

WV BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2026, 11:00AM
Holiday Inn & Suites Charleston West
(South Charleston) & Virtual Via Google
Meets

Presiding: Tracy Matthews, President
Present: Rodney Vest - Board Secretary, Christopher Henderson, Dr. Rayan Ihle, Eric Rodgers, Amber Shawver Legg (Staff)
Guests: H. Dean Gunter, Krista Mangold, Brooke Copeland, Greg Shepherd, Caleb Adams, Cynthia Keely, Adam Purdy, Chris Trotter, Mark James, Julie McKinney, Carla Facemire, Laura Tate, Holly Jack, Aymee Combs, Serena Burdette, Julie Neff, Keith Terry, Lynn Swider, Michelle Walters, Nicole Cottrell, Stephanie Daniel, Susan Aufdenkampe, Peter Hornbeck, Jim Perrine, & Other Online Attendees.
Absent: Barbara Folden, Franklin Chad Hamon
Recording: Amber Shawver Legg (Staff)

The Board President, Tracy Matthews called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Proposed Agenda

Tracy Matthews presented the proposed agenda for review and discussion.

Legislative Updates & Hospital Impacts

Tracy Matthews provided a Legislative report that included the following updates:

Clinical Lab Practitioner Licensure and Certification Rules Change

Tracy Matthews provided an update regarding the Clinical Lab Practitioner Licensure and Certification rules change that are anticipated to take effect on July 1, 2026.

Respiratory Care Interstate Compact

Tracy Matthews confirmed that HB 5015 has passed and was signed into law by the Governor. He outlined the implementation framework and necessary preparatory actions required for integration into the Compact. The Board will continue to evaluate administrative guidance and timelines to ensure a compliant, coordinated transition.

Practical Impacts of Recent Legislative Updates in Hospital Settings

Meeting participants shared feedback regarding how these legislative changes are currently impacting hospital operations and facility workflows.

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

Participants engaged in a discussion regarding West Virginia Respiratory Care Education Programs, reviewing past performance metrics, current operations, and upcoming educational initiatives across the state.

Open Forum: Participant Questions & Comments

Attendees commented that the meeting was 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.

Adjourn

Christopher Henderson motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 12:21pm. Eric Rodgers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recording -



Amber Shawver Legg
Executive Director