

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING
March 19, 2020
8:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

In response to SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners convened an emergency meeting via teleconference to consider and deliberate the emergency adoption of the following rules and applications concerning the issuance of emergency, temporary certificates of qualification, licenses, and controlled substances certificates to physicians; emergency, temporary licenses and controlled substances certificates to physician assistants; and emergency, temporary licenses to anesthesiology assistants.

The Board voted to adopt the emergency rules and applications and to file the rules and a statement of reason with the Legislative Services Agency. In addition, the Board voted to recommend to the Medical Licensure Commission that proposed Commission rule 545-X-2-.08, Emergency License, also be adopted as an emergency rule.

By unanimous consent, the Board approved the Notice of Enforcement Discretion concerning controlled substance-related regulatory requirements on health care providers who, in good faith, utilize telemedicine to care for their existing patients during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

Proposed Emergency Administrative Rules and Applications

1. Administrative Rule 540-X-3-.25, Applicants for Emergency Certificate of Qualification by Endorsement
2. Application for Emergency COQ, medical license and Restricted Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate
3. Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.69, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as a Physician Assistant
4. Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.70, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision PA
5. Application for Emergency PA License and Restricted QACSC
6. Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.71, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as an AA
7. Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.72, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision AA
8. Application for Emergency AA License
9. MLC Administrative Rule 545-X-2-.08, Emergency License

**SUMMARY OF SPECIAL MEETING
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA
Meeting Location: Via Conference Call
1-888-822-7517 Access Code 4987790**

March 20, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

George C. Smith, Sr., M.D., Chairman
Craig H. Christopher, M.D., Vice Chairman
James H. Walburn, M.D.
Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.
Pamela Varner, M.D.
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.
L. Daniel Morris, Esq.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gary Hill, D.O.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen H. Silas, MLC (Recording Secretary)
Wallace D. Mills, MLC Legal Counsel

Call to Order 5:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

This special meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission was called for the purpose of considering Emergency Rule 545-X-2-.08 Emergency License.

After discussion the Commission voted and approved the rule for Emergency adoption.