

**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE****JUNE 10, 2024****9:00 a.m. \*\*MEETING STARTED at 10AM\*\*****OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES****WebEx Virtual Meeting**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Carolyn Williams, RRT, FAARC - Chairperson</b>	PRESENT
<b>Betty Akpan, RRT - Board Member</b>	PRESENT
<b>Carla Seals, RRT - Board Member</b>	PRESENT
<b>Consumer Member - Vacant</b>	N/A
<b>Physician - Vacant</b>	N/A
<b>BOARD STAFF</b>	
<b>Ericka L. Walker, MSW, Executive Director</b>	PRESENT
<b>Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer</b>	PRESENT
<b>Emilia Moran, Board Investigator</b>	PRESENT
<b>Whitney Moore, Board Investigator</b>	PRESENT
<b>Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist</b>	PRESENT
<b>Tiguist Zerihun: Health Licensing Specialist</b>	PRESENT
<b>LEGAL STAFF</b>	
<b>Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel</b>	PRESENT

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

<b>OS-0610-01</b>	<p><b><u>Introductions:</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.</p> <p><b>Board Members</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present</li><li>2. Carla Seals, Board Member- Present</li><li>3. Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present</li></ol> <p><b>Board Staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present</li><li>2. Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist- Absent</li><li>3. Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist- Present</li><li>4. Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present</li><li>5. Whitney Moore, Investigator- Present</li><li>6. Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present</li></ol> <p><b>Legal Staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present</li></ol> <p><b>Public Attendance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No Public Attendees</li></ol>
<b>OS-0610-02</b>	<p><b><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the June 10, 2024, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the June 10, 2024, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Betty Akpan, and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b></p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>OS-0610-03</b>	<p><b><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 11, 2024, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>

	<p>A motion was made to accept the March 11, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

<p><b>OS-0610-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></b> DC Health Updates:</p> <p>Ms. Walker welcomed everyone for their first in person meeting at the new DC Health located at 2201 Shannon Place SE, Washington, DC 20020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board of Respiratory Care currently has 923 licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners.</li> <li>• DC Health currently is reviewing the draft for the workforce survey, the results for the survey will be ready for our next Board meeting which is September 23, 2024.</li> <li>• Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is currently recruiting for Board members to serve in the different HRLA Boards.</li> <li>• Ms. Walker also welcomed her new staff member Tiguist Zerihun who will be working with the Board.</li> <li>• The travel budget for Board members has been cut however Board members can travel if their national organization is fully paying for the trip.</li> <li>• The Board Meetings for <b>FY2024</b> are as follows:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 10, 2024 (<b>In Person and Virtual</b>)</li> <li>2. September 23, 2024 (In person, changed from September 10<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0610-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorney, Joanne Drozdoski spoke about the mayor signing the Bill for Occupations Provision and it’s now under congressional review.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0610-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Williams gave an update on the following:</li> <li>• Ms. Williams will attend the Anne Arundel Medical Center Conference on April 26, 2024. Participation and attendance will be allowed 6 continuing education credits.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Williams also shared graduation at University of the District of Columbia happened on May 11, 2024, for the Respiratory Care students. Total of 5 students who graduated in Respiratory Care.</li> <li>• The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) national congress will be held on November 20, 2024 through the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Orlando Florida.</li> </ul>	
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

<p><b>OS-0610-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p>Board Action: 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obiechina Onyemah</li> <li>2. War Duncombe</li> <li>3. Lisa Green</li> <li>4. Amina Zerhouni</li> <li>5. Tariq Soliman</li> <li>6. Jean Francois</li> <li>7. Willie Hoskins</li> <li>8. Akira Marine</li> <li>9. Tolulope Omole</li> <li>10. Gabriella Collins</li> <li>11. Emely Urena</li> <li>12. Austin Ngaoprasesutsack</li> <li>13. Luis Duarte Cabria</li> <li>14. Beatriz Garcia</li> <li>15. Kayla Taylor</li> <li>16. Theresa Elliott</li> <li>17. Jasmine Benitez</li> <li>18. Joshua O’Sullivan</li> <li>19. Cindy Arbouine</li> <li>20. Colleen Palmer</li> <li>21. Raphael Nyuah</li> <li>22. Yung Kim</li> <li>23. Zelyne Villareal</li> <li>24. Sarah Sayed</li> </ol>	
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	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to accept the approved items as is since the last meeting by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
<b>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b>			
<p><b>OS-0610-08</b></p>	<p><b>Comments:</b> No public in attendance.</p>		
<b>CLOSING</b>			
<p><b>OS-0610-09</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to close the open session portion of the meeting, by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of</p>		

	the motion. The motion passed unanimously.		
<b>ROLL CALL</b>			

<b>OS-0610-10</b>	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action</u></b> To adjourn the Open Session meeting.  <b><u>Background</u></b> 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.	
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This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting at 11:04 AM.  
The next meeting is scheduled for **September 23, 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**

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).