

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**

**Friday, September 25, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

**General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
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Meeting Number/Access Code: 171 900 1029

Meeting Password: aAEpr3mBY23

Agenda

All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
1:00 p.m.	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. August 28 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		ED/AED

3:00 p.m.	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:	Closed Session	Board Counsel
	VIII	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	Closed Session	Board Counsel
	IX	Adjournment -next Board meeting scheduled for October 20, 2020		Chair

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

Friday, September 25, 2020
01:00 PM
Via WebEx

239 Causeway Street
Room 417 A/B
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Martha DeSilva, RT, Board Chair
Jason Moury, RT, Vice-Chair
Essam Ansari, MD, Board Member
Amy Keenan, RN, 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
Walens Noel, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

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

Members present via WebEx via roll-call: Martha DeSilva: yes; Jason Moury: yes; Essam Ansari: yes; Amy Keenan: yes. Absent: none.

Ms. Martha DeSilva, Board Chair, called the meeting of the general session to order at 1:03 p.m. Board members stated their name for the record. A quorum of the Board of Respiratory Care was established. Ms. DeSilva reminded those present via WebEx that the meeting was being recorded.

Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular 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 Mr. Moury, seconded by Ms. DeSilva and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Jason Moury: yes; Essam Ansari: yes; Amy Keenan: yes. Absent: None. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

DOCUMENT:

September 25, 2020 Regular Session Agenda

Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the August 28, 2020 minutes as presented made by Mr. Moury, seconded by Ms. DeSilva and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Jason Moury: yes; Essam Ansari: yes; Amy Keenan: yes. Absent: None. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

DOCUMENT:

August 28, 2020 General Session Minutes

Flex Session:

A. Announcements: N/A

B. Topics for Next Agenda:

1. Continuing Education Credits for Renewal

DISCUSSION:

Ms. DeSilva asked if the Board could discuss changes to contact hours required for license renewals. Ms. Strachan reminded the Board that the changes to the required CEUs had gone through the public hearing process and the Board made the change from 15 required CEUs to 20 required CEUs for the 2020-22 renewal cycle. Ms. Karen Geoghegan clarified that Board Staff had not posted the new regulations yet as the Executive Order from Governor Baker extended the 2018-20 renewal cycle, for which the new regulations have not taken effect. Ms. Strachan noted that, at the Board's request, she could write a notice to be posted to the Board's website clarifying the new regulations.

ACTION:

Motion to allow for Board Staff to draft a notice updating all Respiratory Therapists on the new continuing education requirements made by Mr. Moury, seconded by Ms. DeSilva and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Jason Moury: yes; Essam Ansari: yes; Amy Keenan: yes. Absent: None. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

2. CEU Standardization.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Moury asked if the Board could discuss setting a Board standard for accepting CEUs for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) at future board meeting. Ms. Strachan reminded the Board members that the Board currently has a regulation for Advanced Cardiac Life Support that states that the Board accepts CEU credits for ACLS, but does not accept CEUs for Basic Life Support Training. She added that regulations are currently silent on CEUs for NRP and PALS. Mr. Moury noted that he had done some research on the topic and would forward the information he found about how many credits other RC Boards award for these courses.

ACTION:

None.

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 made by Ms. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. Moury and unanimously passed by roll call vote as follows: Martha DeSilva: yes; Jason Moury: yes; Essam Ansari: yes; Amy Keenan: 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 **October 20, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted:

Board of Respiratory Care