

**West Virginia Board of Respiratory Care  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2021**

Presiding: Tracy Matthews, President  
Present: Rodney Vest, Regina Gillespie, Len Picha, Barbara Folden (Teleconference due to COVID-19.)  
Absent: Dr. Rayan Ihle  
Guests: Eric Hawkins, Nancy Massey  
Recording: Jordyn Chapman

Proposed Agenda

Barbara Folden motioned to approve the proposed agenda. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

Board Minutes

Rodney Vest motioned to approve the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

*No Executive Session on Teleconference Meeting*

Disciplinary Cases

**19-1225 Knight.** The Board has rendered a final decision for disciplinary action. Rodney Vest motioned to approve. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried. The board will suspend the license, issue a public reprimand for dishonorable and unethical conduct, and issue a \$500 fine. To get reinstated they will be subject to drug screens for 12 months and progress reports from employer.

**20-117 Cochran.** The Board has rendered a final decision for disciplinary action. The Board will suspend the license, issue a public reprimand for dishonorable and unethical conduct, and issue a \$500 fine. To get reinstated they will be expected to obtain drug screens for 12 months and progress reports from employer. Rodney Vest motioned to approve. Barbara Folden seconded. Motion carried.

\*Rodney recused himself from the Walley case discussion\*

**20-83 Walley.** The Board found probable cause to move forward with disciplinary action. Regina Gillespie motioned to approve. Len Picha seconded. The Board agreed on disciplinary action for consent agreement to include one-year random drug screen, public reprimand, and monthly progress reports. Regina Gillespie motioned to approve. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

RRT Minimum Requirements

Update. 30-CSR-1 License Criteria July 1, 2022 states will be moving to registers respiratory therapists only, certified respiratory therapists in and out of state who are already licensed will be grandfathered in.

#### Princeton Community Hospital

Discussion ensued about the Bluefield State college's plans to repurpose the former hospital into an onsite educational facility. Barbara Folden motioned to send a letter to Dean or President to encourage a respiratory program for the new educational facility. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

#### Government Organization Interim Committee

Government Organization Interim Committee that declared that respiratory board is considered healthcare board.

#### COVID-19 Temp licenses

23 Active licensees. Rodney Vest motioned to update the statement on our website regarding mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. Barbara Folden seconded. Motion carried.

#### RT Vaccination Administration Position Statement

Barbara Folden motioned to approve the position statement which provides for RTs to participate in performing vaccinations. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

#### New Website

Board discussed the new website that was launched February 1, 2021 and suggested edits.

#### Northland Community and Technical College

Rodney Vest motioned to approve the online bachelor's degree program. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

#### Continuing Education Units

The board was provided notice that licensees were notified by mail in July of 2020 that the Board has waived CEU requirement for 2021 license renewal applications and the notice was also posted to the website at that time.

#### Board Vacancies

Eric Hawkins officially resigned on December 1, 2020. The board voted Rodney Vest as the new Vice President of the Board. Len motioned to approve. Barbara seconded. Motion carried. The Board will consider nominations for new board members replacing expired terms.

#### Administrative Review

- YTD Current Budget/Revenue was presented and copied to the Board.
- P-card purchases were presented to the Board for approval. Rodney Vest motioned to approve. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

- 2021 License renewal review

#### NEW BUSINESS

Rodney Vest motioned to approve Mansfield University of PA Bachelor's program for respiratory care. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.


The Board discussed House Bill 4434 and House Bill 2007.

Tracy motioned to acknowledged Eric Hawkins in a letter that will be sent to him and the Governor. Rodney Vest seconded. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURN

Rodney Vest motioned to adjourn. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

Recording,

  
Jordyn Chapman  
Executive Secretary