

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

Thursday, November 15, 2012  
1 p.m.  
239 Causeway Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 418  
Boston, MA 02114

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
  - B. October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)  
None.
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
  - A. REP-2010-013 Agostini, Thomas License No. RT2598  
Request for license reinstatement (voluntarily surrendered  
effective 12-12-2010; expired  
5-31-2012)
  - B. REP-2012-007 Carter, Stephen RT3376 (expires 5-31-2014)  
Allegation: Misrepresentation of Academic Credentials  
Additional information received
  - C. REP-2012-006 Swift, Jamie RT6047 (expires 5-31-2014)  
Allegation: falsification of medical records
  - D. REP-2012-011 Dupuis, Veronica RT3432 (expires 5-31-2014)  
Disclosure of criminal history on license renewal application
- VI. Limited Permit Applications  
None.

VII. Full License Applications

None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications

A. Poirer, Heather

License No. RT5552

Expired 5-31-2010

B. Ochijeh, Obiageli

License No. RT6054

Expired 5-31-2012

IX. Staff Assignments

None.

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Respiratory therapists and the performance of ECMO procedures and/or the management of ECMO patients

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. Reports of Unlicensed Practice

B. Request for CEU Approval: JoAnne Gleason, RT228: ACLS course (initial)

C. Review of Board regulations: 261 CMR 2.00, *Licensure and Practice*.

XIII. Adjourn

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**BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, November 15, 2012**

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Room 418

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**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Carol Mack, RT, Chair  
Edward Burns, RT, Vice-Chair  
Armand Riendeau, RT, RN, Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director  
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH  
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant  
Curtis Jackson, MPRS Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Ms. Mack, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting Agenda was reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: November 15, 2012 Meeting Agenda

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Mack and Mr. Burns voting in favor. Mr. Riendeau did not vote as he was not present at the October Meeting.

B. Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

The Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Mack and Mr. Burns voting in favor. Mr. Riendeau did not vote as he was not present at the October Meeting.

Documents: Minutes of October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session

None.

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

Mr. Burns made a motion to go into the Section 65C Session at 1:31 p.m.; Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Allegation: Misrepresentation of academic credentials  
Additional information received
- C. REP-2012-006 Swift, Jamie RT6047 (expires 5-31-2014)  
NH RCP1222 (expires 12-31-2013)  
Allegation: falsification of medical records
- D. REP-2012-011 Dupuis, Veronica RT3432 (expires 5-31-2014)  
Disclosure of criminal history on license renewal application

[The Board adjourned the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 3:20 p.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. Limited Permit Applications

None.

VII. Full License Applications

None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications

- A. Poirer, Heather License No. RT5552 Expired 5-31-2010  
Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the license reactivation application; Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Ochijeh, Obiageli License No. RT6054 Expired 5-31-2012  
Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the license reactivation application; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: License Reactivation Applications

IX. Staff Assignments

None.

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Respiratory therapists and the performance of ECMO procedures and/or the management of ECMO patients: request for clarification

After Board discussion, Ms. Mack made a motion to post to the Board's website the following statement: "Any respiratory therapist who performs ECMO must be meet the education and training requirements identified in the AARC's Position Statement, Respiratory Therapists as Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Specialist, issued in 1998 and revised in 2007, which endorses the use of qualified and appropriately educated respiratory therapists as ECMO specialists."; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mack made a motion to add the above statement to the FAQs posted on the Board's website and post a link to the AARC's position statement on the Board's website; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Email inquiry; AARC's Position Statement, Respiratory Therapists as Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Specialist

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. Reports of Unlicensed Practice

The Board discussed the concern that unlicensed persons are providing respiratory care services. Possible actions to pursue were discussed; the Board will continue the discussion at the January 2013 Board meeting.

B. Request for CEU Approval: JoAnne Gleason, RT228: ACLS course (initial)

Ms. Mack made a motion to grant the licensee 12 CEUs for the ACLS Course (initial) in accordance with Board Policy RC-08-01; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Request for CEU Credits

C. Review of Board regulations: 261 CMR 2.00, Licensure and Practice

The Board deferred discussion to the December 2012 Board meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 1 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

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| <u>Edward Gleason</u> | <u>Chair</u> | <u>2-13-2013</u> |
| Name                  | Position     | Date             |