

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, May 20, 2021
1:30 PM**

**General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
<https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=mc42d821424a8a294ffb7de43728014da>
Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)
Meeting Number/Access Code: 185 029 0282
Meeting Password: 2Bm9iMFNxK3**

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. March 18, 2021 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	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. 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. The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).		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 May 20, 2021		Chair

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

Thursday, May 20, 2021
1:30 PM
Via WebEx

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Mr. William Beal, Board Member
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: Martha DeSilva, RT, Board Chair

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

Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert, called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M. He 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: William Beal: present; Brian Bloom: present; Lindsey Greener: present; Amy Keenan: present; Jason Morin: present; Samy Sidhom: present. Absent: Martha DeSilva.

Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The open session meeting agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION:

Board members reviewed the general session agenda and were asked to disclose any conflicts of interest regarding the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

ACTION:

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

DOCUMENT:

May 20, 2021 Regular Session Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Board members were asked to review the minutes from March 18, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes as presented made by Mr. Morin, seconded by Ms. Lindsey Greener and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: abstain; Brian Bloom: yes; Lindsey Greener: yes; Amy Keenan: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: abstain. Absent: Martha DeSilva. Abstained: Samy Sidhom, William Beal. Opposed: none. Recused: none.

DOCUMENT:

March 18, 2021 General Session Minutes

Open Investigations: N/A

Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Mr. Morin relayed that the Massachusetts Society of Respiratory Care had some feedback on the Board's website as it is sometimes difficult to navigate. Mr. Joubert explained that Board staff has limited capacity to update the user interface of the website.

B. Topics for Next Session:

Mr. Morin asked if Board staff could clarify the 2016 statement on the Board's website regarding the set-up of Durable Medical Equipment. Board Counsel, Ms. Mary Strachan explained the history of the decision. Mr. Morin stated that he had received some questions from respiratory therapists regarding their responsibilities when training an unlicensed person in the set-up of this equipment. Ms. Strachan stated that she could provide a summary of past Board discussions regarding this topic and bring it to a future Board meeting.

Ms. Amy Keenan asked if there was any indication as to when the emergency order that permitted respiratory therapists to administer vaccines would end. Ms. Strachan replied that Board staff had not received any specific guidance about this and explained that a professional group could draft a bill and get a sponsor to attempt to change the legislation permanently.

Executive Session

Mr. Joubert 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 1:55 P.M. made by Mr. Morin, seconded by Dr. Bloom and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: William Beal: yes; Brian Bloom: yes; Lindsey Greener: yes; Amy Keenan: yes; Jason Morin: yes; Samy Sidhom: yes. Absent: Martha DeSilva. 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 **June 17, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Respiratory Care