

# SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

## **Committee Meeting of July 9, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. Teleconference**

**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**

**110 Centerview Drive**

**Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

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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 10:06 a.m., on Friday, July 9, 2021 with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present were as follows: Luca Paoletti, MD, Allan Dunphy, RCP, Angela Gildner, RCP, Scott Simms, RCP, Sean Callahan, MD, and Christopher Perry, MD.

The committee excused the absence of Joel Livesay, RCP.

Members of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) staff participating during the call included: Candace Parnell, RCP Program, Administrative Assistant, Jack Beasley, LLR Staff, and Kyle Tennis, Advice Counsel.

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

Meeting agenda approved.

Minutes from April 16, 2021 were approved.

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## **Respiratory Care Practitioner FAQ Sheet**

Jerry Alewine discussed the concerns and questions concerning obtaining state licensure. Brief overview of the NBRC requirements included NBRC exams and fees, and a breakdown of the licensure requirements for the Limited Respiratory Care Practitioner application with the revision stating an applicant may apply for licensure 45 days prior to graduation (Section 40-47-655), Update from Limited to Permanent License application, and Permanent License application. Motion to accept content with revisions favored unanimously.

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## **Pulmonary Function Testing**

Nicoleta Hamza-Lup, PHR M.S. Human Resources, Southeast Lung Associates attended the teleconference to inquire if in SC Pulmonary Function Technicians must have a Respiratory Care License to perform Pulmonary Function Tests or if Certified Medical Assistants can also perform under the supervision of a physician. A motion was made for the Committee to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made to return to Public Session and the committee has decided to take no action. Allan Dunphy motioned to limit non RCP's to only performing spirometry and not full Pulmonary Function Tests. Second by Scott Simms, all in favor.

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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 (42) to include applicants who have “yes” answers (7) that were addressed individually.

Jerry Alewine thanked everyone for their active involvement with the committee and reminded all of the next meeting October 15, 2021. A survey will be conducted on whether the committee return in person or continue on live.

Mr. Alewine made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Parnell  
RCP Program Administrative Assistant