

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Committee Meeting of January 8, 2021

10:00 a.m. Teleconference

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building

110 Centerview Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to The State newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the Board's website and on the bulletin boards located at both of the main entrances of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

Mr. Jerry Alewine, Committee Chairman, called the conference call meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., on Friday, January 8, 2021 with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present were as follows: Joel Livesay, RCP, Allan Dunphy, RCP, Jerry Alewine, RCP, Scott Simms, RCP, Sean Callahan, MD, Christopher Perry, MD, and Angela Gildner, RCP. Luca Paoletti, MD excused absent.

Members of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) staff participating during the call included: Candace Parnell, RCP Program, Administrative Assistant, Sheridan Spoon, Board Administrator, and Adam Russel, Advice Counsel.

Also present during was Tina Behles, with Capital City Reporting, LLC.

Meeting agenda approved.

Minutes from October 9, 2020 were approved.

Election of officers

Jerry Alewine, RCP Chairman, Joel Livesay, RCP Vice Chairman, and Angela Gildner, RCP Secretary were all accepted unanimously. Motion carried.

Appearance via teleconference

Lauren Berg appeared before the Committee via teleconference to address concerns of her application. After a brief discussion, Scott Simms motioned to approve Ms. Berg's application for licensing and Dr. Christopher Perry second. Motion carried.

Respiratory Care Scope of Practice

Kelly Cowan, MHA, BSRT, RRT-NPS Clinical Educator II, Prisma Health brought before the committee two specific procedure topics: (1) Arterial line placement after training and competency of the therapist is established by a qualified physician and (2) Emergency placement of an endotracheal tube in a tracheostomy stoma to establish an airway after attempts of tracheostomy placement have been unsuccessful. After discussion, the committee agreed that Respiratory Therapists can perform arterial line placements as it is taught in the pre-licensure programs. With regards to the endotracheal tube with tracheostomy stoma the committee agreed in the event of an emergency, it is within the scope to perform emergency placement in order to maintain/establish an airway. Motion made by Dr. Sean Callahan, and Dr. Christopher Perry second. Motion carried. Scott Simms, RCP recused himself.

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Respiratory Care Practitioners with Temporary Licenses applying for Permanent Licensure:

After review, a motion was made to approve the list of applicants with temporary licenses for permanent licensure (60) to include applicants who have “yes” answers (8) that were addressed individually. Motion made by Dr. Perry. Second by Joel Livesay. Motion carried.

Jerry Alewine shared his appreciation of serving as the chairman of the committee and the continued efforts of the committee to ensure patient safety.

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator reiterated briefly the upcoming 2021 license renewal phase (March 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021), CE Broker and the future meeting dates.

Jerry Alewine made a motion to adjourn at 11:03 am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Parnell
RCP Program Administrative Assistant