

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

MARCH 9, 2026

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 report section of the agenda.

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

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0309-01	<p>Call to order at 9:13 am</p> <p><u>Introduction:</u></p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Betty Akpan, Presiding Board Member- Present• Carla Seals, Board Member- Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present• Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist-Present• Emilia Moran, Investigator- Excused Absent <p>C. Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carla M. Williams, Board Attorney - present <p>D. Public Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gail Drescher- Clinical specialist at Washington Hospital Center• Caroly A. Williams – Former Board Chair
OS-0309-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of March 9, 2026, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept March 9, 2026, 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. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0309-03	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes of December 8, 2025, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes of December 8, 2025, by Ericka Walker, and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.</p>

The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0309-04

Executive Directors Report:

Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:

- A new agenda format has been implemented to comply with the current Open Meetings Act. A section citing OS 03-09-08 has been added, which will be used for reporting appropriate actions taken during the Executive Session once the Board returns to Open Session.
- The agenda will now only list items that will be discussed during the Executive Session, so the longer script previously associated with DC Official Code Section 2–575(b) will not always appear.
- Under OS 03-09-09, the Board will return to Open Session to report any information that is appropriate to disclose from the Executive Session.
- There are currently three vacancies for the board: one Respiratory Care Practitioner, one Consumer Member, and one Physician Member. The consumer member must be a DC resident and cannot be a healthcare professional or reside with one.

Interested individuals may apply using the link listed in OS 03-09-04. The Open Session agenda is posted on the Board’s website. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026, and will be held virtually. Today’s meeting was changed from in-person to virtual.

- Census: 919 Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners
- 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: <https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat>
- Board Meeting Scheduled
 - December 8, 2025 (Virtual)
 - March 9, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)
 - June 8, 2026 (Virtual)
 - September 14, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)

OS-0309-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u> Carla Williams, the new Board Attorney, briefly introduced herself, has been with the Department of Health for 23 years. She expressed that she is pleased to return to the Board and looks forward to supporting and working with its members.</p>	
OS-0309-06	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u> No report</p>	
CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-0309-07	<p><u>Board Action:</u> 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"> 1. Blair Parker 2. Afrah Alsakkaf 3. Fredy Gonzalez 4. Tiona Thompson 5. Latrice Queen 6. Marie Pietrowski 7. Sarah Edwards 8. Octavia Chappelle 9. Rosalinda Silva 10. Maisha Imani 11. Chase Gibson 12. Rachelle russell 13. Stacie Renfro 14. Tyjah Hill 15. DONYA JOICY 16. Erin Robinson 17. Natalie Ramirez 18. Olaide Aseyiga 	

	<p>19. Henry Thompson</p> <p>20. Bryant Wynn</p> <p>21. Witness Grace Meela</p> <p>22. Isaac Galeno</p> <p>23. Wilhemina oduro</p> <p>24. Francisco Garcia</p> <p>25. Najma shekmohamed</p> <p>26. Zhi Xuan Stapley</p> <p>27. Hannah Klepper</p> <p>28. Brittany Giansanti</p> <p>29. PAMELA POWELL</p> <p>30. ANGELA KRINER</p> <p>31. Feben kibret</p> <p>32. KWOVI JOHNSON</p> <p>33. HEATHER RAGUSA</p> <p>34. Omar Fikri</p> <p>35. HA QUAN</p> <p>36. Chijioke Onyema</p> <p>37. Derebi Atoma</p> <p>38. LISA Green</p> <p>39. Tolulope Omole</p> <p>40. Anjel Carino</p> <p>41. Hosne Begum</p> <p>42. Kristine Cox</p> <p>43. Audrey Fee</p> <p>44. SARAH LUTWAMA</p> <p>45. Brantley Braden</p> <p>46. VENESHIA FORD</p>	
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	<p>47. SELAMAWIT NEGERI</p> <p>48. WENDY Ferguson</p> <p>49. JACQUELINE RICHTER</p> <p>50. MAURO SALAS</p> <p>51. HYUN SONG</p> <p>52. TANEE CRAWFORD</p> <p>53. JOHN ANKRAH</p> <p>54. HANA JO</p> <p>55. AGNES SESAY</p> <p>56. HAN SOON NAVA</p> <p>57. VIRONICA DEMISSIE</p> <p>58. GUILLERMO HERRERA</p> <p>59. OMOLOLA QUARTEY</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC		
	<p>Gail Drescher, a Clinical Specialist at Washington Hospital Center, requested clarification on the CEU requirements for licenses with terms of less than two years. Board staff will provide written clarification on the applicable CEU requirements.</p>	
CLOSING		
<p>OS-0309-08</p>	<p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></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>	

	<p>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);</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to go into a close session meeting by Carla Seals and seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
Roll Call Vote		
	<p>This temporarily 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 and will return following the Executive Session to provide the board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session.</p>	
OPEN SESSION BOARD REPORT		
OS-0309-09	<p><u>Board Action:</u> Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session.</p>	
MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-0309-10	<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made to close the open session meeting by Betty Akpan and second by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals and Betty Akpan 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 8, 2026 (Virtual)**.

**DC Health
2201 Shannon Place SE
Washington, DC 20020**

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.