

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

**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, March 18, 2021
1:30 PM**

**General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
<https://state.ma.webex.com/state.ma/j.php?MTID=m2629d98ad991fc6a75b454b8941372a3>
Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)
Meeting Number/Access Code: 185 927 2846
Meeting Password: Zen5Jg48b73**

Agenda

All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
1:30 PM	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of electronic recording		Chair
	II	Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. November 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	Draft Minutes	Chair
	IV	Open Investigations: N/A Triage: N/A Staff Assignments: N/A Complaint: N/A		
	V	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda	Memo	ED

2:30 PM	VI	<p>Executive Session (Roll call vote): 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In addition, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensee(s) relevant to their petitions for license status change. 2. In addition, the Board will consider approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during for previous executive sessions of the Board. <p>The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).</p>		Chair
	VII	65C Session: N/A	Closed Session	Board Counsel
	VIII	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	Closed Session	Board Counsel
	IX	Adjournment -next Board meeting scheduled for April 15, 2021		Chair

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

Thursday, March 18, 2021
1:30 PM
Via WebEx

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Martha DeSilva, RT, Board Chair
Dr. Brian Bloom, MD, Board Member
Lindsey Greener, Board Member
Amy Keenan, RN, Board Member
Jason Morin, RT, 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
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL
James Neal, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Staff Not Present: N/A

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

Board Chair, Ms. Martha DeSilva, called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. She reminded those present via WebEx that the meeting was being recorded. Board members stated their names for the record. A quorum of the Board of Respiratory Care was established with members present via WebEx as follows: Martha DeSilva: present; Brian Bloom: present; Lindsey Greener: present; Amy Keenan: present; Jason Morin: present; Samy Sidhom: present. Absent: none.

Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The open session meeting agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. DeSilva asked the Board members to review the general session agenda and disclose if there were any conflicts of interest regarding the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. Jason Morin and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Brian Bloom: yes; Lindsey Greener: yes; Amy Keenan: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: yes. Absent: none. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT:

March 18, 2021 Regular Session Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Board members were asked to review the minutes from November 13, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the November 13, 2020 minutes with edits made by Ms. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. Morin and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Brian Bloom: yes; Lindsey Greener: yes; Amy Keenan: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: yes. Absent: none. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT:

November 13, 2020 General Session Minutes

Open Investigations: N/A

Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert announced that he forwarded a memo from DPH Commissioner that permitted RTs to administer influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. He relayed that this information is also available on the Board's website.

Mr. Morin asked if this affected the larger scope of practice. Board Counsel, Ms. Mary Strachan explained that a change to RT scope of practice would require a statutory and regulatory change. She explained the process for changes to the regulations, including public comment. She further elaborated that this change is an emergency order under the state of emergency declared under COVID-19. It is possible, that this change may continue after the emergency order but it will likely revert. Mr. Morin pulled up the order which clarified that it will remain in effect "until rescinded or modified."

B. Topics for Next Session:

Executive Session

Ms. DeSilva announced that the Board would 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 the professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Specifically, the Board would discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character provisions of certain applications as required for registration for pending applicants. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensee(s) relevant to their petitions for license status change. In addition, the Board will consider approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during for previous executive sessions of the Board. The Board would not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).

ACTION:

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:57 P.M. made by Ms. DeSilva, seconded by Dr. Brian Bloom and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Brian Bloom: yes; Lindsey Greener: yes;

Amy Keenan: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: yes. Absent: none. Abstained: none. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT:

None.

Adjournment:

The Board did not reconvene following Executive Session.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for **April 15, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Respiratory Care