

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
770 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2026
November 12, 2025
Scheduled Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Dr. Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on November 12, 2025.

Joint Committee members present:

John Sams Elebash, CRNP
Adam Harrison, MD
Laura Hart, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC
Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
Charles Max Rogers, MD
Jane Weida, MD, FAAFP

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Natalie Baker DNP, CRNP, CNE, GS-C, FAANP, FAAN, Nurse Consultant
Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN
Brad Jones, IT Director
Kenneth Kirkland, Chief External Affairs Officer
Alice Maples Henley, General Counsel
Christie Mumford, PhD, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Sharon Owen, Advanced Practice Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Matt Hart, Special Counsel to the Executive Director
Alicia Harrison, Associate General Counsel
Effie Hawthorne, Associate General Counsel
Wilson Hunter, General Counsel
William Perkins, Executive Director
Suzanne Powell, RN, Director of Advanced Practice Providers
Leslie Roberts, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors:

Skylar Couch, CRNP
Rosemary Elebash, State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business
Ragan Ingram, Lobbyist
Eileen Meyer, CRNP, Director of Advanced Practice, UAB
Yashinaria Nalls, CRNP
Julia Owens, CRNP
Kristen Waddell, CRNP

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with three nurse members, and three physician members present.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

D. Review of Full Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

None.

E. Approval of Full Agenda

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Hart moved that the Joint Committee adopt the agenda as presented. Dr. Weida seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Hart moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of September 17, 2025, to include the amendment to New Business Item 7(2). Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Port Catheter Removal in its Entirety, Including the Port Reservoir

The Joint Committee considered Ms. Haley Batton's, CRNP, request for approval to train with Dr. Kevin Wong, Vascular and Interventional Radiologist, to perform port catheter removal in its entirety, including the port reservoir.

The Joint Committee also considered the approval of future requests from eligible CRNPs to train to perform port catheter removal in its entirety, including the port reservoir, according to a submitted protocol and out of protocol application.

ABN conducted a survey through the National Council State Boards of Nursing to determine how many states allow CRNPs to perform the requested skill. Thirteen states completed the survey; all but one (1) of the states allow this skill to be performed by CRNPs.

On November 12, 2025, the Joint Committee moved to table Haley Batton's, CRNP, request for approval to train with Dr. Kevin Wong, Vascular and Interventional Radiologist, to perform port catheter removal in its entirety, including the port reservoir. The Committee requested that additional educational training for Ms. Batton, as well as customary academic education on invasive acute care skills similar to this request, be obtained and presented at the next Joint Committee meeting. Motion carried without objection.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Critical Care Protocol

Following the Joint Committee's September recommendation, the ABN and BME approved a revised Critical Care Protocol that eliminated the need for two separate protocols, the Critical Care Specialty Protocol and the Critical Care Advanced Protocol. The newly approved Critical Care Protocol excludes the ability to insert non-tunneled 14.5 French and below central venous lines for dialysis, extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP), and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). After the protocol was approved, Dr. Eileen Meyer requested that these exclusions for dialysis, ECP, and ECMO be removed to align with the 2017 approved Critical Care Advanced Protocol.

On November 12, 2025, Mr. Elebash moved that the Joint Committee approve the removal of the exclusion statement in its entirety from the Critical Care Protocol. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Neonatal, Pediatric, and Pediatric Acute Care Standard Protocol Proposed Revision (Children's of Alabama)

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Hart moved that the Joint Committee approve the addition of "thoracentesis/needle aspiration of air or fluid from the pleural space" to the Neonatal Standard Protocol. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Hart moved that the Joint Committee defer the request to remove the phrase "not to include writing the formula" for TPN on the Neonatal, Pediatric, and Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Standard Protocols to gather further information that will be provided to BME by the ABN staff. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Women's Healthcare Standard Protocol Proposed Revision

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Weida moved that the Joint Committee approve the revision to the standard protocols for the Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Certified Nurse Midwife to include the addition of 'Insertion and Removal of Intrauterine Devices'. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2026 Joint Committee Meeting Dates

On November 12, 2025, Dr. Harrison moved that the Joint Committee approve the January 2026 Joint Committee meeting date and defer the remaining 2026 meeting dates, specifically the March and November dates, for further revision. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

VI. INFORMATION

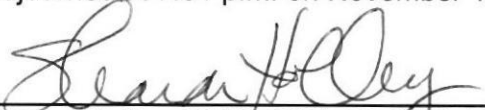
None.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Joint Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Alabama Board of Nursing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

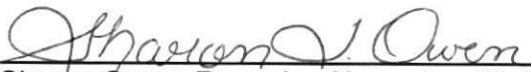
Dr. Weida moved for adjournment. Dr. Rogers seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. on November 12, 2025.


Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FAGNM, FAAN

1-14-26
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Christie Mumford, PhD, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing


Sharon Owen, Recorder, November 12, 2025
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