

## BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

September 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.

### OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL**

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

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<b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b>	
<b>OS-0911-01</b>	<p><b><u>Introductions:</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. and a quorum was present.</p> <p><b>Board Members</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present</li> <li>2. Carla Seals, Board Member- Present</li> <li>3. Betty Akpan, Board Member- Present</li> </ol> <p><b>Board Staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>2. Zaneta Batts- Health Licensing Specialist-Present</li> <li>3. Emilia Moran, Investigator- Absent</li> <li>4. Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Absent</li> </ol> <p><b>Legal Staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel- Present</li> </ol> <p><b>Public Attendance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jonathan Winebarger, Respiratory Therapist</li> </ol>
<b>OS-0911-02</b>	<p><b><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the September 11, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda, with noted changes.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the September 11, 2023, Open Session Meeting Agenda, with noted changes by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>OS-0911-03</b>	<p><b><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>

	<p>A motion was made to accept the June 12, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the noted changes by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carla Seals, Betty Akpan, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS</b>	
<p><b>OS-0911-04</b></p>	<p>Executive Directors Report: DC Health Updates: Mrs. Walker gave an update on the following: The new fiscal year will begin on October 1, 2023. Mrs. Walker expressed gratitude and appreciation to the board members of Respiratory Care. Dr. Iyana Bennett is the appointed acting Director for DC Health, with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system, integrations, and quality improvement. All board members are invited to the IBCC symposium scheduled for September 27, 2023, at The University of District of Columbia College, Student Center Ballroom. DC Health is moving in February 2024, to 2201 Shannon Place SE, Washington, DC 20020. The Board of Respiratory Care currently has 835 licensed practitioners. There's a link for you to access information in reference to the COVID-19 virus and Monkeypox, we encourage everyone to operate under the guideline issued by DC Health on our website. MOTA is responsible for recruiting talented interest individuals to serve on all boards in The District of Columbia. There are currently two vacancies available to sit on The Board of Respiratory Care. The Board Meetings for FY2024 are as follows: December 11, 2023 (In Person and Virtual) 2. March 11, 2024 (Virtual) 3. June 10, 2024 (In Person and Virtual) 4. September 09, 2024 (Virtual)</p>
<p><b>OS-0911-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorney Joanne Drozdoski confirmed the seven boards the IBCC symposium will discuss on September 27, 2023, are The Boards of Psychology, Social Work, Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Professional Counseling.</li> <li>• Attorney Joanne Drozdoski also expressed her gratitude and appreciation with working with the board members of Respiratory Care.</li> </ul>

<p><b>OS-0911-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Williams gave an update on the following: Chairperson Carolyn Williams has been selected again to host the 2023 American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)/ American Respiratory Care Foundation (ARCF) International Fellowship Program and would like to invite Dr. Iyana Bennett, Appointed Acting Director for DC Health, Senior Deputy Director, Arian Gibson, Executive Director, Ericka Walker, and Board of Respiratory Care staff to meet with Dr. Volodymr Suskyi, Anesthesiologist from Ukraine and Moaaz Essam, Respiratory Therapist from Egypt during their visit to Washington, DC on October 22 – 29, 2023. Dr. Suskyi and Moaaz Essam will have the opportunity to observe Respiratory Care Practitioners at Children’s Hospital, and Medstar Georgetown University Hospital. Board Member Betty Akpan will host them at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, Board Member Carla Seals will host them at Bridgepoint Hospital, and they will also go to the University of District of Columbia to visit the Respiratory Therapy staff and students.</li> <li>• Chairperson Carolyn Williams forwarded Health Licensing Specialist, Zaneta Batts via email regarding AARC received a grant from the Department of Defense to support development of an Interstate Compact for the Respiratory Therapy Profession.</li> <li>• Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care Conference by the Sea is scheduled for September 13-15, 2023, in Ocean City, Maryland. Respiratory Care Practitioners can receive up to 16 continuing education credits, to include Ethics, Public Health, and LGBTQ courses. The conference tracker app will be utilized to record individuals’ certificate of attendance, courses taken, and allow every therapist registered to log in and print out their own continuing education credits without the organization sending it to them.</li> <li>• The American Association for Respiratory Care will host their International Conference on November 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Nashville, Tennessee.</li> </ul>	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
<p><b>OS-0911-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>Educational and Experiential Requirement for Licensure</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To accept consideration of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) credentials as the singular licensure eligibility requirement.</p>	

	<p>This does not eliminate the requirement for Criminal Background Check.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to accept the National Board of Respiratory Care credentials as the singular licensure eligibility requirement, this does not eliminate the requirement for Criminal Background Check by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Carolyn Williams all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>OS-0911-08</b>	<p>Consent Agenda:</p> <p>Board Action: To accept consideration of the application(s) approved and the items for pof review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the approved items since the last meeting by Carla Seals and second by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Carla Seals, and Betty Akpan all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>CLOSING</b>		
<b>OS-0911-09</b>	<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></p>	

	<p>A motion was made to close the open session portion of the meeting, by Betty Akpan and 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> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL</b></p>	
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<p><b>OS-0911-10</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b> To adjourn the Open Session meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background</u></b> 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>	
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This ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting.  
The next meeting is scheduled for **December 11, 2023 (In Person & Virtual).**

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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).