

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

March 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTE

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ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

| BOARD MEMBERS | |
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| Carolyn Williams - Chairperson | PRESENT |
| Betty Akpan - Board Member | PRESENT |
| Carla Seals - Board Member | PRESENT |
| Respiratory Care Practitioner - Vacant | |
| Primary Physician - Vacant | |
| BOARD STAFF | |
| Ericka L. Walker, Executive Director | PRESENT |
| Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer | ABSENT |
| Emilia Moran, Board Investigator | ABSENT |
| Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist | PRESENT |
| LEGAL STAFF | |
| Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel | PRESENT |

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| CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL | |
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| OS-0313-01 | <p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. 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 <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Absent • Gregory Scurlock-Absent • Keyana Goodwin- Health Licensing Specialist-Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present |
| OS-0313-02 | <p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the March 13, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the March 13, 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-0313-03 | <p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> |

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 12, 2022, meeting.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the December 12, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted corrections by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals.

Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0313-04

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Walker gave the updates on the following:

Dr. Sharon Lewis continues to be Interim Director at DC Health. Mr. Arian Gibson is no longer interim Senior Deputy Director, he has accepted the position of the Office of Senior Deputy Director of HRLA. Mrs. Walker also gave an update on Coronavirus and Monkeypox. Information is available for both pandemics on how the District of Columbia is managing. In addition, you may also see the current procedures and statistics at the websites below. There was an oversight hearing which took place February 28, 2023, with the new chairperson councilman Henderson, to discuss and meet with board chairs, the work of the boards and collaborating with other boards. In addition, there also was a performance oversight hearing which took place March 2, 2023, where Dr. Sharon Lewis was the witness and testified on the behalf of the licensing board at DC Health.

The Board will be issuing one newsletter during the fall/winter for the public of all Health licensing Boards, all the board chairs was asked to submit a letter for the newsletter to give any updates.

Currently there are 761 Licensed Respiratory Care Therapist. The late renewal period has started and is from January 31, 2022 – April 1, 2023 to include there is a late renewal fee of \$85.00, thereafter reinstatement applications will be used.

This concludes Mrs. Walker's report.

Covid-19

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| | <p>https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>MonkeyPox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</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 https://mota/dc/gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-availableseats</p> |
| OS-0313-05 | <p><u>Board Attorney's Report</u> Ms. Drozdoski gave an update on the following:</p> <p>As of February 24, 2023, the Mandatory Covid-19 vaccination revision act is now a requirement for 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. For health care workers that may request an exemption, must request that through the employer or facility. DC Health no longer regulates exemptions. The Board Attorney also informed the board members that Arian Gibson is now the Office of Senior Deputy Director of HRLA.</p> |
| OS-0313-06 | <p><u>Board Chair's Report</u> Ms. Williams gave an update on the following:</p> <p>Happy Woman's History Month!!</p> <p>University of Maryland College Park Medical Center will be hosting a lab conference "Respiratory Care on the Cutting-Edge Symposium 2023" on March 26, 2023. During this conference you can earn 6 continuing education hours.</p> <p>The second conference will be in Anne Arundel Medical Center hosting a live conference "Tuned up by the Bay" on April 21, 2023, six continuing education hours will be awarded in addition, two hours of LGBTQ cultural competency can be awarded.</p> <p>American Association for Respiratory Care Annual Congress will be in Nashville on November 5-8, 2023.</p> |

DISCUSSION ITEMS

0S-0313-07

Consent Agenda

Board Action:

Consideration of the applications approved and the items for the purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since last meeting.

- Beth Mogensen
- Feben Kibret
- Jacobey Ford
- Kelly Union
- Melissa Kimes
- Erika Vegelsang
- Tiffany Mueller-Childs
- Michael Rawls
- Beverly Maccuish
- Zelalem Gebre
- Mashariki Beck
- Tashanna Greene
- Vanessa Cabrera
- Brianna Loving
- Sara Mostolina
- Rodney Brown
- Joseph Turner
- Comfort Osei-Wusu
- Dannyel Richardson
- Russell Bradley
- Courtney Painter
- Cid Trevino
- Tarah Calhoun
- Ashley Mason
- Maleeka Ellis
- Noble Halm
- Armando Diaz
- Tiffany Vereen
- Sellie Shines
- Anthony Giles
- Raphael Nnamani
- Tawnya Bunce
- Enira Concepcion
- Tyler Cubeta
- Grace Ivumbi
- Joanna Gomes

- Janet Robinson
- Stephanie Graham
- Adelaide Ansah
- Christian Weller
- Richard Huie
- Lakeesha Colbert

MOTION:

A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Betty Akpan, and seconded by Carla Seals.

Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING

OS-0313-08

Board Action:

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

Background:

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:

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 or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).

MOTION:

A motion was made to close the open session meeting by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan

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| | Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. |
| | ROLL CALL VOTE |
| | 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. |
| OS-0313-09 | <p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn Meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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> <p><u>MOTION:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to adjourn the Open Session meeting by Betty Akpan, and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Carla Seals, and Betty Akan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |

This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for **June 12, 2023 (In-Person).**