

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, June 23, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Via WebEx

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Jason Morin, RT, Board Chair
William Beal, Board Vice-Chair
Dr. Brian Bloom, MD, Board Member
Dr. Samy Sidhom, MD, Board Member

Board Members
not present:

None

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards BHPL
Patricia Young, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL

Staff Not
Present

None

- I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording
- II. Jason Morin called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. A quorum of the Board of Respiratory Care was established with members present via WebEx as follows: William Beal present, Brian Bloom present, Jason Morin present, Stidham present, Quorum was met at 2:05pm. He reminded those present via WebEx that the meeting was being recorded.
- III. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda
The open session meeting agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Morin asked the members if there were any conflicts of interest for them. There were no conflicts.

ACTION:

A vote to approve the June 23rd, 2022 agenda made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Beal Brian Bloom: Approve; William Beal: Approve; Jason Morin Approve; Samy Sidhom Approve; Absent: None Abstained: None; Opposed: None

DOCUMENT: June 23, 2022 Regular Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Board members were asked to review the minutes from May 26, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

In the meeting on May 26th while voting to approve the agenda of the meeting it was not 2nd by anybody- which is stated in the minutes. Mary Strachan suggested deferring the approval of minutes until next meeting. This is due to the open meeting law, Strachan states she will speak with Heather Engman, who is the Chief of Board Council between now and next meeting to develop what the correct procedure is for this issue.

ACTION:

Motion to defer the May 26, 2022 minutes made by Jason Morin, seconded by Mr. Beal and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: defer; Brian Bloom: defer; Jason Morin: defer; Samy Sidhom: defer . Absent: none. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT: June 23, 2022 General Session Minutes

Mr. Morin started with a new topic brought up regarding a change in the Respiratory Board exam that the NBRC has a change happening. Mr. Morin explained that students are able take the CRT which is a multiple-choice exam that gets them certified. Stated that there is also an RRT exam which is written exam AND has a clinical stimulation part, this exam allows students to be a Registered Respiratory Therapist. The change that will be happening is the RRT exam will eliminate the clinical stimulation part of the exam. Mr. Morin stated that he would like to update this in the Respiratory regulations but besides that there would be no other effects on respiratory care. The regulation specifically that he would like to update is the 261CMR 2.06 regulation.

Mrs. Strachan acknowledge and agreed with Mr. Morin and stated that she would mark up the regulations between now and the next board meeting and present it to Mr. Morin to see if he likes the changes, or would like to add anything. Mrs. Strachan went on to explain to Mr. Morin that this is an extremely lengthy process to change regulations. It begins by going to the Commissioner's office, Secretary office, all agencies must review the regulations and each stage potentially could take months, it then goes to the Governor's office, where they review, set up a public hearing so members of the public could have a chance to request changes, then it is submitted back to the Secretary of State office for executive review of the final regulations. Mrs. Strachan expressed that this process may take a year or more.

Mr. Morin acknowledged the process and agrees to get the process started and stated that the regulation change is important, but not urgent therefore the length of the process does not concern him.

IV. Open Investigations: N/A

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Mr. Steven Joubert, Executive Director, stated he looked at the limited license language and stated that operationally procedures are still being adopted. The limited license is valid when the student is still enrolled in school.

B. Topics for Next Session:

Mr. Joubert stated he would go more in depth with the limited licensure next board meeting.

VI. Executive Session:

The Executive Session Notice was read by Mr. Morin.

ACTION:

Motion to move to executive session by Dr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Beal and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: yes; Brian Bloom: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: yes. Absent: none. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

VII. Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 2:25PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for July 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Respiratory Care