

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

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 section of the agenda.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0908-01	<p>Call to order at 9:18 am</p> <p><u>Introduction:</u></p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Betty Akpan, Presiding Board Member- PresentCarla Seals, Board Member- Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ericka Walker, Executive Director- PresentTiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist-PresentEmilia Moran, Investigator- Present <p>C. Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney - present <p>D. Public Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None
OS-0908-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Acceptance of September 8, 2025, Open Session Meeting Agenda with the addendum Item.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept September 8, 2025, 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.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0908-03	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes of June 9, 2025, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes of June 9, 2025, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion.</p>

	The motion passed unanimously.
STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0908-04	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Census: <u>842</u> Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners ● Board members and staff attended the RCIC Legislative Summit meeting regarding the Respiratory Compact. ● Rolling renewals are active; renewal dates align with licensees’ birth month and year. ● First-time renewals do not require CEUs; ongoing renewals require 50% of CEUs if the license period is less than 2 years. ● Renewal reminders are sent by email, and staff call renewal applicants. Applicants should check their junk and spam folders for renewal notice and status update on application. ● 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We currently have three vacancies for the Board of Respiratory Care: Respiratory Care Practitioner, Consumer member, and a Physician. ● Board Meeting Scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ December 8, 2025 (Virtual) ➤ March 9, 2026 (In Person & Virtual) ➤ June 8, 2026 (Virtual) ➤ September 14, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)
OS-0908-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>Board attorney Joanne Drozdoski simply stated that we have quorum.</p>
OS-0908-06	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>Presiding Board Member Betty Akpan announced that the “Conference by the Sea” will take place in Ocean City, MD, from December 11–12, 2025. Attendees may earn up to 15 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by participating.</p> <p>Additionally, the National Conference hosted by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) is scheduled for December 6–9, 2025.</p>

CONSENT AGENDA

OS-0908-07	<p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>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">1. EDITH HUFF2. KING DENG3. AKYVA PARKER4. JHEANELL-ANICE HAYWARD5. Rachel Overstreet6. Anita Rutledge7. Surafel adafre8. Adetoun Adewole9. Tayseer Algalal10. Cheryl Ann McSweeney11. Maynor molina12. Thelma Brooks13. Grace Garrett14. Loretta Krofa15. Jane Hollifield16. Ivin Philpott17. Alyssa Banks18. Allison Hamdorf19. Murad Endale20. Aijah Stacker21. Anuoluwa famotibe22. Kameron Harrison23. Ruiling Mason24. Torrey Phanelson	
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	<p>25. Sara Khan</p> <p>26. Jeong Kim</p> <p>27. Peter Maglidt</p> <p>28. Markita Hemsley</p> <p>29. Jennifer Gonzalez</p> <p>30. Shaquelle Broadnax</p> <p>31. ALISON MARRON</p> <p>32. GEORGE TANDONGFUET</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda 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- 0908-08	No comments.	
CLOSING		
OS-0908-09	<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>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"> 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); 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law 	

	<p>or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to go into a close session 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>	
	Roll Call Vote	
	<p>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>	

This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 8, 2025 (Virtual)**.

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 2201 Shannon Place SE
 Washington, DC 20020**

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