CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW BOARD
October 21, 2026

The Certificate of Need Review Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 virtually with the minimum number of board members as required by law present in room 387 of the RSA Union building located at 100 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Board Members Present
Dr. Swaid N. Swaid, Chairman
General Ed Crowell, Vice Chairman (in person)
Mr. Freddy Ard (in person)
Dr. Natalie Fox
Mr. Randy Jones
Mr. Ormand Thompson, III
Mr. Bill Wallace (in person)

SHPDA Staff
Emily T. Marsal
Bradford L. Williams
Teresa Lee
Toni Ferguson
Jen Magallon
Kristin Norman
Melissa Trehern

Board Members Not Present
Dr. Brittney Anderson
Ms. Cherise Ball Wilson

Court Reporter
Jason Kobielus

Legal Representative
Mark D. Wilkerson, Esquire

A copy of the register of others participating is on file in the office of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Dr. Swaid N. Swaid, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Mrs. Emily Marsal, Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, called the roll and a quorum was confirmed. Dr. Swaid requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ormand Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Natalie Fox. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Swaid requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026 meeting. General Ed Crowell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Freddy Ard. The motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Need Program

Contested Case:

AL2026-003, Preferred Home Health of Lee County, LLC, Lee County, AL: Proposes to establish a home health agency in Lee County pursuant to the Statistical Update to the 2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan published on May 19, 2025. **Opposition: CenterWell Home Health, EH Health Home Health of Alabama, LLC, HomeCare of**

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EAMC. Notices of Intervention and Opposition filed 1/5/2026 by all intervenors. Contested case requests filed by all intervenors on 1/13/2026. ALJ assigned 1/15/2026. ALJs recommended order filed 9/11/2026. Exceptions were filed by the intervenors on 9/18/2026.

Attorneys Kelli Fleming and Peck Fox, and Mr. Jim Walker spoke on behalf of the project.

Attorney David Belser spoke on behalf of the intervenors.

After all questions and comments were addressed, Mr. Randy Jones made a motion to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's recommended order to approve the project, seconded by General Crowell. Dr. Swaid called for the roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Swaid adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Teresa Lee Date

Approved by:

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Swaid N. Swaid, M.D., Chairman Date