

## **BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

**DECEMBER 8, 2025**

**9:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

### **Hybrid Meeting**

The Board will have a hybrid in-person and virtual meetings schedule. Please see the hybrid schedule in the Executive Directors section of the agenda.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Pl, SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20020. Information on how to access virtual Board meetings is listed below:

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b> |  |
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| OS-1208-01                         | <p>Call to order at 9:05 am</p> <p><b><u>Introduction:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betty Akpan, Presiding Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Carla Seals, Board Member- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist-Present</li> <li>• Emilia Moran, Investigator- Excused Absent</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Legal Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney - present</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Public Attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |
| OS-1208-02                         | <p><b><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Acceptance of <b>December 8, 2025</b>, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>A motion was made to accept <b>December 8, 2025</b>, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion.<br/>The motion passed unanimously.</p>  |
| OS-1208-03                         | <p><b><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Consideration of the Open Session minutes of <b>September 8, 2025</b>, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes of <b>September 8, 2025</b>, by Carla Seals, and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan, all voted in favor of the motion.<br/>The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |

**STAFF REPORTS**

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| OS-1208-04 | <p><b><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Census: <u>860</u> Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners</li> <li>● The Board hosted Miss Josephine Osei-Tutu, a senior respiratory therapist from the University of Ghana Medical Center, as part of the American Association for Respiratory Care International Fellowship Program.</li> <li>● Her visit included discussions on DC’s regulatory framework, licensure process, and board operations.</li> <li>● She met with several DC Health staff including board investigators, legal counsel, and licensing specialists.</li> <li>● The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We currently have three vacancies for the Board of Respiratory Care: Respiratory Care Practitioner, Consumer member, and a Physician.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Board Meeting Scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ December 8, 2025 (Virtual)</li> <li>➤ March 9, 2026 (In Person &amp; Virtual)</li> <li>➤ June 8, 2026 (Virtual)</li> <li>➤ September 14, 2026 (In Person &amp; Virtual)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| OS-1208-05 | <p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></b></p> <p>Board attorney Joanne Drozdoski simply stated that we have quorum.</p>   |  |
| OS-1208-06 | <p><b><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></b></p> <p>The National Conference hosted by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) is currently ongoing until December 9, 2025.</p>   |  |

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| OS-1208-07 | <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tina Jefferies</li> <li>2. David Hollifield</li> <li>3. Antwi Boakye</li> </ol> |  |
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| <b>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b> |   |  |
| OS- 1208-08                     | No comments.  |  |
| <b>CLOSING</b>                  |   |  |
| OS-1208-09                      | <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>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:</p>  |  |

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|                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>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).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>         A motion was made to go into a close session meeting by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.<br/>         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>  |  |

This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 9, 2026 (In-Person & Virtual).**

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