

## BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

December 12, 2022

9:00 a.m.

### OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
Carolyn Williams - Chairperson	PRESENT
Betty Akpan - Board Member	PRESENT
Carla Seals - Board Member	PRESENT
<b>BOARD STAFF</b>	
Ericka L. Walker, Executive Director	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	PRESENT
Emilia Moran, Board Investigator	ABSENT
Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
<b>LEGAL STAFF</b>	
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1212-01	<p><b><u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p><b>Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present</li> <li>• Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Carla Seals, Board Member- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present</li> <li>• Gregory Scurlock-Present</li> <li>• Keyana Goodwin- Health Licensing Specialist-Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present</li> </ul>
OS-1212-02	<p><b><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the December 12, 2022, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the September 12, 2022, Open Session Meeting Agenda 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>
OS-1212-03	<p><b><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting.</p>

	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the corrected September 12, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted corrections 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>
<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>	
OS-1212-04	<p><b><u>Executive Directors Report</u></b></p> <p>DC Health Updates:</p> <p>Mrs. Walker gave an update on encouraging all Board members, board staff and anyone reviewing the meeting minutes to visit the coronavirus website <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a> to see how DC is managing the covid pandemic in the District of Columbia. In addition, to see protocols for Health Care professionals. Also testing kits availability. All information can be found on the website listed also to include information for monkeypox and how that is being managed for vaccinations, testing and healthcare guidance is available. Please visit <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox">https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</a></p> <p>The Mayor’s Office for Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is responsible for recruiting board members. Anyone interested in joining the board please use the following website <a href="https://mota/dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-availableseats">https://mota/dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-availableseats</a></p> <p>Currently there are two vacancies available.</p> <p>Currently there are 900 Licensed Respiratory Care Therapist. The Board of Respiratory Care is currently in the renewal period. The renewal portal opened November 2, 2022. 30-day notification will be sent out on December 31, 2022, indicating 30 days left in the renewal period before late renewal begins. The late renewal period is from January 31, 2022 – April 1, 2023, thereafter reinstatement applications will be used.</p> <p>This concludes Mrs. Walker’s report.</p>
OS-1212-07	<p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Drozdoski gave an update on the following:</p>

	As of November 8, 2022, the Mandatory Covid-19 vaccination revision act the only persons who have to be vaccinated who are subject to the mandate are health care workers who are hired or contracted by or granted privileges or credentialed by a health care facility that is regulated by DC Health.	
OS-1212-06	<p><b><u>Board Chair's Report</u></b> Ms. Williams gave an update on the following:</p> <p>In October the 2022 International Fellow was hosted Dr. Venkat Palnati from India. During his visit he toured DC, Charlottesville Virginia and attended the New Orleans Conference. He visited Medstar, Georgetown University Hospital, Howard University Hospital, DC Health, Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Video Link: <a href="#">2022 AARC ARCF International Fellow (1).m4v</a></p> <p>Two Respiratory Therapist have received the FAARC Fassil Getachew RRT and Eric Kriner RRT</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
OS-1212-07	<p>Board to formally consider and approve quarterly Board Meetings A motion was made to sustain the quarterly Board Meetings 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-1212-08	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved and the items for the</p>	

	<p>purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since last meeting.</p> <p>Abass Kamara Ahmael McGee Duncan Aja Dyer Alexander Moore Amber Howe Ange Tankeu Bernadette Eliacin Bernice Osire Beverly Reynolds Blair Canty Brittany Butler Carey Bowers Cheyenne Chadwick Craig Haack Demis Nathan Desiree McNair Elfreda Acquaye Elsa Wubneh Ethel Campbell Heriberto Santana Hina Ahmed Isaac Yah Jeremy Dirr Jessica Estrada Juliet Oblak Julius Nightingale Kaunda Samuel Kencie Antoine Kristin Keller Laura Fails Liam Gillmore Mark Goodwin Melanie Smith Michael Dizon Ranko Pepic Rebekah Kugelman Renaldo Desronvil Roberto Garcia Rochelle Field Roland Valence</p>	
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<b>CLOSING</b>		
OS-1212-09	<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> 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><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to close the open session portion of the meeting, 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>	
	<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	
	<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>	
OS-1212-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn Meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in an open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p>	