SC Board of Medical Examiners - Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) Committee Meeting
April 10, 2026, 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 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 Gupta Argula, MD
Tracy Cook, RCP
Vinod Jona, MD
A. Michele Parker-Sawyer, RCP, Chair

Absent Committee Members:
Karen Simmons, RCP

S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Staff Present:
Candace Parnell, RCP Program Administrative Assistant
Jessica Beise, Board Executive
Marsheika Armstrong, Program Coordinator
Bob Horner, Advice Counsel

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

Minutes Friday, April 10, 2026

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. (Quorum present)

Review and adoption of the agenda.

Approval of April 10, 2026, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded; motion carried.

Application Hearing – The committee made the motion to go into a closed session to discuss Dawn Christopher's application. Motion carried. The committee subsequently went into executive session for legal advice. Motion seconded; motion carried. The committee motioned to come out of executive session. Motion seconded; motion carried. Motion to deny Mrs. Christopher's application

pursuant to SC Code: 40-1-110(F) pertaining to unlicensed practice in Texas. Motion seconded; motion carried.

The committee made the motion to go into closed session to discuss Donald Smith's application. Motion carried. The committee went into executive session for legal advice. Motion seconded; motion carried. The committee motioned to come out of executive session. Motion seconded; motion carried. Motion to recommend the application be approved based on the following conditions: (1) NBRC Entry level exam, (2) terms and conditions known to the Committee and Applicant, and (3) RCP TL 6-month license be issued upon passing of the exam. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn due to loss of quorum; motion carried.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (In-person)