

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

June 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS	
Carolyn Williams - Chairperson	PRESENT
Betty Akpan - Board Member	PRESENT
Carla Seals - Board Member	PRESENT
Consumer Member - Vacant	ABSENT
Physician - Vacant	ABSENT
BOARD STAFF	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW , Executive Director	PRESENT
Aisha Nixon, CPM , Associate Director	ABSENT
Gregory Scurlock , Compliance Officer	ABSENT
Emilia Moran , Board Investigator	PRESENT
Zaneta Batts , Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF	
Joanne Drozdoski , Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0612-01	<p><u>Introductions:</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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. Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present 3. Carla Seals, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present 2. Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present 3. Zaneta Batts- Health Licensing Specialist-Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present
OS-0612-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the June 12, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the June 12, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda by Carla Seals, seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0612-03	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p>

	<p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes with amendment from the April 20, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the April 20, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted changes by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0612-04	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u> DC Health Updates:</p> <p>Mrs. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sharon Lewis retired as Interim Director, after serving 37 years of service at DC Health. Keith Fletcher is currently the Interim Director until July 17, 2023. As of July 17, 2023, Dr. Ilyana Bennett will serve as the appointed acting Director. • Mr. Arian Gibson serves as DC Health’s permanent Senior Deputy Director. • The Board of Respiratory Care currently has 795 licensed practitioners. • There’s a link for you to access information in reference to the COVID-19 virus and Monkeypox, although the numbers are low in The District, we still 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. 	
OS-0612-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u> Attorney Joanne Drozdoski discussed; Council is currently examining the idea to allow individuals who doesn’t reside in The District of Columbia to sit in on the boards.</p>	
OS-0612-06	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u> Ms. Williams gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maryland DC Society for Respiratory Care Conference will be held in Ocean City, Maryland and is scheduled for September 14 – 16, 2023. Registration is now open, and 	

	<p>professionals will receive 16 Continuing Education credits at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chairperson Williams attended the hearing with Councilperson Henderson and represented Respiratory Care as a chairperson of the Board and professional. Ms. Williams shared details about the hosting of the International Fellows, participation with USA Science and Engineering Festival, and how the Board members work closely with the instructors of the University of The District of Columbia. Ms. Williams also invited Councilperson Henderson to attend Respiratory Care Week in the future. • MD/DC Society for Respiratory Care held their Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet on April 22, 2023. Ameldia Evans, RRT, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital received the Excellence in Respiratory Care Award. Student Scholarships were awarded to the University of the District of Columbia Community College Students, Michuta Wilkins and Germaine Swift. 	
CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-0612-07	<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 since the last meeting by Carla Seals and second by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
CLOSING		
OS-0612-08	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p>	

	<p>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 meeting, by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL</p>	
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OS-0612-09	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u> <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.
The next meeting is scheduled for **September 11, 2023 (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.