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ALABAMA POLYGRAPH LICENSING BOARD

*1ST QUARTER REPORT TO THE
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POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS*

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Association,

As a new practice, the board wishes keep the association apprised of new and current business to improve synergy, transparency and involvement.

The board met on March 3rd in Montgomery and one intern examiner, Derek Abernathy (Auburn PD), successfully completed his written, practical, and oral board exams. Congratulations to Inv. Abernathy on his hard work and dedication to achieve this milestone.

The board discussed more details regarding by-laws (Sections 740-X-3-.16 thru.18) that would address inactive and retired examiners. The details that are being worked out with our board attorney, Brian Williams, should be close to being finalized and we should have a draft to pass on for your input at our next meeting. In a nutshell, a person with a hardship (sickness, devastating occurrences, out of the country, etc) could give notice and be exempted from fees or CEU's for a period and then could refile to continue their license. They would not be able to practice and CEU requirements, if any, will be at the discretion of the board based on the circumstances. There would be no cost, no fee, no surety bond, no CEU requirement, and no testing.

Those going inactive (reassignment, promotions, etc) would not be able to practice and would have to complete CEU requirements when they re-establish practice and pay the normal licensing fees. Annual licensing fee, no surety bond, no CEU's, and no testing.

Retired license examiners would be required to have 15 years of prior practice and their fees would be cut in half with no CEU requirements. They must be in good standing and have no active complaints. Licensing fee is cut in half, no surety bond, no CEU requirement, no testing.

These examiners can reactivate their licenses through a simple process that is also being drafted.

We are also looking at the possibility of giving consideration to those examiners over the age of 65 with 10 consecutive years of practice prior to petitioning the board. They could petition a CEU waiver as well.

The board recognizes the need for continuing education training and networking for our profession and wishes to balance it with extenuating circumstances that may arise with licensed examiners. With the hard-fought achievement of earning a license, we wish to retain our experienced examiners by reviewing what other professional State Boards have similarly done.

The Board also approved Roberta Payne to act as the intern sponsor for 4 examiners for Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Richard Harris to sponsor one examiner for Huntsville PD.

Mr. Michael P. Moser of Texas petitioned the board for licensure based on reciprocity. Texas passed the DEREGULATION OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS effective September 1, 2021 through Texas House Bill 1560 through their 87th regular legislative session. Based on the fact that he meets and/or exceeds our State's standards by completing his licensure prior to their deregulation, his petition was approved.

The board also informally discussed situations where a candidate does not begin his/her internship within 6 months of completing polygraph school and if that should require a reapplication with another background investigation.

We also discussed providing a list of licensed examiners on our webpage. Maria Sledge is finalizing the means to get that going for our licensed examiners. She is also obtaining board member appointment term dates from the State so that I can post them in our next update to you. We encourage everyone that may be interested in serving on the board to come to a meeting, contact a member, or let me know by e-mail so we can share the duties and insight of serving.

Other administrative actions were conducted in relation to the minutes, budget, and future meeting dates.

The next board meeting is on May 19th, 2022 at the Alabama State Trooper's Association Building in Montgomery, AL at 10:00 a.m. Between now and then, please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully,

Gregory D. Turley

Board Secretary/Treasurer
Alabama Board of Polygraph Examiners