

## Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on March 1, 2022. This special meeting was held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this special meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on February 22, 2022 and posted on the Board's website on February 22, 2022 at 8:40 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311.9(b).

### Members present were:

Jim Grantz, RCP, Chair  
Karen Crouch, RCP, Vice-Chair  
Melody Beard, RCP  
Mark Fixley, MD  
Clyde Moss, RCP  
Clayton Royder, DO

### Members absent were:

Beth Tenney, RCP  
Duane Koehler, DO  
OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

### Others participating included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director  
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary  
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing  
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing  
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor

Mr. Grantz, having determined a quorum, called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Following review, Ms. Beard moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021 as written. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JENNIFER BARKER** appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is currently incomplete. Ms. Barker's license lapsed April 1 of 2021 and her last practice was in March of 2020. Her National Board for Respiratory Care certification expires October 31, 2025. She is current on continuing education requirements and stated that her licensure lapse was an oversight. She is working at a nursing home but is not practicing respiratory care. Following discussion, it was determined that this applicant should fall under the re-instatement guidelines. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file and obtaining 12 continuing education units. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BRITTANY CLAYTON** appeared in person in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Clayton's license lapsed August 31, 2021 and her last practice was in August of 2021. She had a baby in October of 2020 and moved at the same time. Due to not updating her address, she did not receive reminders to renew her license. She immediately stopped working as an RC when she discovered her license had expired and she has obtained required continuing education units. Her National Board of Respiratory Care certification does not expire until 2024 and her application is incomplete. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**DAVID GAINES** appeared in person in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His application is incomplete. Mr. Gaines has not practiced within the past 12 months and has never held an Oklahoma license. He stated that he has approximately 30 years of respiratory therapy experience and he just renewed all his certifications in BLS, ALS and PALS. His National Board of Respiratory Care credentials do not expire. He wishes to avoid supervision since he will work as a traveling respiratory therapist. The Committee expressed concern that he has not practiced respiratory therapy for four years. Following Committee discussion, Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include direct onsite supervision for a period of 30 days with a supervisor's report to be provided at the conclusion thereof. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JOHN MUNDY** appeared virtually in support of his application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His application is complete. Mr. Mundy's license expired on January of 2021 and he last practiced in July of 2020. His National Board for Respiratory Care certification never expires. The applicant stated he was practicing out of the country until September of 2020 and he is currently unemployed. He applied for re-entry because he wishes to return to practice to manage ventilators on a hospital unit. He is not current on required continuing education units. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include obtaining 12 continuing education units. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**DANDY RISMAN** appeared virtually in support of his application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His application is incomplete. Mr. Risman's license lapsed on November 30, 2018 and his National Board for Respiratory Care certification does not expire. He last practiced in the fall of 2017. He and his wife own two nursing homes and the nursing homes are short staffed in the area of respiratory care. He most recently has worked in the field of durable medical equipment. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include obtaining 18 continuing education units and 22 days of direct onsite supervision with a supervisor's report provided at the conclusion thereof. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**LIAM RUSCIO** appeared in person in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and in response to allegations of possibly practicing without proper

licensure. His application is complete. He held a provisional license which was set to expire in December of 2021 and failed to apply for an upgrade to respiratory care licensure, but he was practicing as a respiratory therapist during that time. The applicant stated he did not work past December 31<sup>st</sup> when his provisional license expired. He advised the Committee that he participates in a monthly educational program where some area of respiratory care is taught each month. Mr. Ruscio stated that not applying for a full respiratory care license was an oversight. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**TENESHA WILLIAMS** appeared virtually in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is incomplete. She has not practiced in the past twelve months but did appear before the Committee in 2011. She did not comply with the Committee recommendations at that time and her application went into a no-response category. Board licensing staff is unable to verify her National Board of Respiratory Care certification. She has not worked in respiratory care since 2014. However, she is currently licensed in Kansas and works for Lincare which provides durable medical equipment. Ms. Williams advised that she retook the National Board for Respiratory Care examination in October of 2021 and that she has completed 28 hours of continuing education units. Board licensing staff was unable to verify that she had retaken the exam in October of 2021. Following Committee discussion, Ms. Beard moved to approve the application pending completion of the file to include proof of successfully retaking the NBRC exam. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **HANNAH KAY BRUCE** for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the complete applications of **MIRIAM GAIL McFARLAND** and **CHASSY MARIE ALLEN** for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Fixley 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.

**DAVIS, TWANDA M**  
**ATKINS, HANNAH KATHERINE**  
**JONES, KENDALL RYANT**  
**LYLE, ARDONNA VENICE**  
**SHIMABUKU, DENISE BRIDGET**  
**ANDRES, LARISSA BELLE**  
**PRATER, LEAH BREANN**  
**RIGGINS, BRANDON**

**O'CONNOR, SHANNON MARIE**  
**BERG, ANNIE**  
**CANTRELL, BRITTANY MCBRIDE**  
**HOLDREN, LAURA**  
**RUSSELL, MEGAN DIANNE**  
**MCCOLLUM, AMBER LEANNE**  
**HAMILTON, GARY DEAN**  
**LAMBERT, APRIL D**

**BREWSTER, TEECIA JALEEN  
WILSON, ROSALIND  
OMBOGA, ZIPPORAH MWANGO  
SANTO, KELSEY BRIANN  
RAHMAN, MD WAKADUR  
GAINES, KELLEY A  
SOMERHALDER, MORGAN RENE**

**WINTERS, TRICIA ANNE  
LEWIS, BRIAN DALE  
CORONADO, JENIFER JANINE  
HIGGINSON, ROBERT FRANKLIN  
ORTEGA, ADA RAQUEL  
SHAW, JESSE  
WATKINS, JOEY LEE**

Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the complete applications of **TAMMY JEAN HALL** and **RICHARD T. WALKER** 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 incomplete applications of **KYRA McAULEY** and **ASHLEY MABE NAPIER** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**LAY, CANDICE R  
HUMLICEK, DANIELLA MERAS  
JONES, SHELBY LYNN  
SCHMIDT, AARON HEATH  
KROHLOW, JEFFREY MICHAEL  
JELINEK, TAMMY  
WILEY, ARIENNE HOPE  
CHAPMAN, JEREMY THOMAS  
BURGERMEISTER, MATTHEW FOREST  
JACKSON, JA'SHANTE LARAY  
SMITH, KEVIN DEAN  
WATSON, KARI WHITTIKER  
ELLIS, BRENDA ELLEN  
NGUYEN, THAO DA**

**KANGETHE, MAUREEN NDUTA  
MANUEL, ELLEN ROSE  
TREACE, RHANDA LEE  
STARKE, DAWN MICHELLE  
WALLING, ALISA DANIELLE  
CALDWELL, CRYSTAL  
CIN, BE RA  
MIDDLETON, NICOLE PAIGE  
COFFEY, AMY FAYE  
SIMPSON, KAMMIE SHAY DIANNE  
CATHEY, CARSON MARK  
BLUNT, PIERCE ALLEN  
PINA, KARLIA  
SAWYER, KORI**

Next, the Committee reviewed continuing education courses as listed on the agenda. Mr. Grantz advised the Committee that he believes the courses (“CEUs”) fall under the category of “competencies” rather than “continuing education courses” and would like the Committee to review them. Following discussion and review, Dr. Royder moved to recommend denying the CEU courses as identified on the pages attached to the agenda. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See Attachment #1)*

There being no further business, Dr. Fixley moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 12:52 p.m.

## 2022 CEU APPROVED COURSES FOR RCP'S

Course Number	Sponsor	Title	Date	CEU Hours
20220002	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	ABG PUNCTURE AND INTERPRETATION	ON DEMAND	1
20220010	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	HAND HYGIENE, PPE, BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS AND SHARPS	ON DEMAND	1
20220011	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	MEDFUSION 4000 SYRINGE PUMP	ON DEMAND	1
20220013	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	MRI SAFETY HAZARDS	ON DEMAND	1
20220014	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	PB840 VENTILATOR REVIEW	ON DEMAND	1
20220015	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	PB980 VENTILATOR REVIEW	ON DEMAND	1
20220016	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	RADIAL ARTERIAL LINE INSERTION	ON DEMAND	1
20220018	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	RESPIRATORY PHARMACOLOGY	ON DEMAND	1
20220019	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	SAFE SUCTIONING-AARC GUIDELINES	ON DEMAND	1
20220020	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	SUBGLOTTIC SUCTION ARTIFICIAL AIRWAYS	ON DEMAND	1
20220023	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	TRACHEOSTOMY AND TRACH CARE	ON DEMAND	1
20220026	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	HIGH FREQUENCY OSCILLATORY VENTILATION	ON DEMAND	1
20220027	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	INHALED NITRIC OXIDE (INO) THERAPY	ON DEMAND	1
20220028	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE MONITORING	ON DEMAND	1
20220029	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	INVASIVE AND NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION WITH THE HAMILTON C1	ON DEMAND	1
20220030	OU MEDICAL CENTER, PRESBYTERIAN TOWER	LUNG EXPANSION-AIRWAY CLEARANCE THERAPY	ON DEMAND	1