TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE **MEETING MINUTES**

Date:

August 18, 2022

Time:

9:00 AM Central Time

Location:

Office of Health-Related Boards

Iris Conference Room 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present:

Kira Anderson

Linda Braddock, Consumer Member

Ray Davis

Robert Farmer, Secretary

Dr. Gary Keith Lovelady (late arrival 9:07am CST)

Curtis Powell

Craig Rooks, Board Chair

Member(s) Absent: Kimberly Christmon

Staff Present:

Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director

Sam Mullins, Board Administrator

Jae Lim, Senior Associate General Counsel

Guests Present:

Teresa Phillips, TnPAP

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am Central Time. A roll call of Board Members was made, with a quorum present at the Call to Order. Administrative and legal staff were introduced.

Call for Public Comments

Ms. Wallace made an announcement that the Board would hear public comments and directed the attendees to sign in on the register located by the front door and they would be called upon at the appropriate time in the meeting. She reminded the public that the Board may only act on items that are published on this meeting's agenda. Ms. Wallace also noted that any questions or comments can also be submitted in writing to the Tennessee Respiratory Board at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville TN 37243 or via email to Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2022, Board Meeting as written. A second was made by Mr. Powell. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

Jaime Byerly, Director of the Office of Investigations, presented the Complaints report for 2022 todate as follows:

Open Complaints	8	
Closed Complaints	6	

Total New Complaints	8	
Unlicensed Practice	1	
Substance Abuse	1	
Violation of Order	1	
Lapsed License	1	
Continuing Education Violation	4	

Financial Report

There were no financial reports for the Board to review at this meeting.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program Report (TnPAP)

TnPAP Representative, Ms. Theresa Phillips, was present to provide their report for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as follows:

Agreements Activated	3	
Monitoring	6	
Non-Regulatory	3	
Regulatory	3	

Referrals from Board Order	3	
Arrest History/Convictions	1	
Alcohol	2	

Discharges	5
Evaluated- No Monitoring Recommended	1
Evaluated- Declined Recommendations	1
Monitoring Complete (Regulatory)	2
Monitoring Complete (Non-regulatory)	1

Dr. Lovelady arrived at this point in the meeting.

Legislative Report

Olivia Spears, Legislative Liaison, was present to provide the 2022 legislative update, as follows:

Office of Legislative Affairs 2022 Legislative Update

Non-Health Related Legislative Activity of Note

- The legislature addressed legislative and Congressional redistricting.
- The "Truth in Sentencing" Act made mandatory sentences for certain criminal offenses.
- The "Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Act" reformed the school funding approach.

Highlights and Noteworthy Health-Related Legislation

- The Department had two successful legislative initiatives that became law relating to local county health departments and the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database, respectively.
- Healthcare Facilities will move to the Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA)/Health Facility Commission on July 1, 2022.
- Healthcare providers can continue to utilize telehealth and receive reimbursement for telehealth services.
- The Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Nursing will now hire and fire the Executive Director of the Board.
- A registry within the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability was created to combat the operation of unlicensed facilities.

Pertinent Public Chapters

All Public Chapters are Hyperlinked to the Document on the Secretary of State's Website

Public Chapter 603—SB1699/HB1780—Roberts/Ragan

Re: Board of Respiratory Care Therapists Sunset. This public chapter extends the Board of Respiratory Care Therapists to June 30, 2028.

Public Chapter 644—SB1823/HB1867—Johnson/Zachary

Re: Covid-19 Vaccine Exemptions. This public chapter requires that an employer grant certain exemptions to requirements of proof/receipt of vaccinations if the request for exemption is either (1) supported by signed/date statement by a licensed physician that the staff member has a condition recognized under generally accepted medical standards as a basis for the medical exemption or (2) the staff member attests in writing (including electronic means) that the staff member has a sincerely held religious believe that prevents the staff member from complying the requirement in accordance with guidance from Medicare and Medicaid services. This public chapter creates a civil penalty of \$10,000 for violation of this statute. Effective as of March 11, 2022.

Public Chapter 680—SB1909/HB1904—Johnson/Faison

Re Autoclave Requirements. This public chapter exempts autoclaves from the clearance requirements of the Board of Boilers Rules if the autoclave sterilizes reusable medical or dental equipment used by an individual licensed under title 68 or 63, is installed in accordance with the

manufacturer's recommendations, contains a boiler, and is regulated by the FDA. Effective as of March 28, 2022. The Governor did not sign this public chapter.

Public Chapter 756—SB1789/HB2858—Briggs/Kumar

Re Conditions of Participation. This public chapter removes the requirement that a healthcare provider enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid be subject to conditions of participation to be exempt from the definition of "private business" or "governmental entity" for purposes of the Title 14/Covid-19 state laws.

Effective as of March 31, 2022.

Public Chapter 766—SB2453/HB2655—Yager/Hawk

Re Telehealth. This public chapter extends the ability for healthcare providers to receive reimbursement for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter. This public chapter also clarifies that a healthcare provider acting within the scope of a valid license is not prohibited from delivering services through telehealth. Lastly, this public chapter adds that the requirement of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services provider, the provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and patient within sixteen months prior to the interactive visit is tolled for the duration of a state of emergency declared by the Governor provided that healthcare services provider or patient, or both, are located in the geographical area covered by the state of emergency. Effective as of April 1, 2022 and applies to insurance policies or contracts issued, entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

Public Chapter 769—SB568/HB702—Johnson/Lamberth

Re Anatomical Gifts. This public chapter prohibits a healthcare provider, a hospital, an ambulatory surgical treatment center, a home care organization or any other entity responsible for matching anatomical gifts or organ donors to potential recipients from, solely on the basis of whether an individual has received or will receive a Covid-19 vaccine, (1) consider an individual ineligible for transplant or receipt of an anatomical gift, (2) deny medical or other services related to transplantation, (3) refuse to refer an individual to a transplant center or specialist, (4) refuse to place an individual on an organ or tissue waiting list, or (5) place an individual at a position on an organ or tissue waiting list lower than the position the person at which the individual would have been placed if not for the individual's vaccine status.

Effective as of April 8, 2022.

Public Chapter 810—SB2035/HB2058—Southerland/Gant

Re Smokeless Nicotine Products. This public chapter makes it unlawful for the sale or distribution of smokeless nicotine products to individuals under 21 years old and unlawful for individuals under 21 years old to purchase or possesses smokeless nicotine products. For the purposes of this public chapter, smokeless nicotine product means nicotine that is in the form of a solid, gel, gum, or paste that is intended for human consumption or placement in the oral cavity for absorption into the human body by any means other than inhalation. Smokeless nicotine does not include tobacco or tobacco products or nicotine replacement therapy products. Effective as of April 8, 2022.

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Public Chapter 833—HB1997/SB1936—Cochran/Jackson

Re UAPA. Clarifies that the ALJ shall decide a procedural questions of law. Allows the director

of the administrative procedures division of the secretary of state's office to issue subpoenas. Allows electronic participation in hearings, by agreement of the parties. The hearing officer may allow electronic testimony if the absence of the witness would otherwise cause of delay of the hearing. Requires that a final orders be issued within 90 days. Allows that a petition for reconsideration be filed within 15 days of the entry of the final order or initial order. Effective as of April 19, 2022.

Public Chapter 883—SB2285/HB1749—Bell/Ragan

Re UAPA and Judicial Review Standards. Requires that a judge over a contested case not defer to an agency's interpretation of the statue or rule and shall interpret it de novo. Remaining ambiguity shall be resolved against the agency.

Effective as of April 14, 2022.

Public Chapter 911—HB2309/SB2464—Freeman/Reeves

Re Professional License Requirements. Mandates that a person seeking a professional license have US citizenship or be authorized under federal law to work in the US as verified by the SAVE Program (allows DACA children who are now adults to obtain professional licensure if not otherwise prevented by the license).

Effective July 1, 2022.

Public Chapter 930—HB1871/SB1982—Hulsey/Hensley

Re Covid Vaccinations and Acquired Immunity. Amends Title 14 to mandate that acquired immunity from a previous Covid-19 infection be treated the same as a Covid-19 vaccination by a governmental entity, school, or local education authority. Mandates that private businesses who require vaccinations also include recognition for acquired immunity for Covid-19.

Effective as of April 11, 2022—This was not signed by Governor.

Public Chapter 1073—HB2665/SB2449—Sexton, McNally

Re Covid Visitation Policies and Limitations on Covid Treatment Exemptions. Clarifies that a prescriber can be disciplined for prescribing controlled substances and/or narcotics for treatment of Covid, if appropriate. In addition, creates a patient advocate process that hospitals must follow during times of covid concern. Allows that person to enter a facility if they agree to follow procedures but provides certain exceptions to access to locations within the hospital. Effective as of May 25, 2022.

Public Chapter 1094—SB1891/HB1905—Hulsey/Doggett

Re Mandatory Reporting of Fatal Drug Overdoses. Requires that a fatal overdose be reported to law enforcement, including by doctors and nurses. Effective July 1, 2022.

Public Chapter 1110—SB2219/HB2705—Briggs/Carringer

Re Local/County Smoking Prohibitions. Permits local or county governments to pass legislation to prohibit smoking and/or vaping in age-restricted venues. Excludes cigar bars and retail tobacco stores from the local prohibitions.

Effective on July 1, 2022.

Public Chapter 1117—SB2448/HB2671—White/Farmer

Re: Extended Liability Protection Against Covid Claims. Extends the liability protection against claims based on Covid exposure until July 1, 2023. Effective as of June 1, 2022.

Public Chapter 1123—SB2574/HB2535—Crowe/Alexander

Re: End-of-Life Visitation at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Requires that nursing homes and assisted living facilities allow for visitation during a disaster, emergency, or public health emergency for Covid-19. Provides an exemption if the visitation would violate federal or state law.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Administrative Report

Board Administrator, Mr. Sam Mullins, presented the Administrative Report, as follows:

The following are the total active licensees as of August 16, 2022:

RRT	CRT	RCA
Active Licensees – 4,062	Active Licensees – 1,225	Active Licensees – 2

Licensing activities from May 20, 2022, through August 16, 2022:

RRT	CRT
New applications received – 151	New applications received – 49
New licenses issued – 126	New licenses issued – 53
Reinstated – 0	Reinstated – 0
Registered Poly Endorsement(s) - 0	Certified Poly Endorsement(s) - 0
Number of renewals – paper – 59	Number of renewals – paper – 15
Number of renewals online – 352	Number of renewals online – 101
Number of licensees who retired – 10	Number of licensees who retired – 3
Number of licenses that expired – 44	Number of Licenses that expired – 25
Closed Files – 15	Closed Files – 8
Upgrades from CRT to RRT- 0	NA
RRT Limited Permit to Full License – 7	CRT Limited Permit to Full License- 6

For Registered Respiratory Therapists, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 83%. For Certified Respiratory Therapists the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 85%.

The remaining dates for the 2022 Board Meetings as follows: October 31, 2022.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Lim presented the OGC Report inclusive of a review of the Conflict of Interest Policy, and other items, as follows:

Litigation Matters

The Office of General Counsel currently has 7 open cases pertaining to 7 licensed respiratory therapists.

Agreed Citations

1. Pamela Gwynne, C.R.T. License No. 1187

Order of Compliance – [See Attached]

1. Emily N. Walters, R.R.T. License No. 5762

Disciplinary Report

There are currently 32 respiratory therapists being monitored for discipline.

Type of Discipline	# of Licensees	Fines and Fees
Reprimand	8	\$10,726.11
Probation	7	\$2,000.00
Suspension	4	\$4,788.88
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Appeals

None

Civil Suits

None

Policies

None

Rules

None

Consent Orders

None

Agreed Citations

Pamela Gwynne, CRT 1187 - Licensee practiced on a lapsed license for approximately 3 months and has agreed to pay the civil penalty of \$200.00. A motion was made by Ms. Anderson to approve the Agreed Citation, as written. With a second by Mr. Farmer. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Boman, RRT 7865 – Licensee practiced on a lapsed license for approximately 3 months and has agreed to pay the civil penalty of \$200.00. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the Agreed Citation as written. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Order Modifications

Emily Walters, RRT #5762 – Licensee petitioned the Board to lift the probation placed on their license pursuant to the May 13, 2021, Order be lifted. The respondent was not present. Mr. Lim recommended the Board deny the petition for reinstatement due to the respondent not being present before the Board in this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to maintain the probationary status on the license and require the Respondent to appear at the next meeting. With a second by Mr. Farmer. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lim stated he would provide follow-up contact to the Repsondent.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

Christina Leifried, RRT File #8356

This was a second look at this file, as it was tabled from the previous Board meeting. Ms. Leifried's file was presented for a decision on whether a license can be approved or not, as it could not be administratively approved due to two red flags in the file. Ms. Leifried checked "yes" to both of the application questions asking if she had ever had a denial or disciplined license or denial on a license application as "yes" as well as giving a positive response to the application question asking about previous criminal convictions. The applicant indicated she could not be present in person for the meeting and instead, asked for a phone call, which she then did not answer during the meeting. Once again, the applicant did not answer the call in this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer allow the application to expire organically. With a second by Ms. Anderson. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Turner, RRT File #8460

Mr. Turner spoke to the Board via phone call appearance. He has applied for a RRT license, and his file was brought to the Board to make a decision on approval of his application, rather than being administratively approved, due to a red flag on his application. He has answered "yes" to the application questions regarding prior criminal indications. The Board reviewed Mr. Turner's file and held discussion with the applicant. The applicant holds active, clear licenses in GA and FL. The incident occurred prior to his initial respiratory certification. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the license. With a second by Ms. Anderson. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously

Kendra Pegues, CRT File #5165

Ms. Pegues spoke to the Board via phone call appearance. She has applied for reinstatement of her previously held CRT license, but currently holds a RRT license but not longer has active RRT NBRC credentials. She does still have active CRT NBRC credentials. The file for Kendra Hodges Pegues was being brought to the Board today to make a decision as to whether or not the education documentation provided is sufficient to allow reinstatement of the CRT license.

Ms. Pegues was originally licensed as a CRT in 2007, which she then retired in 2008 when she upgraded to an RRT license. Her RRT license remains active at this time, however, the NBRC report received shows that her RRT NBRC credentials expired 05/31/2013. Her CRT credentials are currently active through 12/31/2023.

In conjunction with Ms. Peuge's reinstatement request, Rule 1330-01-.12(6)(a)2 requires the submission of 24 hours of CE for the purposes of reinstating, with a minimum of 12 of those hours having been completed in the last 12 months. Further, in order to maintain compliance with keeping her RRT license active, she would have been required to have completed 12 hours of CE each calendar year.

Ms. Pegues has stated she has not completed any CE and is requesting a waiver of this requirement. She was asked for documentation to support her statements included in her request letter of caring for an ailing family member, and none was presented. Ms. Pegues stated she wants to go back to CRT for employment because she only holds active CRT NBRC credentials at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve a downgrade from RRT license to CRT license, contingent upon Ms. Pegues submitting documentation of completion of required board-approved CE hours. Delegated authority to Administrative Office to review documentation submitted for compliance with the motion. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: Ms. Anderson asked if she could provide supporting documentation of the hours added for ethics, compliance, practice of respiratory therapy from Select Hospital. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratifications

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that the files below have been reviewed and found to be in good order in accordance with the Board's Rules. Ms. Braddock made a motion to approve the ratification list as written, Mr. Davis seconded. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification List

May 20, 2022 – August 16, 2022

Licensed

RRT

Alexander Kinley

Alizadeh Victoria

Almutarid Mutarid Hamad

Anderson Jarah

Ariano Nicole

Atkins Scarlet Melinda

Baldwin Arlisha

Berry Kelsi

Bielecki Sarah Marie

Boman Scott Hunter

Brandt Jordan

Bruzzone Ruggero Paolo

Bunch Ashley Dawn

Bunting Tangela Latham

Butler Alivia

Campbell-Everett Kimberly A

Castillo Adriana Isabel

Cooper Anita Latrese

Corsbie Antonia Denise

Cowell Laila Ann

Dedman Adoree Heather

Derosa Joseph

Duboise Paige

Durrett Dustan Michael

Eady Klinton

Earls Cassandra Rebecca

Edwards Alexis Faye Mrs.

Englum Rebecca Lynn

Garrett Heather R

Garrett Rachel Mackenzie

Gavilanes Angie

Gilmore Amber

Gilson Shelia

Golden Kabria

Gonzales Johnie

Grandberry Demiya

Harris Marvin

Heath Clinton Chad

Hill Morris

Hill Tyrone Larosa Jr

Honda Camilla

Hood Phillip Glenn

Howard Alexandrea Nicole

Howell Daniel

Hurkala Heather

Jennings John Mr

Johnson Jackie

Johnson Macy Elizabeth

Jones Erik Tyler

Jones Jerika

Knight Jessica

Knight Jessica Elana

Labonte Jason Martin

Lance Julie Vail

Laughlin Tracy Nicholas

Lebaron Lindsay Morgan

Lyda Sydney

Mann Taylor Lanell

Martinez Sabrina A.

Maxwell Karenna

Mcdonald Dallas Renee

Mcneil Ashley Elizabeth

Morales Lisa Ann

Morrison Christopher Shane

Parris Gabrelle

Plambeck Jeremy Myung Jae

Poore Ashley N

Rauch Emily

Reagan Tori

Reffler Taylor

Reminga Lauren

Roberts Kelly Rene

Rodenhizer Morgan

Sadr Kamel

Schumacher Karen Oleen

Scott Paula

Shannon Heather Nicole

Sloan Sierra

Smith Alexis

Steinbarge Jeffrey W

Strattan Elizabeth Anne

Taylor Janina Miranda

Thacker Rebecca Janine

Thigpen Erika Paige

Thompson Erin Elizabeth

Threatt Amanda Shalyn

Vinlove Rachel

Vogel Crystal

Warren Jaleesa

Watkins Aeriell

Weatherford Jacob Tyler

Weaver Antonio

Weekley Allison Barger

Westerfield Jessica Lee

Winter Tricia Jane

Wisniewski Leonard P. Wright Joycelyn Wynn Khara Suzanne

CRT

Bruner Lauren Olivia

Buckingham Addisan Elizabeth

Castillo Adriana Isabel

Chappell Angie Denise

Coker Cathleen Elizabeth

Craig Deandria

Cuellar Perez Yubisdreysis

Curtright Sydney

Duran Brisa Jazmin

Fann Jennifer Ellen

Fields Jennifer Davenport

Gilmore Amber

Gorrell Tori Mason

Gwynne Pamela C.

Howell Daniel

Howle Rachel

Hughes Chelsey

Jones Bailey Michelle

Jones Erik Tyler

Jones Takeya

Lamb William Russell

Lawson Ashley Renee

Lemar Amy

Leslie Shavonda Shavette Ms.

Maiden Hayley Faith

Mann Taylor Lanell

Meadows Alyssa Noel

Mills Tyler J

Nealy-Morris Veronica

Nguyen Yolanda

Potts Amber

Rash Shaneka

Smyth Faith Mrs.

Sparkman Savannah Nashae

Tarrance Aleisha

Tate Bethany Jacelyn

Valdivia Lopez Marlenne Guadalupe

Walker Titus L.
Warner Najeeb Abdullah
Woods-Smith Latonya Denise
Wright Joycelyn

Closed Ard Jennifer K Aurilia Julieann **Avritt Joshua Carpenter Vickie Louise** Corbin Austen Skylar Mr. Dixon Derek Crawford Jr. Flinders Brandi Swain Ford Jessica Ann Freeman Glory Laraine Freeman Lukecia Lashelle Garrett Rachel Mackenzie Gera Edrin **Hunter Michele** Krystosek Joseph Ray Maynard Naomi Owen David Eugene Rauch Emily Rogers Phillip Todd Rumph Brandy **Scherzer Royale Alexis**

CRT Work Permit
Brown Alexis Gail
Brown Leanna
Drake Little Page Vaden IV
Hayes Alexis
Jernigan Kayla Elizabeth
Lundgren Rebecca
Mcdonald Dallas Renee
Mitchell India
Rose Alexandra
Scott Allysha
Tarmookh Fatimah

Steel Erin

Westmoreland Scott Wiley Shawn Ms

Whittemore Madisyn Paisley

RRT Work Permit

3.

Alamoudi Lujain

Alexander Bailey Nicole

Bates Rachael

Berry Madison

Blaylock Baylee

Botts Kaitlyn R

Bradford Amber Nicole

Cherry Beverly Lynn

Collins Emily

Criddle Katelyn

Gallahair Ashton

Gallaher Tyler

Guzman Coraima Ereth

Hile Jonathan Patrick

Housman Rachanna

King Braxton Paige

Lawrence Monica Spaht

Legg Kaley

Mann Wendy K

Morris Caelyn

Schenck Morgan

Smirnov Ilya

Sydeski Greuel Christina Marie

Thomas Lainya

Vinson James

Ward Keridan

West Kaleigh Jordan

Work Daniel Mr.

Reinstatement

None

Taskforce/Committee Reports

There were no taskforce or committee reports for the Board to review in this meeting.

Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies

There were no rulemaking or policy items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Correspondence

A correspondence item was received from Marla Kirk, who was present to discuss, inquiring about licensed respiratory therapists being allowed to perform vascular access.

Mr. Powell asked for more clarification, as the purpose of the Board is to define the parameters of what a practitioner cannot go beyond. Mr. Powell stated that anything beyond that is at the discretion of the facility. Unless there is nothing in the statutes or rules prohibits it, then it would be up to the facility. Referenced covid vaccine delivery. If the practice act does not preclude an act, then as long as the training and education is present, then it should be acceptable. The practice act provides the parameters in which a practitioner may practice. He does not believe a position statement is needed in this instance, just a better understanding of the law.

Mr. Lim advised that the Board's job is not to provide blanket endorsements of particular practices. If a facility wants legal consideration to their practices, they should refer to corporate counsel to review appropriate statutes. The Board's job is to make sure the practice act is followed. The Rules flesh out the practice act. The Board is free to take a position, but he would advise they not take action where it may not be necessary.

Mr. Powell noted that if there were other professions with exclusivity to this practice, that would preclude a respiratory therapist from doing it. Mr. Lim noted if a matter comes up before the Board for a particular licensee's conduct, it's the Board's job to review the rules and statutes governing for the licensee's conduct. It's not the Board's job to take a position on hypothetical situation. The Board is to review the individual actual situations, not issue a blanket statement in this situation. Doing so would be premature.

Ms. Kirk stated that because there is a statement for in-transit transport for pediatric that the rules may exclude in-house vascular access for in-patient.

Mr. Powell would recommend Ms. Kirk refer to the recording of this meeting to play for their legal department. Just because another policy statement from 2008 exists, does not set a precedence for the Board to issue other policy statements.

The Board discussed and took no action on this request. The Board made no statement on this item.

Conferences

There were no conference items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Discuss Old and New Business

There was no old business or new business to be discussed during this meeting.

Call for Public Comment

Ms. Wallace announced one final opportunity for public comments before the end of themeeting. There were no public comments offered. Ms. Wallace reminded the audience that public comments may also be submitted in writing and sent by mail to The TN Respiratory Board, 665 Mainstream

Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 or sent via email to Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Braddock made a motion to adjourn at 11:29am CST. A second was made by Mr. Farmer. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on October 31, 2022.

Craig Rooks, Chair

10-31-22 Date