

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

Thursday, May 26, 2022
11:00 A.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:

Amy Keenan, RN, Board Member

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL

Staff Not
Present

Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL
Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Patricia Young, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording

Mr. Jason Morin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:07AM. A quorum of the Board of Respiratory Care was established with members present via WebEx as follows: Jason Morin: present; William Beal: present; Samy Sidhom: present; Brian Bloom: present. Absent: Amy Keenan.

He reminded those present via WebEx that the meeting was being recorded.

II. 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 May 26, 2022 agenda made by Mr. Morin, seconded by [no one] and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: affirmative; Samy Sidhom: approve; Brian Bloom: approve; Jason Morin: approve. Absent: Amy Keenan. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT: May 26, 2022 Regular Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Board members were asked to review the minutes from March 17, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes made by Dr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Beal and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: affirmative; Brian Bloom: approve; Jason Morin: approve; Samy Sidhom: approve. Absent: Amy Keenan. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT: March 17, 2022 General Session Minutes

IV. Open Investigations: N/A

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Mr. Steven Joubert, Executive Director, stated that he didn't have anything new to share, but reminded the Board members that there was an agreement to move the June meeting from the 16th to the 23rd.

B. Topics for Next Session:

Mr. Joubert asked the members if they had anything that they would like for the Board staff to research for them. Mr. Morin asked that a revisit of the requirements for the student licensure expiration. He stated that it is currently set at 1 year and remembered that the full requirements regarding that were to be brought back for review. Mr. Joubert stated that what has been happening operationally is that the (student licensure) expiration date is set for 2 years after they apply. While technically, it should expire 1 year after the licensee's graduation date. Mr. Joubert went on to state that he would bring back the language for the Board's review and discussion. Mr. Morin stated that he brought up the topic because he has been having discussions with some of the deans of the educational programs. They were questioning whether a year of licensure after graduation should be made a little bit tighter. Mr. Morin then asked the other Board members if they had any other topics that they wanted to have explored. There were none.

VI. Executive Session:

The Executive Session Notice was read by Mr. Morin.

ACTION:

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

VII. Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 11:13AM.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for June 23, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Respiratory Care