

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Thursday, November 9, 2023  
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

**10:00 a.m. via Zoom**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Daniel Whitt, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS, Chair, John Benjamin, M.D., Shamus R. Carr, M.D., Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP, Jacqueline E. Stokes, MS, MEHP,  
**VIA**  
**ZOOM:** RRT, Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member

**STAFF** Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager; Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board  
**PRESENT:** Counsel, Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate, Christa C. Sutton, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst, Julie Gaskins, Paralegal

**ABSENT:** Robert Reed, M.D., Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Matt Dudzic, Manager, Policy/Legislative

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Whitt called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Dr. Carr and seconded by Mr. French, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the May 11, 2023, Open Meeting minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Board staff presented the following recommended updated language to COMAR 10.32.11 from the 2020 Sunset Report:

- Updating “Board” with “disciplinary panel”
- Replacing “applicant” with “individual” to match similar language in sections of other professions
- Defining “disciplinary panel”
- Removing inconsistencies within the chapter that do not correlate with what was already defined in COMAR 10.32.11.03 and
- Adding good moral character and CHRC requirements to the licensee renewal section in COMAR 10.32.11.11.

## **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Whitt informed the Committee that:

1. The American Association of Respiratory Care received a grant from the Department of Defense to support the development of a new interstate compact licensure for respiratory therapists.
2. The VA Maryland Healthcare System (VAMHCS) appointed the first Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist.
3. The National Board of Respiratory Care began offering the Asthma Educator-certification in 2023; the National Asthma Educator Certification Board will no longer offer the specialty credential.

## **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

*Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article section 3-305(b)(1) on a motion by Mr. French and seconded by Dr. Carr, the Respiratory Care Practitioner Standards Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on November 9, 2023, at 10:14 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new committee member.*

Submitted by:

*Signature on File*

Christa C. Sutton

Allied Health Analyst