

THE ALABAMA DRYCLEANING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TRUST FUND BOARD

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MINUTES Board Meeting – Special/Called March 10, 2021

The special/called meeting of the Alabama Drycleaning Environmental Trust Fund Advisory Board met on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, to discuss the proposed legislative changes to the Board's statute. Due to the COVID 19 State of Emergency, the meeting was held virtually. Board members participating on the call were Mr. Jason Windham (Chair), Mr. Cary Spiegel (member), Mr. Jim Massey, III (member) and Mr. Thomas Bass (member). Board members absent were Mr. Steve McKinnon (Vice Chair), Mr. Quincey Banks and Mr. Steve Taylor. Also in attendance on the call were Mr. Keith Warren (Administrator), Mr. Robert Tambling (Board Counsel), and Mrs. Ashley Cousins (Board Engineer). Also participating on the call onsite at the Board's office was Mr. Mike Weeks (legislative liaison) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Public notice of this special/called meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at www.drycleaningtrustboard.alabama.gov. Chairman Windham called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m., when a quorum of the members were present. Ms. Reames called Board roll.

Mr. Weeks reported on the legislative activities during the current session. Chairman Windham commented on the proposed changes to the Board's statute that included requiring participation into the Fund by all drycleaner owners, operators and wholesale distributors. A copy of the proposed bill, which had been approved by the Board for submission in the 2020 Legislative Session, was provided to the members.

Mr. Tambling proposed modifications to the proposed bill to reflect future implementation dates for owner/operators to be registered, since bill would be introduced in a new legislative session.

The Board discussed potential sponsors of the bill and recommended talking points, e.g., all participating in the Fund and no catchup required in participating in the Fund.

Mr. Massey made the motion to approve the proposed bill with the changes in dates as discussed and to acquire sponsors in the House and Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board also ask Mr. Tambling to make the modifications and obtain a final copy of the bill from the Legislative Service Agency (LSA). Mr. Warren indicated he would distribute the final copy to the Board so that members could begin to contact legislators about sponsorship of the bill.

Chairman Windham reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business before the Board and Mr. Massey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spiegel and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Windham adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Windham

Keith E. Warren *Administrator*

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