

WV BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2025, 11:00AM

Presiding: Tracy Matthews, President
Present: Rodney Vest - Board Secretary, Christopher Henderson, Barbara Folden, Dr. Rayan Ihle, Eric Rodgers, Franklin Chad Hamon, Amber Shawver Legg (Staff)
Guests: Caleb Adams, Larry Ash, Susan Aufdenkampe, Valerie Brake, Nicole Cottrell, Hillary Dean, Cindy Duncan, Carla Facemire, H. Dean Gunter, Carla Halstead, Peter L. Hornbeck, Jr., Holly Jack, Mark James, Cindy Keely, Gina R. Lester, Krista Mangold, Michael Mehall, Julia Neff, Diane Nichols, JR Nida, Jim Perrine, Joyce Phillips, Desiree Poach, Adam Purdy, Brian Ringler, Eric Rodgers, Greg Shepherd, Richard E Street, Laura Tate, Keith Terry, Matt Thomas, Charlie Vaughan, Rodney Vest, Donna M Walls, Becky White, Richard E. Zorick II, Chuck Zuhars, +1 304-***-**27, +1 304-***-**34, +1 304-***-**84, +1 304-***-**88, +1 304-***-**99

Absent: None
Recording: Amber Shawver Legg (Staff)

The Board President called the meeting to order at 11:05AM on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Proposed Agenda

Christopher Henderson motioned to approve the agenda. Barbara Folden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legislative Updates & Hospital Impacts

The Board President provided a Legislative report that included the following updates:

Series 1: Criteria for Licensure - Revisions to licensure criteria, which now allow both CRT and RRT credentials, regardless of the acquisition date, to be eligible for licensure.

Attendees noted its positive impact on staffing and recruitment challenges in hospitals across the state.

Series 9: Student Temporary Permits - Revisions to student temporary permits have expanded the scope of practice for students, allowing them to gain more practical experience during their clinical rotations. This has led to increased confidence and better preparation for graduates.

Series 10: Criminal Convictions in Licensure - The sunset date for this rule was extended to 2035, with no other significant changes.

Series 11: Telehealth Practice - A new rule establishes a framework for telehealth services in Respiratory Care, ensuring licensed professionals can provide services within West Virginia while adhering to in-person care standards.

Universal Licensing Bill (SB458) - The Board is complying with universal licensing provisions as per SB458.

West Virginia Respiratory Care Education Programs: Current Program Updates & Trends

Carver Career Center's Respiratory Care Program Closure

The closure of Carver Career Center's Respiratory Care program is expected by May 2026. Concerns were raised about the transition and the need for continued support for new programs.

Respiratory Care Interstate Compact

Tracy Matthews and Amber Shawver Legg will attend the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact Legislative Summit, to be held in Washington D.C., on August 19, 2025.

Open Forum: Participant Questions & Comments

Attendees commented that the meeting was highly beneficial for staying informed about legislative changes and industry trends. The Board plans to hold similar meetings at least once a year to maintain open communication.

While no new rules are expected for the 2026 Regular Legislative Session, the Board will review and potentially revise existing rules as needed.

Adjourn

Rodney Vest motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:50AM. Eric Rodgers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recording - 

Amber Shawver Legg
Executive Director