

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Respiratory Care Practitioners Committee Meeting
August 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m. WebEx Meeting
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Special Called Meeting

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to the media and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the Board's website and on the bulletin board located at the main entrance 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
Michael Fields, MD, Vice Chair
Sonya Bracone, RCP, Secretary
Rahul Argula, M.D.
April Sawyer, RCP, Chair
Vinod Jona, MD
Tracy Cook, RCP
Karen Simmons, RCP

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

Candace Parnell, RCP Program Administrative Assistant
Jessica Beise, Board Executive
Bob Horner, Advice Counsel

Also Present

Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC.
Wayne Barfield
Dustin Sease
Holly Lever, SCSRC Secretary, Program Committee/Exhibitors

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

The committee welcomed Tracy Cook, RCP of Columbia, SC, and Karen Simmons, RCP of Moncks Corner, SC, to the committee.

Respiratory Care and Nursing Discussion:

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried.

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Next meeting: Friday, October 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.