

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
Thursday, May 14, 2020  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Brown, M.D., Chair, Daniel J. Whitt, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS, John Benjamin, M.D., Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT, Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP, Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel, Wynne Hawk, R.N., J.D., Manager, Policy and Legislation Dierdra Rufus, Senior Licensure Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

**ABSENT:** Joseph Rabin, M.D.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Ms. Godison and seconded by Mr. French, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the February 13, 2020 Open and Closed Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES**

Ms. Hawk reviewed Sunset Recommendation 24 that recommended the Board, in consultation with the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee and the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee, study the powers and duties of the Polysomnography Committee.

The 2019 Sunset Review noted that the Polysomnography Committee cancelled scheduled meetings due to lack of agenda items. Because of the similarities of the work of Polysomnography and Respiratory Care Practitioners it may be more efficient for the two committees to be combined. After discussion it was decided to invite the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee to the next Polysomnography Committee meeting for a joint discussion.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcement of Newly Appointed Committee Members**

Dr. Brown announced the appointment of the new Respiratory Care Practitioner, Mr. Daniel J. Whitt, and Physician-Anesthesiologist, Dr. John Benjamin to the Committee.

### **Election of New Committee Chair**

On a motion made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Benjamin, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. Thomas French as the next Chair of the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee.

### **Financial Disclosure/Termination Disclosure Statement Requirements**

Dr. Brown reminded Committee members that the deadline for submission of all Financial Disclosure/Termination Disclosure Statements for the previous calendar year is June 5, 2020.

***CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provision Article §3-305(b)(1), on a motion made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Whitt, the committee unanimously voted to go into Closed Session at 10:49 a.m.*

Submitted by:

*Signature on file @ Board*  
Dierdra Rufus  
Senior Allied Health Analyst