

Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on May 14, 2020. This virtual regular meeting is being held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2011, § 301 *et seq*, signed into law by Governor Stitt on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. See SB661, 2020 O.S.L. 3, § 3. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 10, 2019, and posted on the Board's website on May 11, 2020 at 9:23 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311.9(b).

Members participating via the Zoom web conferencing platform were:

Jim Grantz, RCP, Vice-Chair (Acting Chair)
Melody Beard, RCP
Karen Crouch, RCP
Clyde Moss, RCP
*Clayton Royder, DO
Beth Tenney, RCP

Members absent were:

Mark Fixley, MD
Duane Koehler, DO
OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others participating via the Zoom web conference platform included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Reji Varghese, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor
Jason Fennell, I.T., Network Administrator
Virtual audience: 1

Having noted a quorum, Mr. Grantz called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Following Committee review, Ms. Beard moved to accept the minutes of February 13, 2020, as written. Ms. Crouch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TIFFANY RICHARDSON, applicant, Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of her application and in response to an allegation of practicing without a license. Lisa Cullen, Licensing Director, reported that this application was previously tabled in August of 2019. Ms. Richardson had a provisional license issued in May of 2018 which expired in November of 2018, but she practiced until June of 2019. She believed her National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") certification automatically granted her licensure. She has now applied for a Respiratory Care Practitioner license and her application is incomplete. Her NBRC

certification is current and valid. Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application of **TIFFANY RICHARDSON** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MARGARET WYCHE, applicant for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, did not appear in support of her application. She had a conflict with her work schedule as a labor and delivery nurse and requested to appear at the August 2020 meeting. Ms. Beard moved to table the application of **MARGARET WYCHE** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure until August of 2020. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NANCY WELCH, applicant for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of her application. Her license lapsed on December 31, 2017, but she last practiced in August of 2014. She holds a certification and a registration which do not expire through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC"). She does not hold a license in any other state. Ms. Welch stated that she retired in 2014 due to her son's critical illness and did not plan to go back into respiratory therapy. Unfortunately, her son passed away and she would like to go back into respiratory care. Ms. Welch stated she does not believe she is current on continuing education units and that she wishes to work in a hospital setting. Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application of **NANCY WELCH** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file to include obtaining 55 days of direct supervision with each supervising therapist, if she works at more than one facility, to provide to the Committee a report on the applicant's performance prior to licensure, and obtaining 12 continuing education credits. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

GREGORY BEAM, applicant for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of his application. He last practiced in November of 2007 and his licensed lapsed November 29 of 2007. He holds a certification through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") which never expires and he is not licensed in another state. Mr. Beam stated he left the practice of respiratory care due to a felony charge which was based on acquiring controlled dangerous substances through fraud. He advised that he completed all of his requirements through the Oklahoma Medical Board and he has been clean and sober since 2005. He has been working in oil and gas and wants to get back into the respiratory care field due to the pandemic. Lisa Cullen, Licensing Director, advised that the board secretary is reviewing the information Mr. Beam referenced in regard to his felony charge.

Upon further questioning, Mr. Beam confirmed that he is not current on continuing education units and, based on his lack of an Associate's degree, he is not eligible to retake the Certified Respiratory Therapist ("CRT") exam. The Committee expressed concern regarding confirmation of competency since he has been out of practice for 13 years. He was asked if he would be willing to complete an Associate's degree so he would be eligible to retake the Therapist Multiple Choice ("TMC") exam. He indicated he would be willing to look into it. The Committee told him to contact NBRC for guidance regarding what he would need to do to become eligible to retake the exam and then re-apply for re-entry of his licensure. Ms. Beard

moved to table the application of **GREGORY BEAM** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending receipt of information regarding retaking the Therapist Multiple Choice exam. If he takes the test and passes, he will then need to reappear before the Committee before licensure. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**Dr. Royder joined the meeting.*

RACHEL YANKO, applicant for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of her application. She last practiced in February of 2017 and her Oklahoma licensed lapsed in March of 2017. Her certification through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") does not expire and she is currently licensed in Missouri. She is not current on continuing education units. Following discussion, Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application of **RACHEL YANKO** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure upon obtaining 66 days of direct supervision with the supervising therapist to provide to the Committee a report on the applicant's performance prior to licensure, and obtaining 12 continuing education credits. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NICHOLAS ALMACK, applicant for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, did not appear. After calling this matter two additional times during the course of the meeting, Ms. Beard moved to table the application of **NICHOLAS ALMACK** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending a personal appearance. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DONALD BROWN, applicant for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of his application. His licensed lapsed June 30 of 2019 and he holds a certification and a registration through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") which do not expire. He is not currently licensed in another state. Mr. Brown advised that he is currently working in med-tech pulmonary sales and has been training staff in ICUs on his equipment. He is current on the required continuing education units. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of **DONALD BROWN** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file to include receipt of 12 continuing education units. Ms. Crouch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KELLY KICKLIGHTER, applicant for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of her application. Her Oklahoma license lapsed November 30 of 2019 and she said it was an oversight. Her certification through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") does not expire and she is not licensed in another state. Her application is complete. Ms. Kicklighter stated she is currently the Chief Officer of Operations at a home medical equipment company which provides respiratory equipment. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of **KELLY KICKLIGHTER** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure upon completion of 12 continuing

education units. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RONALD LOGSDON, applicant for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, appeared via Zoom in support of his application. His license lapsed November 30 of 2019. He is certified and registered through the National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") and those credentials do not expire, and he is not licensed in another state. Mr. Logsdon stated that in 2018 his partner passed away and last October he decided to take a break from the practice of respiratory care. He did not intend to let his license lapse and he said it expired due to an oversight. He has completed 14 continuing education units in addition to holding a current Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support card. Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application of **RONALD LOGSDON** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care practitioner licensure pending completion of the file to include receipt of 12 continuing education units. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PR 1957 CRAVEN, DAVEON LAREASE
PR 1963 MCALISTER, JAIDEN MICHELLE
PR 1965 WADKINS, KRYSTLE MAE
PR 1972 ROBERTS, DESIRAE ELANE

PR 1973 MUBEEN, MOHAMMAD ABDUL
PR 1974 WILLMINGTON, ANGELA DEANNA
PR 1975 PHILLIPS, KRISTAN MARIE

Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PR 1953 HORNER, CHRISTIN ELAINE
PR 1954 SHOCKLEY, JESSICA MARIE
PR 1955 BENNETT, TAYLOR NICOLE
PR 1956 SEXTON, ISAAC QUINN
PR 1958 SPEARS, SARAH LYNN
PR 1959 GAUSE, LATASHA LYNN
PR 1960 SHOELSON, JESSICA
PR 1962 ARROWOOD, ELIZABETH DAWN

PR 1961 DAFFER, LAUREN ELIZABETH
PR 1964 HILL, STACY KAYE
PR 1966 SHAW, KATHRYN HOLLY
PR 1967 CARPENTER, AVERY JEANETTE
PR 1968 GRIFFITHS, GEORGIA T
PR 1969 MOORE, MACKENZIE LEE
PR 1970 SLEDGE, EMILY
PR 1971 AKINS, SHELBA

Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RC 3256 GAGE, MANDI MACHELLE
RC 5122 WESTERVELT, THOMAS RICHARD
RC 5125 ROBBINS, LINDSEY DIANE

RC 5131 ARIAS, ARLENE
RC 5136 THAO, PA CHAI
RC 5137 TAFF, JUSTINE LEIGH

RC 5138 CORLE, ALICIA D
RC 5142 ESOMONU, CHELSEA KAY
RC 5143 PHARR, RICHARD LEE
RC 5144 WOODLAND, AMYE TYEES
RC 5145 TARNOCZY, STEPHEN FRANK JR
RC 5146 WOOD, KATHERINE M

RC 5150 COUCH, KARIN
RC 5151 VENABLE, ATHENA LAWRENCE
RC 5153 CANNON, LATASHA ANDRENETTE
RC 5154 BARTOW-MAYS, SHERRI LYNN
RC 5155 VENTURELLA, DAVID JOSEPH
RC 5156 YONG, JIM

Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **CARRIE LEE CALDERON** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RC 1735 ARGO, CHARLES NELSON
RC 2518 ASHLEY, TEQUISHA
RC 2569 WYER, PAUL NEWTON

RC 2987 ANDERSON, ALANA FRANCIS
RC 4358 REYNOLDS, KELLIE DIANE

Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RC 5119 GRAY, JOHNNY LEAH
RC 5120 SHARBER, ELIZABETH KAMAY
RC 5121 HENSON, JENNIELE CASSIDEY J
RC 5123 SMITH, MEGAN NICOLE
RC 5124 ALLEN, HALEY LAUREN
RC 5127 ARANDA, TRINIDAD JOSEPH
RC 5128 NARANJO, LACI
RC 5129 BENNETT, KRISTI JO

RC 5130 HUGHES, CARY ANDREW
RC 5132 KEY, SARAH ANN
RC 5133 WHITE, TERRA
RC 5134 WAGNER, MARY
RC 5135 AGUILAR, JULIAN
RC 5139 GRIER, BRIAN THOMAS
RC 5152 WEHMEYER, CATHERINE LYNN

There being no further business, Dr. Royder moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 12:56 p.m.