mrs. Bull verified that the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services meeting for March 25, 2016, had been posted on the Secretary of State's website Feb. 9, 2016.

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. Strickland. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting December 4, 2015

Minutes from the Dec. 4, 2015, meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. Mr. Varnado stated that if there are no corrections, the minutes would stand approved. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business:

Presentation by Ms. Helen Baker – STAR, "Alabama's Assistive Technology Resource"

Ms. Baker gave a brief update regarding STAR and handed out information.

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 announced that Kim Wanous had retired since the board met last December. Commissioner Boswell wanted to publicly thank Mr. Wanous for all of his work and dedication to the department.

Commissioner Boswell announced that July 1, 2016, he will be retiring as commissioner.

Mr. Varnado stated that he appreciated the work that Commissioner Boswell has done for the department.

Dr. Kayes stated that it has been an honor to serve beside Commissioner Boswell.

Announcements:

Mrs. Anderson invited everyone to come back on May 5, 2016, for the department's Cinco de Mayo celebration honoring the founding ADRS Commissioner Lamona Lucas. More information will be sent out regarding this event.

ADRS board meetings for 2016:

- June 3, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room
- Sept. 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room
- Dec. 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. – State Office Large Conference Room

Mr. Varnado adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes were taken by LeAnne Bull.

Respectfully submitted: 
Cary F. Boswell, Commissioner

Approved: 
Jimmie Varnado, Chair