

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20

(OPEN SESSION)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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 October 16, 2025, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	Policy Review A. Policy No. RC-08-01: Continuing Education Credits for Examination Preparatory Courses in Advanced Level Specialties B. Policy No. RC-09-03: Requirements for Initial Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist When an Applicant Holds an Expired Out-of-State RT License	Executive Director

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	V	Elections A. Chair B. Vice Chair C. Secretary	Board
	VI	Flex Session A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	VII	Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2026.	Board Chair

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

**Thursday, January 15, 2026
Via Zoom**

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS

NOT PRESENT:

None

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 1:02 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, 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 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, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Document: January 15, 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 Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Ms. Meaghan Kaplan, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Document: October 16, 2025, General Session Minutes.

IV. POLICY REVIEW

A. Policy No. RC-08-01: Continuing Education Credits for Examination Preparatory Courses in Advanced Level Specialties

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer stated there is an ongoing project to review all current Board policies to ensure they are up to date. Ms. Hellmer presented Policy No. RC-08-01: Continuing Education Credits for Examination Preparatory Courses in Advanced Level Specialties, which was passed in 2008 to allow Respiratory Therapists to receive continuing education credit for advanced level courses, however, there was no specific amount specified. Ms. Hellmer stated the Board did revisit this discussion in 2020 and decided on 6.5 credits for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), 3.75 credits for Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PLS), and 9 credits for the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP). The Board agreed to amend the policy to include the amount of credit as discussed.

Action:

Motion to approve the amendments for Policy No. RC-08-01: Continuing Education Credits for Examination Preparatory Courses in Advanced Level Specialties was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

B. Policy No. RC-09-03: Requirements for Initial Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist When an Applicant Holds an Expired Out-of-State RT License

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer presented Policy No. RC-09-03: Requirements for Initial Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist When an Applicant Holds an Expired Out-of-State RT License. The policy outlines the criteria for applicants holding an expired out-of-state respiratory therapy license as follows: 1) a license expired less than 90 days will need to meet the basic application requirements, 2) a license expired more than 90 days will need to submit their work history and have their credentials reviewed by the Board. The Board decided to retain the current policy with no amendments.

Action:

Motion to retain Policy No. RC-09-03: Requirements for Initial Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist When an Applicant Holds an Expired Out-of-State RT License was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. Jason Morin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

V. ELECTIONS

Discussion: Dr. Brian Bloom nominated Mr. Jason Morin as Board Chair.

Action:

Motion to nominate Mr. Jason Morin as Board Chair 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, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Discussion: Dr. Brian Bloom nominated Mr. Daniel Fisher as Board Vice Chair.

Action:

Motion to nominate Mr. Daniel Fisher as Board Vice Chair was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Ms. Meaghan Kaplan, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Discussion: Mr. Jason Morin nominated Dr. Brian Bloom as Secretary.

Action:

Motion to nominate Dr. Brian Bloom as Secretary was made by Mr. Jason Morin, seconded by Mr. Daniel Fisher, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Mr. Jason Morin: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

VI. FLEX SESSION

Discussion: Mr. Jason Morin asked for attendance at the next Board meeting scheduled

for February 19, 2026. Ms. Adelline Ntatin and Dr. Brian Bloom will not be able to attend; all other Board members present will be available.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

At 1:39 p.m., motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Ms. Meaghan Kaplan, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, 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 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
The Board of Respiratory Care