

**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 (Virtual Meeting)**

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting

The Board will have a hybrid in-person and virtual meetings schedule. Please see the hybrid schedule in the Executive Directors report section of the agenda.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0914-01

Call to order at 9:03 AM

Introduction:

A. Board Members

- Betty Akpan, Presiding Board Chairperson- Present
- Carla Seals, Board Member- Present

B. Board Staff

- Monai Lowe, PharmD, RPh, Executive Director- Present
- Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist-Present
- Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present

C. Legal Staff

- Carla M. Williams, Board Attorney – Present
- Scott Sasjack, Attorney - Present

D. Public Attendance

- None

OS-0914-02

Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:

Board Action:

Acceptance of **September 14, 2026**, Open Session Meeting Agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made to accept **September 14, 2026**, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.

Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0914-03

Open Session Meeting Minutes:

Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes of **June 8, 2026**, meeting.

Motion:

A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes of **June 8, 2026**, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.

Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.

	The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0914-04	<u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes of July 10, 2026, special meeting. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Open Session special meeting minutes of July 10, 2026, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan. Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0914-05	<u>Executive Directors Report:</u> Executive Director Monai Lowe was the sitting Executive Director for Mrs. Ericka Walker while she was out. Dr. Monai Lowe reported that the District of Columbia currently has 923 licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners. The five-member Board presently has three (3) vacancies: • One Respiratory Care Practitioner member • One Physician member • One Consumer Member (must be a DC resident and not a healthcare professional or reside with one) • The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat This was the last Open Session Board meeting for FY 2026. During that meeting, Dr. Monai provided the FY 2027 meeting dates, as follows: • December 8, 2026 (Virtual) • March 9, 2027 (In Person & Virtual) • June 8, 2027 (Virtual) • September 14, 2027 (In Person & Virtual)

OS-0914-06	<u>Board Attorney's Report:</u> Attorney Carla Williams did not have a report	
OS-0914-07	<u>Board Chair's Report:</u> Presiding Board Chairperson Ms. Betty reported on several upcoming professional Respiratory Care conferences: • The Conference by the Sea is scheduled for September 17–18, 2026. • Georgetown Symposium is scheduled for October 2026. • The AARC National Respiratory Care Conference will be held November 2026 in New Orleans.	
CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-0914-08	<u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the application(s) approved and the items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last meeting. • Dann Panganoron • Jesula Pappan • War Duncombe • Taitu Besufekad • Naomi Moon • Brenda Taylor • Erika Campbell • Kenyosia Baughns • Sarah Caldwell • Ryan Jones • Yonas Gebreyesus • Alexandria Hernandez • Lovely Lozin • Arthur Brunson • Jasmine Tatham	

- McKenzie Reese
- Terri Arrington
- Cynthia Gibson
- Abdul Abass
- Linda Kincaid
- Maya Artman
- Suzanne Cibas
- Jaden Gil Lesing
- Gabriel Moreno
- Kimberly Sabin
- Kehinde Sanya
- Anyamanee Bender
- Antoinette Redmond
- Nina Shaw
- Darcel Ambrose
- Chanel Scott
- Stacey Grossarth
- Makayla Morgan
- Christopher Kircher
- Michael Chisholm
- Tyrell Pettaway
- Arthur Mullis
- Susan DiNunzio
- Dhruva Ganesan
- Zachary Gelastopoulos
- Binta Diallo
- Emily McCall

Motion:

A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.

	Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC		
	None	
CLOSING		
OS-0914-09	<u>Motion to Close:</u> The Presiding Chairperson should move as follows: “Presiding chairperson, I move that the Board temporarily close the open public session portion of the meeting and move into the closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes To consult with an Attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the Attorney-client privilege between an Attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a); and to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); ” The board will review application. Attorney Carla Williams stated the writing on the agenda needs to be corrected about who closes the agenda, the Presiding Board Chairperson cannot close the agenda. Therefore, Carla Seals moved the statement shown above. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to go into a close session meeting by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan. Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
	Roll Call Vote	
	This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion and will return following the Executive Session to provide the board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session.	

OPEN SESSION BOARD REPORT

OS-0914-10

Board Action:

Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session.

- Number of applications approved: **1**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-0914-11

Motion to Adjourn:**Board Action:**

The Board to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carla Seals and second by Betty Akpan.

Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting **@ 9:30 AM.**

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 8, 2026 (Virtual).**

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2201 Shannon Place SE
Washington, DC 20020**

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