

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, May 28, 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 March 26, 2026, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	Draft Regulation A. 140 CMR 2.00 (VOTE)	Deputy Bureau Director
	V	Flex Session A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	VI	Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2026.	Board Chair

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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

**250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108**

**Thursday, May 28, 2026
Via Zoom**

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Brian Bloom, MD, Secretary
Daniel Fisher, Respiratory Therapist, Board Vice Chair
Meghan Kaplan, Consumer
Adelline Ntatin, Nurse

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Jason Morin, Respiratory Therapist, Board Chair
Adrian Velasquez, MD

STAFF PRESENT:

James Lavery, Director, BHPL, DPH
Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director, BHPL, DPH
Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy, BHPL, DPH
Tracy Hellmer, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1. BHPL, DPH
Kayla Mikalauskis, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL,
DPH
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General
Counsel, DPH
Gillian Coffey, Health Communications Manager, BHPL, DPH
Andrew Behr, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL,
DPH

I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 1:02 p.m., Ms. Tracy Hellmer, Executive Director, called the General Session meeting to order. Ms. Hellmer 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, Ms. Meghan Kaplan: present.

II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer requested to defer Item III and Item V due to time constraints. Board members were in agreeance.

Action:

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

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion was deferred.

IV. Draft Regulation

A. 140 CMR 2.00

Discussion: Mr. Jonathan Dillon presented a proposed regulation 140 CMR 2.00 which contains two key requirements as follows: 1) It prohibits MA-licensed health care providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies, as defined in section 50 of chapter 93. 2) It requires MA-licensed health care providers to include a provision in contracts with debt collectors that prohibits debt collectors from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies, as defined in section 50 of chapter 93, by the debt collectors. DPH is requesting a Board vote to publish the proposed regulation for public comment.

Dr. Brian Bloom asked for any data on the economic impact for other states that have prohibited the reporting of medical debt to collection agencies. Mr. Jonathan Dillon answered that information is not available at the moment, but such data and evidence can be submitted during the public comment period. Ms. Adelline Ntatin asked for clarification on the process after the public comment period. Mr. Dillon answered the Board will be briefed on the public comments that were received and notified of any amendments made to the regulation before the Board votes for approval. Mr. Dan Fisher asked if all feedback will be public during the public comment process. Ms. Nelson stated all public comments will be available for the public to view in its entirety. Mr. Jonathan Dillon stated the Board will also be provided with a chart and summary of the feedback that was received.

Action:

Motion to approve the draft to be moved to public comment was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Ms. Meaghan Kaplan, and stalled by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes.

V. FLEX SESSION

Discussion was deferred

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:19, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Brian Bloom, seconded by Mr. Daniel Fisher, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Brian Bloom: yes, Mr. Daniel Fisher: yes, Ms. Meaghan Kaplan: yes, Ms. Adelline Ntatin: yes.

Let the record show that the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for June 18, 2026, via Zoom at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
The Board of Respiratory Care