

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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, February 19, 2026

1:00 p.m.

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

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Agenda

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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 January 15, 2026, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	Application A. Kristine L. Smith, Application No. RTRA10000109	Executive Director
	V	Policy A. Policy No. RC-06-01: Renewal of Respiratory Therapist License Beyond Two License Renewal Periods	Executive Director
	VI	Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program A. Quarterly Report	Executive Director

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	<b>VII</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	<b>VIII</b>	<b>Executive Session (Roll call vote)</b> The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, individuals, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.  1. Specifically, the Board will consider approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, § 22(a) for previous executive sessions of the board, decide whether to issue licensure for a good moral character matter, and discuss complaints, staff assignments, or charges brought against a licensee or licensees.  <b>The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).</b>	Board Chair
	<b>IX</b>	<b>Adjournment:</b> Next meeting scheduled for March 19, 2026.	Board Chair

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**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
250 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02108**

**Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Via Zoom**

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Jason Morin, Respiratory Therapist, Board Chair  
Daniel Fisher, Respiratory Therapist  
Meaghan Kaplan, Consumer  
Adelline Ntatin, Nurse  
Adrian Velasquez, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**NOT PRESENT:**

Brian Bloom, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tracy Hellmer, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1, BHPL  
Kayla Mikalauski, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL  
Danielle Macfarland, Project Coordinator, Multi-Boards, BHPL  
Andrew Behr, Intern, Multi-Boards, BHPL  
Tracy Ottina, Board Counsel, BHPL

**I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

At 1:07 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: Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: present, Mr. Jason Morin: present, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: present, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: present.

**II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Discussion:** The Board reviewed the General Session Agenda.

**Action:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Adelline Ntatin, seconded by Dr. Adrian Velasquez, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

**Document:** February 19, 2026, General Session Agenda

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Discussion:** The Board reviewed the drafted General Session Minutes.

**Action:**

Motion to approve the minutes as written by Ms. Meaghan Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Adelline Ntatin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

**Document:** January 15, 2026, General Session Minutes.

*Mr. Daniel Fisher joined the meeting at 1:12 pm*

**IV. APPLICATION**

**A. Kristine L. Smith, Application No. RTRA10000109**

**Discussion:** Ms. Kristine L. Smith's application was presented to the Board for the reactivation of her license as a Respiratory Therapist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Smith held a Massachusetts Respiratory Care license, RT3095, which expired on May 31, 2008, with no disciplinary actions. Ms. Smith explained that she became a Registered Nurse and worked solely in that role since the expiration of her Respiratory Care license. She currently holds an active Massachusetts Registered Nurse license, RN237591, which was issued on August 09, 2000, also with no disciplinary actions. Ms. Smith has provided the Board with 21 Respiratory Care continuing education credits, 30 Registered Nurse continuing education credits, along with her work history.

**Action:**

Motion to approve the reactivation application was made by Mr. Daniel Fisher, seconded by Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

**V. POLICY**

**A. Policy No. RC-06-01: Renewal of Respiratory Therapist License Beyond Two License Renewal Periods**

**Discussion:** Ms. Tracy Hellmer presented Policy No. RC-06-01: Renewal of Respiratory Therapist License Beyond Two License Renewal Periods whose purpose is to set the minimum requirements for reactivating an RT license expired for more than two renewal cycles. Ms. Hellmer stated this policy was passed in 2006 and asked the Board for review to ensure the policy is up to date with current standards.

Mr. Jason Morin proposed an amendment to the language in Section 5 to state “retake the NRBC credentialing exam and achieve a minimum cut score for CRT”, due to the fact that NBRC no longer has two separate tests for CRT and RRT.

**Action:**

Motion to amend policy No. RC-06-01: Renewal of Respiratory Therapist License Beyond Two License Renewal Periods was made by Mr. Jason Morin, seconded by Ms. Adelline Ntatin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

**Document:** Policy No. RC-06-01: Renewal of Respiratory Therapist License Beyond Two License Renewal Periods

**VI. UNIFIED RECOVERY AND MONITORING PROGRAM**

**A. Quarterly Report**

**Discussion:** Ms. Tracy Hellmer presented the URAMP Quarterly Report showing there are zero Respiratory Therapists currently enrolled in the program. The Board requested to see the reports only if there are RT licensees participating in URAMP.

**Document:** Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program Activity Report, January 2026

**VII. FLEX SESSION**

**Discussion:** Mr. Jason Morin asked for attendance at the next Board meeting scheduled for March 19, 2026. Dr. Adrian Velasquez, and Ms. Adelline Ntatin would not be available. The Board rescheduled the next meeting for March 26, 2026 to meet quorum.

There were no topics for next agenda.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**Discussion:** The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, individuals, or to

discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Specifically, the Board will consider approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, § 22(a) for previous executive sessions of the board, decide whether to issue licensure for a good moral character matter, and discuss complaints, staff assignments, or charges brought against a licensee or licensees. The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).

**Action:**

At 2:02 motion to move into Executive Session was made by Ms. Adelline Ntatin, seconded by Dr. Adrian Velasquez, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:42 p.m., motion to adjourn the meeting was made Dr. Adrian Velasquez, seconded by Ms. Adelline Ntatin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

*Let the record show that the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted:  
The Board of Respiratory Care