

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

December 6, 2021 (Rescheduled Meeting Date)

9:00 am

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL**

BOARD MEMBER	
Carolyn Williams - Chairperson	Present
Betty Akpan - Board Member	Present
Carla Seals- Board Member	Present
Donae Magett- Board Member	Absent
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Absent
Emilia Moran, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1206-01	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. Board Members</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B. Board Staff</p> <p><u>Introductions</u> The meeting was called to order at <u>9:29am</u> and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present • Betty Akpan, Board member- Present • Carla Seals, Board member- Present • Donae Magett, Consumer Board member- Absent <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Absent • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present • Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist- Present <p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel - Present
OS-1206-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the December 6, 2021 Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Motion by: Betty Akpan, Board Member Seconded by: Carla Seals, Board Member The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1206-03	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the July 12, 2021 Open Session Meeting Minutes</p>

	<p>Motion by: Betty Akpan, Board Member Seconded by: Carla Seals, Board Member The motion passed unanimously.</p>
STAFF REPORTS	
OS-1206-04	<p><u>Executive Directors Report</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director, began by welcoming all meeting attendees. Mrs. Walker commended the work and sacrifices of Respiratory Care Therapists in recognition of Respiratory Care Week which occurred in October 2021. She also discussed several new mandates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement: In August 2021, all licensed, certified and registered healthcare professionals are required to be vaccinated on or before September 30, 2021 in order to be licensed (or renewed) in the District of Columbia. • COVID-19 Vaccine Continuing Education (CE) Requirement: Most healthcare professionals in the District of Columbia were required to complete two (2) hours of Continuing Education credits regarding the COVID-19 vaccine by the September 30, 2021 deadline. Licensees are to provide proof of completion during their renewal cycle. • Preserve Our Healthcare Workforce Emergency Act of 2021: DC Council recently passed legislation indicating that healthcare practitioners who are licensed in other states can practice at a certified/licensed hospital or healthcare facility without a license in the District of Columbia provided that they are vaccinated and in good standing with their other states of licensure until August 10, 2022. • Declaration of the Director of the District of Columbia: Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director of DC Health, declared that DC Health will begin issuing Temporary Licenses for applicants endorsing into the District of Columbia. To qualify for a 90-day Temporary license, the healthcare practitioner must provide the following: 1) NPDB self-query report 2) Clean criminal background check 3) Digital copy or screenshot of license verification and 4) Vaccination attestation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health’s COVID-19 Health & Healthcare Recovery Report: The report highlights the efforts made in response to and managing the COVID-19 pandemic within the District of Columbia. • Health Professionals Reporting Requirement: Board Attorney, Ms. Joanne Drozdowski, informed meeting attendees that health care practitioners and their employers are required to report any terminations (as a result of gross conduct), disciplinary actions against their license or any malpractice claims of which the practitioner is named to the Board of Respiratory Care within 10 business days. <p>Mrs. Walker also informed meeting attendees that there are approximately 749 Licensed Respiratory Care Therapists in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>This ended Mrs. Walker’s report</p>	
OS-1206-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p>No other additions.</p>	
OS-1206-06	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report</u></p> <p>Ms. Williams welcomed meeting attendees and shared pictures from her visits to several hospitals/healthcare facilities in the region to present Mayor Muriel Bowser’s proclamation in honor of Respiratory Care Week which occurred October 24 – 30, 2021.</p> <p>Ms. Williams also Informed the Board that the Annual Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona on November 6-9, 2021. She also indicated that the AARC has a live virtual conference on December 1st, 3rd, 7th and 9th, 2021 of which awarded over 17 Continuing Education hours.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-1206-07	None	

CLOSING

OS-1206-08

MOTION TO CLOSE

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

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.

Motion: The Board to close/adjourn the Open Session Meeting.

Moved by: Carla Seals, Board Member

Seconded by: Betty Akpan, Board Member

The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for [February 14, 2022](#).