

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, § 20

Wednesday, February 15, 2012
1 p.m.
239 Causeway Street – 4th Floor, Room XXX
Boston, MA 02114

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 18, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - B. January 18, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
 - A. None
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
 - A. REP-2012-002 DeMarco, Cheryl RT3604 (expired 5-31-2010)
Reactivation Application: CEU documentation
 - B. REP-2012-001 Buonomo, Matthew
Response to request for additional documentation
- VI. Limited Permit Applications
 - A. None
- VII. Full License Applications
 - A. None
- VIII. License Reactivation Applications
 - A. None
- IX. Staff Assignments
 - A. None
- X. Complaints
 - A. None

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. None

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. Forgette, Robert

RT1715 (expires 5-31-2012)

Query regarding licensure through "grandfathering" provision and status with NBRC

B. "Interpretations of Statutes and Regulations," October 1994, and proposed revisions, February 2012, addressing rendering respiratory care services in the home by unlicensed individuals: Board review and discussion.

XIII. Adjourn

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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

239 Causeway Street

Room 419

Boston, MA 02114

Board Members Present: Carol Mack, RT, Vice-Chair
Edward Burns, RT, Member

Board Member Not Present: Armand Riendeau, RT, RN, Chair

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH
Maura Drury, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order
In the Chair's absence, Ms. Mack, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda
The meeting agenda was reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: February 15, 2012 Meeting Agenda

III. Review and Approval of Minutes
A. January 18, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
The minutes of the January 18, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board meeting

B. January 18, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
The minutes of the January 18, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the January 18, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session

None.

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

Ms. Mack made a motion to go into the Section 65C Session at 1:07 p.m.; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. REP-2012-002 DeMarco, Cheryl RT3604 (expired 5-31-2010)
Reactivation Application: CEU documentation

B. REP-2012-001 Buonomo, Matthew
Response to request for additional documentation

[The Board adjourned the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 1:31 p.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. Limited Permit Applications

None.

VII. Full License Applications

None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications

None.

IX. Staff Assignments

None.

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

None.

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. Forgette, Robert RT1715 (expires 5-31-2012)
Query regarding licensure through "grandfathering" provision and status with NBRC

Scott Frink, RT3061, contacted the Board requesting clarification of Mr. Forgette's Respiratory Therapist license. Mr. Frink is Mr. Forgette's supervisor. Mr. Forgette was issued an RT license under a "grandfather" provision in Chapter 506 of the Acts of 1986, the Act that created the Massachusetts Board of Respiratory Care. Section 3 of Chapter 506 provided that individuals who had been actively employed as RTs for at least two years within the five years prior to February 2, 1987, and who had not been credentialed by NBRC, could apply for licensure in Massachusetts. Applications under this provision had to be submitted on or before February 2, 1988. After that

date, all applicants for licensure as RTs were required to document completion of an accredited respiratory therapy program and pass a credentialing examination approved by the Board.

The Board received Mr. Forgette's license application on January 22, 1988. He provided documentation acceptable to the Board that he had been employed as a RT for at least two years within the five years prior to February 2, 1987, and the Board issued him a license.

After February 2, 1988, by statute and regulation, all applicants for an RT license must document completion of an accredited respiratory therapy program and a passing score on the NBRC's CRT examination.

Mr. Forgette's license, RT1715, is current; his license expires May 31, 2012, and may be renewed. His license is in good standing with the Board.

Board staff will provide this information to Mr. Frink.

Documents: Emails relating to Mr. Frink's inquiry

- B. "Interpretations of Statutes and Regulations," October 1994: Proposed revisions
Board members reviewed the proposed revisions and offered their comments. Board staff will work on another draft for Board review.

Document: "Interpretations of Statutes and Regulations," October 1994, with proposed revisions

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 1 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

<u>Carol M. Mack</u>	<u>vice chair</u>	<u>3-21-12</u>
Name	Position	Date