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ALBIT Board Meeting Minutes
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The Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translators Regular Board meeting was held at the Board office in Montgomery and called to order at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum present. Present were as follows: Melvin Walker, Chair; Ben Hollingsworth, Vice-Chair; Sharon Canada, Secretary; Belinda Montgomery, Member; Pat Smartt, Member; Lori Pituk, Member; and Nancy Brown, Member. Not present was Tammy Adams, Member. Also present were Paula McCaleb, Executive Director (and serving as Recording Secretary); Monet Gaines, Board Counsel; and Josh Brewer and Jodie Jernigan serving as Interpreters & Translators for the meeting.

The meeting was advertised in advance on the Secretary of State's web site located at www.sos.alabama.gov in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. It was also advertised on the Board web site located at www.albit.alabama.gov.

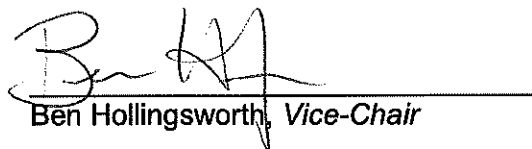
- I. **Motion 2016-01** - The Chair presented the September 11, 2015, Minutes for review from the Board. A correction to the names and spelling of Belinda Montgomery, Member; and Jodie Jernigan, Interpreter were recognized. There being no other corrections, Nancy Brown, made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Sharon Canada. The Chair called for a vote from the Board. Voting "aye" were Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, Ben Hollingsworth, Lori Pituk, and Nancy Brown. There being no "nay's" the motion passed unanimously.
- II. **Motion 2016-02** - A motion was made by Belinda Montgomery to strike Chapters 488-X-1-.09, 488-X-1-.10, and 488-X-1-11 of the Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Sharon Canada. The Chair called for a vote from the Board. Voting "aye" were Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, Lori Pituk, and Nancy Brown, Member. There being one opposing vote "nay" by Ben Hollingsworth, the motion passed by majority vote. (Changes to Rules attached as an addendum to Minutes)
- III. **Motion 2016-03** - A motion was made by Ben Hollingsworth to accept the Legal Contract from the Attorney General's Office as presented. The motion was seconded by Belinda Montgomery. The Chair called for a vote from the Board. Voting "aye" were Ben Hollingsworth, Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, Lori Pituk, and Nancy Brown, Member. There being no "nay's" the motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Motion 2016-04** – A motion was made by Nancy Brown to adopt the following 2016 Board meeting dates: March 11, and September 9th. The motion was seconded by Lori Pituk. The Chair called for a vote from the Board. Voting “aye” were Ben Hollingsworth, Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, Lori Pituk, and Nancy Brown, Member. There being no “nay’s” the motion passed unanimously.
- V. The time being 11:40 a.m., the Chair announced that the Board would take a ten minute break. At approximately 11:55 a.m., the Board reconvened.
- VI. At approximately 12:10 a.m., Nancy Brown, left the meeting in progress. The Chair announced that a quorum was still established in the following Members: Melvin Walker, Ben Hollingsworth, Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, and Lori Pituk.
- VII. **Motion 2016-05** – A motion was made by Belinda Montgomery to accept the Texas BEI Level III and above for application for permit. The motion was seconded by Sharon Canada. The Chair called for a vote from the Board. Voting “aye” were Ben Hollingsworth, Sharon Canada, Belinda Montgomery, Pat Smartt, Lori Pituk, and Nancy Brown, Member. There being no “nay’s” the motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. **Motion 2016-06** – A motion was made by Ben Hollingsworth to adjourn the meeting. Belinda Montgomery seconded the motion. There being no further Board business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. and announced that the next scheduled Board meeting would be held on March 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melvin Walker, *Chair*



Ben Hollingsworth, *Vice-Chair*