

**D.C. BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

September 8, 2014

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	Carolyn Williams, RRT, Chairperson	Present
	Jean Williams, RRT, Board Member	Present
	Timothy Mahoney, RRT, Board Member	Present
QUORUM:		
STAFF:	Robin Jenkins, Executive Director	Present
	Eric Yeager, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
	Rebecca Odrick, Investigator	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	Carla Williams, Assistant Attorney General	Present
VISITORS:	None	Present

OPEN SESSION Minutes September 8, 2014: Call to Order

OS-0908-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-0908-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-0908-03	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT Board Action: The Board announced that Children’s Hospital now has an online CHEX system for continuing education. She also announced that she would be attending the National Board of Respiratory Care’s State Licensure Liaison Meeting from September 12-13, 2014, in Olathe, Kansas. The conference brochure is available online. She also noted that Washington Adventist Hospital’s Mechanical Ventilator Conference will be held on October 15-16, 2014. The conference brochure is available online.</p>	
OS-0908-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-0908-05	<p>OPEN SESSION MINUTES Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting. Board Action: The Board approved the Open Session Minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting, with the clarification that the Board Chair, not Executive Director Robin Jenkins, will be attending the NBRC meeting in September 2014.</p>	
OS-0908-06	<p>THERAPIST DRIVEN PROTOCOLS Board Action: The Board discussed several proposed changes to the regulations including the following: 1) change the term “Respiratory Therapists” to Respiratory Care Practitioners;” 2) allow “Respiratory Care Practitioners;” under the authority of a physician or “Licensed Independent Practitioner,” to provide education and training in pulmonary disease; and 3) allow “Respiratory Care Practitioners” to provide independent assessments for patients. If the Board accepts and approves the proposed changes some will require legislative changes and could take a year or more. The Board Attorney suggested that the Board formulate a policy statement on how these protocols are viewed in light of current law. The Board Chair asked Board Member Timothy Mahoney to distribute his proposed changes and notes to the Board and staff for discussion in upcoming meetings. Finally, Mr. Mahoney asked staff to send out an email reminding licensees about the upcoming renewal and their CE obligations.</p>	

	Open session closed at 10:08 a.m.	
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