

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Respiratory Care Practitioners Committee Meeting
July 14, 2023 10:00 a.m. WebEx Meeting
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order

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. The meeting was held via videoconference and the public who wished to attend could email medboard@llr.sc.gov for login instructions.

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Jerry Alewine, RCP, Committee Chairman
Sean Callahan, M.D.
Christopher Perry, M.D.
Joel Livesay, RCP
Scott Simms, RCP
Angela Gildner, RCP
Allan Dunphy, RCP

Absent Committee Member:

Rahul Argula, M.D. (excused)

Advice Counsel:

Kyle Tennis, Esquire

S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Staff Present:

Candace Parnell, RCP Program Administrative Assistant
Maggie Murdock, Administrator
Katie Harlacher, Program Coordinator

Also Present

Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC.

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Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. (Quorum present)

Review and adoption of agenda. Motion to approve Joel Livesay, RCP. Second Allan Dunphy, RCP. Motion carried.

Approval of both January 13, 2023 and April 14, 2023 minutes. Motion to approve Dr. Perry. Second Scott Simms, RCP. Motion carried.

Respiratory Care Practitioners with Temporary Licenses applying for Permanent Licensure:

After review, a motion was made to approve applicants with temporary licenses for permanent licensure (30). Motion to approve Scott Simms, RCP. Second Christopher Perry, MD. Motion carried.

Instant Certificates – Tennessee License Holders

Jerry Alewine, Chairman discussed the Tennessee CEU process for its licensees. The Tennessee Board has interpreted the rule providing “minimum of 5 hours must be obtained live, real-time, with interactive opportunity” as requiring licensees by physically “in the room” during the lecture to receive credit. The question was asked if South Carolina should incorporate a minimum number of hours that must be live (in-person) instead of all hours being able to be completed online. After a brief discussion the Committee has decided to leave it as it is and not recommend any changes.

Appointment of Committee Members

Maggie Murdock, Board Administrator explained the process of Committee member appointments. An eblast would be sent to all licensed RCP’s and Physicians and recommendations from Committee members and Board members would be collected. Interested candidates would be reviewed and appointed by the Board.

Kyle Tennis, Advice Counsel, spoke on re-appointments of current committee members. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-550, no Committee member may serve more than one full four-year term consecutively, but the member is eligible for reappointment two years from the date the full four year-term expires. Additionally, members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualify. After discussion, Committee members Angela Gildner and Scott Simms volunteered to step down if needed.

Committee Chair Report and Administrator’s Report

The Chair and the Board Administrator had nothing to report at this time.

Motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. Scott Simms, RCP. Second Dr. Perry. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00a.m. via WebEx.