

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

December 11, 2023

9:00 a.m. ****MEETING STARTED at 9:29 AM****

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS	
Carolyn Williams, RRT, FAARC - Chairperson	PRESENT
Betty Akpan, RRT - Board Member	PRESENT
Carla Seals, RRT - Board Member	PRESENT
Consumer Member - Vacant	ABSENT
Physician - Vacant	ABSENT
BOARD STAFF	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW, Executive Director	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	LATE ARRIVAL; 10:14 AM
Emilia Moran, Board Investigator	PRESENT
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Tiffany Johnson, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF	
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

<p>OS-1211-01</p>	<p><u>Introductions:</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. and a quorum was present.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present 2. Carla Seals, Board Member- Present 3. Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present 2. Zaneta Batts- Health Licensing Specialist-Present 3. Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist - Present 4. Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present 5. Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present - Arrived at 10:14 AM <p>Legal Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present <p>Public Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Public Attendees
<p>OS-1211-02</p>	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the December 11, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the December 11, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>OS-1211-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p>

	<p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 11, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the September 11, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted changes by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
<p>OS-1211-04</p>	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>DC Health Updates:</p> <p>Mrs. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health is moving to Reunion Square, 2201 Shannon Place SE, Washington, DC. DC Health staff will report to the new building on February 26, 2024. • On November 30, 2023, DC Health hosted a virtual Townhall meeting with Board Members from the 19 health professional Boards. The purpose of the meeting was to provide DC Health updates and a comprehensive overview of the proposed changes to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA). • DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. • The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). • This legislation received a hearing on <u>December 7th, 2023</u>. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. • Councilmembers, Henderson and Parker introduced the <i>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0312) on June 2, 2023. • This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents. • This bill received a hearing on <u>July 13, 2023</u>. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It was voted out of the Committee on Health during a markup on <u>September 26th, 2023</u>, and was passed on first reading by the Committee of the Whole on <u>October 3rd, 2023</u>. • The bill passed on final reading on <u>November 7, 2023</u>, and was signed by the Mayor on <u>November 21, 2023</u>. It is now undergoing Congressional Review. • The Board of Respiratory Care currently has 879 licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners. • There's a link for you to access information in reference to the COVID-19 virus and Monkeypox, we encourage everyone to operate under the guideline issued by DC Health on our website. • MOTA is responsible for recruiting talented interest individuals to serve on all boards in The District of Columbia. There are currently two vacancies available to sit on The Board of Respiratory Care. • The Board Meetings for FY2024 are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 11, 2024 (Virtual) 2. June 10, 2024 (In Person and Virtual) 3. September 09, 2024 (Virtual) 	
OS-1211-05	<p><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney, Joanne Drozdoski spoke briefly about the DC Health Hearing with Council on December 7th, 2023. She also commended the Directors and Attorneys for their wonderful testimonies on behalf of DC Health. 	
OS-1211-06	<p><u>Board Chair's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Williams gave an update on the following: 	

	<p>The George Washington University Hospital held their First Annual ICU Symposium (Advances and Innovations in Critical Care: A Journey through the ICU) on <u>October 21, 2023</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson, Carolyn Williams hosted two (2) international fellows, Moaaz Mohamed, RT from Egypt and Volodymyr Suskyii, MD from Ukraine on <u>October 21-28, 2023</u>. Board Members, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals participated by hosting them at MedStar Washington Hospital Center and BridgePoint Capitol Hill Hospital. They also visited the George Washington University Hospital, Children’s National Hospital, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, the University of the District of Columbia, and DC Health. Chairperson, Carolyn Williams displayed a slideshow of photos taken during the fellows visit to Washington, DC. • Board Member, Betty Akpan and Chairperson, Carolyn Williams attended the American Association for Respiratory Care Congress on <u>November 5 – 8th, 2023</u> in Nashville, Tennessee. This course was approved for a maximum of 20.43 CRCEs. The conference highlights included the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MedStar Georgetown University Hospital was one of the recipients of the 2023-2024 APEX Award. 2. Fassil Getachew, RRT, FAARC – Specialty Practitioner of the year in Leadership and Management. 3. International fellows, Moaaz Mohamed, RT, Volodymyr Suskyii, MD, Chairperson, Carolyn Williams, RRT, FAARC and Respiratory Care Board Member, Betty Akpan, RRT, were recognized at the International fellows reception. 4. Chairperson, Carolyn Williams attended the NBRC reception, “Celebrating Credentialing Excellence”. 5. Chairperson, Carolyn Williams also attended the International Council for Respiratory Care Business Meeting, the fellows presented their report regarding their rotations. They also gave raving reviews, and the Council was impressed with their tour in Washington, DC with the assistance of the many hospitals and organizations that participated in their rotation. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MedStar Georgetown University Hospital held their 3rd Annual Respiratory Care Symposium on November 16, 2023. This symposium was approved for 7.65 CRCEs. • Congress 2024 will be held in Orlando, Florida on November 19-22, 2024. 		
CONSENT AGENDA			
OS-1211-07	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></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> <p>Motion: 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>Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC			
OS-1211-08	<p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>No public in attendance.</p>		
CLOSING			
OS-1211-09	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE:</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: 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> <p>Motion: A motion was made to close the open session portion of the</p>		

	<p>meeting, by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL</p>		
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<p>OS-1211-10</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action</u> To adjourn the Open Session 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>	
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This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting at 10:43 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 11, 2024 (Virtual)**.

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.