



**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Board of Respiratory Care**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

June 12, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MEETING AGENDA



Open Session June 2017: Call to Order

OS-0612-01	SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT	
OS-0612-02	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	
OS-0612-03	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT	
OS-0612-04	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT	
OS-0612-05	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Board Action: To consider the Open Session Minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting.	
OS-0612-06	<u>UPDATE ON REGULATIONS</u> Board Action: Board Member Tim Mahoney will provide an update of the subcommittee's work on recommendations for amending the Municipal Regulations.	

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the public open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting.



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**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: May 8, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	CAROLYN WILLIAMS, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	TIMOTHY MAHONEY, BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	REBECCA ODRICK, INVESTIGATOR	Absent
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
VISITOR	BETTY AKPAN	Present



OPEN SESSION May 2017

Call to Order and Roll Call

OS-0508-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> None.</p>	
OS-0508-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> None.</p>	
OS-0508-03	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> None.</p>	
OS-0508-04	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> The Board Chair opened the meeting with belated birthday wishes for Board Licensing Specialist Eric Yeager, and wished Board Member Tim Mahoney the best on his upcoming birthday later this month. She also gave Mother's Day recognition to all the mothers in attendance.</p> <p>The Board Chair then said that she testified on behalf of the Board before Councilman Vincent Gray at the oversight hearing at the City Council on March 1, 2017. She also thanked Board Member Tim Mahoney and the DOH staff for their support and assistance in ensuring that the Board continues to function smoothly. The Board Chair also reported that she attended the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care's 47th Educational Meeting in April. She also announced that the University of District of Columbia's Respiratory Therapy Department will have four (4) seniors graduating on May 13, 2017.</p> <p>Further, the Board Chair took a moment to welcome meeting attendee Ms. Betty Akpan, a licensed Respiratory Therapist since 2010 amendments who will be sworn in as a new Board Member on May 25, 2017. We are looking forward to having you join us as a new Member of our Board, the Board Chair said to Ms. Akpan.</p> <p>The Board Chair then discussed the following educational opportunities:</p>	



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care will have the 37th Annual Symposium – Conference by the Sea – from September 13-15 in Ocean City, Md. 2) The American Association for Respiratory Care Congress 2017 is October 4-7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. 	
OS-0508-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Board Action: The Open Session Minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0508-06	<p><u>REGULATIONS UPDATE</u> Board Action: Board Member Tim Mahoney, head of the Board’s subcommittee, led a discussion of the recommended amendments that were formulated over the course of two meetings. He noted that the subcommittee has suggested amending the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) to define the “Practice of Respiratory Care” as “diagnostic evaluation, assessment, care and treatment, management, or rehabilitation of patients who have deficiencies and abnormalities which affect the pulmonary system and associated aspects of the cardiopulmonary or other systems.” This suggested definition is simpler because it states the practice broadly rather than in a long, complex list of specific tasks, Board Member Mahoney said.</p> <p>Continuing, Board Member Mahoney noted other amendments suggested by the subcommittee under “Scope of Practice” in Section 7610 of the Municipal Regulations for Respiratory Care. One suggested amendment would follow language in Maryland’s law and have scope of practice encompassing the administration of prescribed Schedule IV “analgesic agents” like fentanyl and morphine by subcutaneous injection or inhalation. The Board Attorney noted that it first must be determined if the administration of these agents is allowable under D.C. law, so the D.C. Board of Pharmacy will have to be consulted on this point. The Executive Director said that she would invite a representative</p>	



	<p>of the Pharmacy Board to the next Board meeting on June 12, 2017.</p> <p>Continuing, Board Member Mahoney noted that the subcommittee has also advised amending the regulations so that scope of practice would also encompass “teaching or instructing others in the discipline of respiratory care and therapy.” The subcommittee strongly believes that teaching respiratory therapy is practicing, so anyone teaching respiratory therapy must be licensed, Board Member Mahoney stressed.</p> <p>The Open Session closed at 10:34 a.m.</p>	
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