



# ALABAMA SICKLE CELL OVERSIGHT AND REGULATORY COMMISSION

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## MINUTES November 2, 2020

Presiding: Dr. Felicia Wilson  
Called to Order: 11:10 A.M.  
Adjourned: 12:06 P.M.

### **Members Participating**

Dr. Felicia Wilson, President (11:17 a.m.)  
Ms. Katherine Long, Vice President  
Ms. Eleanor Barnes, Secretary (11:47 a.m.)  
Dr. Johnson Haynes, Jr.  
Ms. Linda Garrett  
Dr. Thomas Howard  
Ms. Janet Martin  
Mr. Larry Moorer  
Dr. Jacqueline Williams  
Dr. Julie Kanter (11:13 a.m.)

### **Members Absent**

Mr. James Belton

### **Others Present**

Mr. Keith Warren, Executive Director  
Ms. Claudia Smith, Assistant Attorney General and Board Legal Counsel  
Ms. Renee' Reames, recording secretary

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Ms. Katherine Long, Commission Vice President. The meeting was held at the Commission's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Due to the COVID 19 State of Emergency, the meeting was held virtually.

### **II. Roll Call**

Mr. Warren called roll of the Commission. The members participated in the meeting via video-conferencing. Following roll call, Mr. Warren stated that a quorum of the currently appointed Commissioners was present on the call to conduct business.

Dr. Kanter joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

Vice President Long presented the agenda for the November 2, 2020 meeting for the Commission's approval. There were no additions to the agenda.

**MOTION 2021-01:** Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Williams and the motion was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

#### **IV. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Vice President Long presented the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting for the Commissioners' approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting.

MOTION 2021-02: Dr. Williams made the motion to approve the September minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moorer and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Dr. Wilson joined the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

#### **V. Old Business**

**A. CBO Standardize Core Educational Program:** Dr. Howard reported that the Committee had not met and had no report. CBO participation in serving on the Committee was discussed. Dr. Wilson provided clarification to the role of the Committee in recommending core components in an educational program on Sickle Cell. Mr. Arrington commended on the national association's resources that could be share with the Commission to consider for uniformity.

Ms. Barnes joined the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Dr. Wilson requested that Ms. Reames draft an email to the CBOs, with a 30-day deadline, to submit an outline of the Chapter's core presentation on sickle cell.

**B. Acknowledgement of Service – Ms. Sharon Lewis:** Mr. Warren presented a certificate for the Commission's review that would be submitted to the Governor as a worded memorial concerning Ms. Sharon Lewis' service. The Commission also discussed having legislative delegates to present the memorial to Ms. Lewis' family.

MOTION 2021-03: Ms. Martin made the motion to accept the certificate with minor changes as discussed.

Dr. Howard reported that the Central AL Chapter had provided newborn screening (NBS) services before the statewide system was established and later helped establish the Newborn Screening program.

Ms. Martin amended her motion to approve the certificate with the amendments to include NBS. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and the amended motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Proposed Legislative Changes – 2021 Session**

Mr. Warren recommended that no changes be made to the Commission's statute regarding the seven CBO's and Tri County Chapter. He recommended that changes be made to the Rules by removing Tri County Chapter and list as vacant. He indicated that he would have a draft for the Commission's consideration at their next meeting.

#### **VII. Other Business and Announcements**

**A. Next Meeting Scheduled:** Dr. Wilson reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission was Monday, February 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**B. Funding:** Dr. Kanter inquired about funding for a sickle cell survey. Mr. Warren reported that he had requested an increase in the FY 2022 budget back to its highest level and had sent a letter requesting a revision in the FY2021 funding. He also reported on Dr. Townes efforts in requesting funding for sickle cell research. He reported that he would present the FY 2021 and FY 2022 budget requests during the 2021 legislation session.

- C. Presentation to former Representative Buskey: Dr. Haynes reminded the members about the presentation of appreciation to former Representative Buskey at the next regional meeting to be held in Mobile.

**VIII. Adjournment**

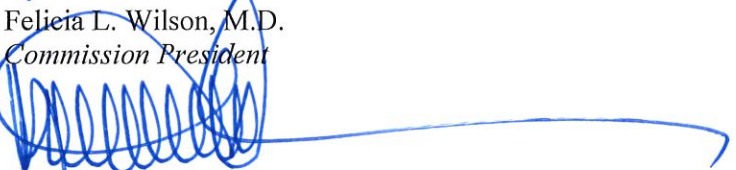
There was no further business and Dr. Wilson called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 2021-04: Ms. Barnes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martin and unanimously approved by the Commission. Dr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Felicia L. Wilson, M.D.  
*Commission President*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*