

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

June 9, 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 Meetings Dates section of the agenda.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0609-01	<p>Call to order at 9:10 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- Present <p>C. Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney - present <p>D. Public Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
OS-0609-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of June 9, 2025, Open Session Meeting Agenda with the addendum Item.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept June 9, 2025, Open Session Meeting Agenda with the addendum Item, 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-0609-03	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from March 10, 2025, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes from March 10, 2025, with the correction 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>

STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0609-04	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census: <u>810</u> Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners • To become a consumer member for the board, one must be a resident of DC and does not live with a health care professional. They also cannot be health care professional. • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We currently have three vacancy for respiratory care practitioner, consumer member, and a physician. • Board Meeting Scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ June 9, 2025 (Virtual) ➤ September 8, 2025 (In-Person & Virtual) ➤ December 8, 2025 (Virtual)
OS-0609-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>Board attorney Joanne Drozdoski simply stated that we have quorum and individuals licensed in DC but residing in Maryland or Virginia may serve as a board members if they’ve been licensed for at least three years and have significant contact with DC (not telehealth). However, they cannot serve as board chair or consumer member.</p>
OS-0609-06	<p><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></p> <p>Presiding board member Betty Akpan stated that MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital will host an event on July 15,2025 for Respiratory Care therapists who wish to obtain continuing education hours. The program is free, and therapists can obtain six continuing education credit.</p>
CONSENT AGENDA	
OS-0609-07	<p><u>Board Action:</u></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"> 1. Lobelande Lintiso 2. Lakisha Lively 3. Selamawit Mesfin

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Kiara Baker 5. Melissa Cyrus 6. Destiny Xiong 7. Luis Mulero 8. Stefanie Shank 9. Steven Rideout 10. Kevin Calebaugh 11. Dinasha Golden-Neal 12. Raphael Joseph 13. Donyae Murray 14. Lavonne Callaham 15. Antoinette Davis 16. Tonaya Brown 17. Trista Kallis 18. Morgan Yopp 19. Rebecca Smith 20. Rachel Finkbeiner 21. Nelly Shabani 22. Emmanuel Nyasa <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Consent 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>	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
OS- 0609-08	No Comment	
ADDENDUM ITEM – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT		
OS- 0609-09	<p><u>Board Action:</u> Approve the acceptance of 50% of the required Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and 2 CEUs related to LGBTQ topics for licensees holding a</p>	

	<p>license for less than two years during the renewal period. The 50% includes 10% Public Health Priorities topics.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The board discussed CEU requirements for licenses who have held licenses for less than two years under the new expiration date model. Licenses now expire on the last day of the birth month, which can affect CEU timing depending on odd/even birth years. The proposed adjustment is to waive or exempt fifty percent of the CEU requirement for these individuals while still requiring completion of LGBTQ and Public Health Priorities CEUs.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Addendum Item as Is 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>	
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CLOSING

<p>OS-0609-10</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	
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	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Roll Call Vote</p>	
	<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 **September 8, 2025 (In-Person & Virtual)**.

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

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