

**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, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

(OPEN SESSION)

Thursday, August 21, 2025

1:00 p.m.

General Session is open to the public and will be held via Zoom at:

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Agenda

All votes must be via roll call

Time	Item #	Item	Staff Contact
1:00p.m.	I	Call to Order & Introductions Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording	Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of July 17, 2025, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	Discussion on Regulation Amendments A. 261 CMR 2.00: Purpose and definitions B. 261 CMR 3.00: Documentation of license C. 261 CMR 4.00: Investigations, Complaints and Board actions D. 261 CMR 5.00: Continuing Education	Board

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	V	Flex Session A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	VII	Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2025.	Board Chair

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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

**250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108**

**Thursday, August 21, 2025
Via Zoom**

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jason Morin, Respiratory Therapist, Board Chair
Brian Bloom, MD
Daniel Fisher, Respiratory Therapist
Adrian Velasquez, MD

BOARD MEMBERS

NOT PRESENT:

William Beal, Consumer, Board Vice Chair
Meaghan Kaplan, Consumer
Adelline Ntatin, Nurse

STAFF PRESENT:

Kayla Mikalauski, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL
Danielle Macfarland, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 1:05 p.m., Mr. Jason Morin, Board Chair, called the General Session meeting to order. Mr. Morin reminded Board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum.

Roll call as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: present, Mr. Daniel Fisher: present, Mr. Jason Morin: present, Dr. Adrian Valaquez: present.

II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Discussion: The Board reviewed the General Session Agenda.

Action:

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. Daniel Fisher, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Document: August 21, 2025, General Session Agenda

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: The Board reviewed the drafted General Session Minutes.

Action:

Motion to defer the minutes until September's Respiratory Care Board meeting was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. Daniel Fisher, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: defer, Mr. Daniel Fisher: defer, Mr. Jason Morin: defer, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: defer.

Document: July 17, 2025, General Session Minutes

IV. DISCUSSION ON REGULATION AMENDMENTS

A. 261 CMR 2.00: Purpose and definitions

Discussion: Ms. Kayla Mikalauskis stated at last month's meeting the Board went through the majority of the changes to the regulations suggested by the Board. Ms. Mikalauskis stated if the Board was satisfied with those changes, the Board could move towards finding compelling reasons that are needed to open up each regulation. Ms. Heather Engman stated the Board would need an explanation and some rationale as to why the changes are important and necessary to ensure there is a common public interest rather than just changing the language. Dr. Brian Bloom stated the regulations are grossly out of date, citing that the Board has previously had these conversations and the next step would be allowing the lawyers and Board staff to update that language.

Mr. Jason Morin asked if the Board would need a compelling reason for every section that is changed? Ms. Heather Engman stated when the Board proposes changes to the regulations, the regulation will go through a public comment period, as well as a review by the administration, where the Board will need to explain why the changes are necessary and important. Ms. Engman stated from her knowledge what she interprets is that the current language in the regulations is outdated and needs to be updated. Dr. Brian Bloom stated that the issues with the regulations are more complex rather than just the language being out of date. Dr. Bloom stated that the Board was out of compliance with the regulations because practice has changed significantly over the decades. Dr. Bloom stated whether Ms. Tracy Ottina or Ms. Heather Engman could propose a draft with updated so that the Board could move forward with updating the regulations. Ms. Kayla Mikalauskis asked Ms. Heather Engman if this was something that she could work on

with Ms. Tracy Ottina on to be presented to the Board next month. Ms. Engman stated that this matter could be worked on internally and if Ms. Mikalauskis and Ms. Ottina have a sense of what the changes should be, that would be sufficient. All Board Members were in agreeance.

V. FLEX SESSION

Discussion: Mr. Jason Morin asked for attendance at the next Board meeting scheduled for September 18, 2025. Dr. Brian Bloom stated he would be unavailable. Mr. Daniel Fisher stated he would be available, and Dr. Adrian Valasquez is unsure at this time. Ms. Kayla Mikalauskis stated she would follow up with Dr. Adrian Velasquez as well as the Board members that are not present today for their attendance.

There were no suggested topics for next month's agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:20 p.m., motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. Adrian Velasquez, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Let the record show that the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
The Board of Respiratory Care