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

Thursday, June 26, 2025
1:00 p.m.
General Session is open to the public and will be held via Zoom at:
https://zoom.us/j/94914894809?pwd=aYte01Mkv32lJFyKRs1qROvlbXhHfS.1
Call-In Telephone number: 1-929-436-2866
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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 May 29, 2025, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	**License by Reciprocity** A. Michael Ayala, Application No. RTNE10000881	Executive Director
	V	**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

Board of Respiratory Care

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	VI	**Limited License Guidance Memo**	Board Counsel
	VII	**Flex Session** A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	VIII	**Executive** Session 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(f) and review good moral character matters for licensure. The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session.	Board Chair
	IX	**65C Session** M.G.L. c. 112, §65C Session	Board
	X	**Adjournment:** Next meeting scheduled for July 17, 2025.	Board Chair

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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Thursday, June 26, 2025
Via Zoom

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian Bloom, MD
Daniel Fisher, Respiratory Therapist
Adelline Ntatin, Nurse
Adrian Velasquez, MD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Jason Morin, Respiratory Therapist, Board Chair
William Beal, Consumer, Board Vice Chair
Meaghan Kaplan, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT:
Tracy Tam, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauskis, Acting Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL
Danielle Macfarland, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Anastasia Bouikidis, Investigations Intern, BHPL

I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 1:02 p.m., Ms. Tracy Tam, Executive Director, called the General Session meeting to order. Ms. Tam 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. Adelline Ntatin: present, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: present.

II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Discussion: The Board reviewed the General Session Agenda. Ms. Tracy Tam stated Item VI will be deferred due to additional edits that need to be made on the Limited License Guidance document by Board Counsel.

Action:
Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Dr. Adrian Velasquez, and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Document: June 26, 2025, General Session Agenda

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: The Board reviewed the drafted General Session Minutes.

Action:
Motion to approve the minutes 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, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Document: May 29, 2025, General Session Minutes

IV. LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY

A. Michael Ayala, Application # RTNE10000881

The Applicant was not in attendance.

Discussion: The Board discussed the matter of Mr. Michael Ayala who served in the Air Force from November 19, 2012, to September 20, 2019. During his military service, he graduated from Air University with an Associate Degree in Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Technology on June 03, 2019. He was assigned to the 633rd Medical Operations Squadron where he worked as a Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Journeyman for 6 years and 8 months. The applicant did not attend a Board-approved respiratory therapy program and does not hold a respiratory therapy degree. However, the NBRC accepted his military credentials, and he successfully obtained the CRT credential as of December 4, 2020. The CRT credential is still current. Mr. Ayala holds licenses in five other states including Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. All licenses are/were in good standing with no disciplinary action.

The Board requested additional documentation including a reference from his current or most recent supervisor, employment information for the past five years regarding his work

experience, any supplemental documentation he submitted to the NBRC to take their exam, and his attendance to appear before the Board to answer any additional questions.

V. DISCUSSION ON REGULATION AMENDMENTS

A. 261 CMR 2.00: Purpose and definitions

Discussion: The Board did not have any additional amendments for 261 CMR 2.00: Purpose and definitions.

B. 261 CMR 3.00: Documentation of license

Discussion: The Board previously requested information on how other licensing boards are notified when a student licensee fails their licensing exam. Ms. Tam stated other licensing boards such as Physician Assistants, Genetic Counselors, and Perfusionists also rely on self-attestation when a limited or provisional licensee fails their exam. Due to FERPA laws, schools cannot report scores to a third party without the student's consent. Ms. Tam stated the amendments for 261 CMR 3.00 will be updated and brought back to the Board for review.

C. 261 CMR 4.00: Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions

Discussion: The Board did not have any amendments for 261 CMR 4.00: Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions.

D. 261 CMR 5.00: Continuing Education

Discussion: On January 18, 2024, the Board voted to accept AMA PRA Category I credits. Ms. Tracy Tam presented a draft of the amendment made to 261 CMR 5.02(7) to state the following: "Continuing education contact hours awarded for activities or programs approved by the AARC, or the MSRC, or AMA PRA Category I qualify to meet the continuing education requirement". The Board did not have any additional amendments for 261 CMR 5.00. Ms. Tam reminded the Board they will need to provide a compelling reason for the amendments requested for each regulation.

VI. LIMITED LICENSE GUIDANCE MEMO

This item was deferred during agenda review.

VII. FLEX SESSION

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Tam asked for the attendance at the next Board meeting scheduled for July 17, 2025. Dr. Brian Bloom, Mr. Daniel Fisher, and Dr. Adrian Velasquez stated they would be present for the meeting. Ms. Adelline Ntatin stated she may have a potential

conflict. Ms. Tam will confirm quorum with the rest of the Board otherwise, the next meeting will be rescheduled.

Topics for the next Board meeting will include the Limited License Guidance document, the CMR discussions, and the License by Reciprocity application.

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.1. Specifically, the Board will consider approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, § 22(f) and review good moral character matters for certification. The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session.

Action: At 1:27 p.m., motion to move into Executive Session 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, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

IX. 65C SESSION

At 1:51 pm, motion to move into 65C session 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, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:10 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, Dr. Adrian Velasquez: yes.

Let the record show that the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
The Board of Respiratory Care