

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY
April 20, 2023

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

Board Members

Present:

William Beal, Board Vice Chair
Dr. Brian Bloom, MD, Board Member
Vanessa Gomes, RT Board Member
Jason Morin, RT, Board Chair

Board Members

not present:

Jason Moury, RT Board Member

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Catherine Goldrick, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Sarah Constantino, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Tracy Tam, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Danielle McFarland, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

- I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording
Mr. Jason Morin, Board Chair called the General session of the meeting to order at 1:07PM and asked for a roll call attendance. William Beal: Present; Brian Bloom: Present; Vanessa Gomes: Present; Jason Morin: Present.
Absent: Jason Moury
- II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda
Board members were asked to approve the General Session agenda if there were no conflicts of interest regarding the items on the agenda. None are noted.

DISCUSSION:

Board Chair, Mr. Jason Morin, asked if the legislation issue made it onto the agenda and Mr. Steven Joubert confirmed that the policy director is monitoring discussion from this legislation so that talking points can be brought to the Board, hopefully next month's meeting.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the agenda as written by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. William Beal, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: approve; Brian Bloom: approve; Vanessa Gomes: approve; Jason Morin: approve.
Absent: Jason Moury

DOCUMENT: April 20, 2023, Executive Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the March, Regular Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Jason Morin states that the only error he saw was a misspelling of Jason Moury's name in the March General Session Minutes.

ACTION:

Motion to approve March 16, 2023, General Session minutes as amended to correct Mr. Jason Moury's name, made by Dr. Brian Bloom and seconded by Mr. William Beal, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: approve; Brian Bloom: approve; Vanessa Gomes: approve; Jason Morin: approve.
Absent: Jason Moury

DOCUMENT: March 16, 2023, Regular Session Minutes

IV. OPEN INVESTIGATIONS:

N/A

V. FLEX SESSION:

A. Limited License Expiration Date

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Jason Morin stated he would like to bring up the expiration of Respiratory Care Limited Permit Licensures. Mr. Morin stated that in the workforce there has been much

confusion with the expiration date, stating he remembers this being an issue last year as well. Mr. Morin stated he would like to propose a longer expiration date rather than limited permits expiring close to their graduation date, due to the fact it gives them time to take the exam and does not cause operational difficulties for their employer.

Mr. Morin stated he would propose a policy that board staff extend the license expiration date to December 31st of the year after they are issued, this would essentially give students a year and a half of licensure.

Mr. Joubert stated for a point of clarification that board staff have been advised to issue limited licensure for two years so we can avoid that situation entirely. Mr. Joubert stated however he has been getting feedback from Deans and Universities expressing concern regarding students operating with a limited permitted. Mr. Joubert suggested that the board develop sub-regulatory guidance regarding the Limited License Expiration, once developed, spread it to Respiratory Care programs in Massachusetts. The board agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. William Beal and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: approve; Brian Bloom: approve; Vanessa Gomes: approve; Jason Morin: approve.
Absent: Jason Moury

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE/STATEMENT:

Mr. Jason Morin read the executive session notice for the record.

The general session adjourned at 1:32PM.