

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Respiratory Care Practitioners Committee Meeting
July 12, 2024 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:

Joseph Ariale, RCP
Vinod Jona, MD
Michael Fields, MD
Sonya Bracone, RCP, Secretary
Marissa Clark, RCP
April Sawyer, RCP, Vice Chairwoman

Absent Committee Members:

Rahul Argula, M.D.
Laurel Glover, RCP, Chairwoman

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

Candace Parnell, RCP Program Administrative Assistant
Robynn Devine, Program Coordinator I
Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator
Jessica Beise, Board Executive
Bob Horner, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Robin Rienhold, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC.

Minutes Friday, July 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. (Quorum present)

Review and adoption of agenda.

Approval of April 12, 2024 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded; motion carried.

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Respiratory Care Practitioners with Temporary Licenses applying for Permanent Licensure:

Approval of temporary to permanent licensees. Motion to approve all applications with no issues. Motion seconded; motion carried. Applicants with “yes” answers (7) were addressed individually. Motion to approve the applicants with “yes” answers. Motion seconded; motion carried.

Appearances:

Casey Profigle appeared before the committee to discuss her application. Motion to recommend approval of licensure. Motion carried. Jennifer Young’s application was reviewed. . Motion to recommend approval of licensure; motion seconded. Motion carried.

Discussions:

Michelle Haney, RRT, and Elsa Fludd, RRT Supervisor appeared before the committee to discuss the level of care and patient safety within Skilled Nursing Facilities. Discussion focused on Board responsibilities versus DHEC/DPH for policies and procedures Bob Horner, Advice Counsel suggested inviting members of the nursing board and the Department of Public Health to the next committee meeting in October on nurses and non-respiratory care personnel performing respiratory care duties.

Requirements for Employees Working in Sleep Labs were discussed. The question was posed if there could be training under South Carolina Code section 40-47-530(3) approved by the board on CMA/CNA performing certain duties of an RCP. Discussion focused on whether to allow in-house training programs from different healthcare organizations or should training be from a formalized training program. The committee agrees training should be formal and not in-house training programs from within a hospital

Motion to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Friday, October 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.