

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

December 9, 2024

9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting

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Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting Agenda Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	
Betty Akpan – Presiding Board Member	PRESENT
Carla Seals - Board Member	PRESENT
Consumer Member - Vacant	
Physician - Vacant	
BOARD STAFF	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW, Executive Director	PRESENT
Emilia Moran, Board Investigator	ABSENT
Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF	
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1209-01	<p><u>Introductions:</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was present.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carla Seals, Presiding Board Member- Present Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present Tiguist Zerihun- Health Licensing Specialist-Present Emilia Moran, Investigator- Absent <p>Legal Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present

	<p>Public Attendance</p> <p>1. No Public Attendees</p>
<p>OS-1209-02</p>	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of December 9, 2024, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept December 9, 2024, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>OS-1209-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from October 23, 2024, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept October 23, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted changes by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</p>	
<p>OS-1209-04</p>	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:</p> <p>DC Health Organization changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On October 1, 2024 the Health Emergency preparedness and response administration merged with the Health Care Facilities and the office of Health Professional Licensor to form what is now called The Health System and Preparedness Administration (HSPA). The mission of HSPA is to safeguard and enhance the health

and well-being of residents, visitors, and those doing business in the District of Columbia. We achieved this by fostering excellence and health professional practice regulating health systems and facilities and coordinating robust emergency preparedness response resilience and recovery efforts. Through partnerships and an effective regulatory framework, we ensure quality and safety, and readiness of our health systems to meet both everyday health care needs and public health emergencies.

- Some of our boards such as the food division, radiation radiology, and rodent control have now moved under our new administration which is called the Environmental Health Administration (EHA).
- The renewal period for Respiratory Care will begin on November 1st, will end on January 31st, 2025. Late renewal is between February 1st through March 31st with a late fee of \$85.
- DC Health is now on a rolling renewal schedule based on the month an individual was born in. All individuals that received a license on or after June 16, 2024, are already on the new renewal schedule and the expiration date on their license will reflect that. Anyone who received a license before June 16, 2024, will renew based on the expiration date listed on their license; upon renewing, the renewed license will reflect the date of birth expiration.
- Census: 978 Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners
- 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>
- Board Meeting Scheduled
 1. December 9, 2024 (In-person & Virtual)
 2. March 10, 2025 (Virtual)
 3. June 9, 2025 (In-person & Virtual)
 4. September 8, 2025 (In-person & Virtual)

OS-1209-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>Attorney, Joanne Drozdoski gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly went over the meeting that was held on November 8, 2024, for our fellowship guest Dr. Khalid Alwadeai. 	
CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-1209-06	<p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To accept consideration of the application(s) approved and the items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the approved items as is since the last meeting by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
OS-1209-07	<p>Comments: No public attendees</p>	
CLOSING		
OS-1209-08	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	
OS-1209-09	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u></p>	

<p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> This 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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to close the open session portion of the meeting, by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 10, 2024 (In- Person Virtual).**

Please be advised, the next DC Board of Respiratory Care meeting will be held in person at our new building.

**DC Health
2201 Shannon Place SE
Washington, DC 20020**

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