

**TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 26, 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 (arrival at 9:45am CST)
Kimberly Christmon
Ray Davis
Robert Farmer, Secretary
Dr. Gary Lovelady
Curtis Powell
Craig Rooks, Board Chair

Member(s) Absent: Linda Braddock, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director
Lyndsey Boone, Board Manager
Sam Mullins, Board Administrator
David Silvus, Chief Deputy General Counsel

Guests Present: Teresa Phillips, TnPAP

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am Central Time. Ms. Anderson had made notice that she would be arriving after the meeting was already in session. A quorum was present at the time of the Call to Order.

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. Powell made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 24, 2022, Board Meeting as written. A second was made by Mr. Davis. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

Roger Knowlton, Intake Coordinator with the Office of Investigations, presented the report for 2022 to-date as follows:

Open Complaints	5
Closed Complaints	6

Total New Complaints	5
Unlicensed Practice	1
Substance Abuse	1
Continuing Education Violation	3

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 March 31, 2022, as follows:

Agreements Activated	2
Monitoring	5
Non-Regulatory	3
Regulatory	2

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

Discharges	4
Evaluated- No Monitoring Recommended	1
Evaluated- Declined Recommendations	1
Monitoring Complete (Regulatory)	1
Monitoring Complete (Non-regulatory)	1

Legislative Report

There was no legislative report to be presented at this meeting.

Administrative Report

Board Manager, Ms. Lyndsey Boone, presented the Administrative Report, as follows:

The following are the total active licensees as of May 19, 2022:

RRT	CRT	RCA
Active Licensees – 4,018	Active Licensees – 1,212	Active Licensees – 2

Licensing activities from February 11, 2021, through May 19, 2022:

RRT	CRT
New applications received – 193	New applications received – 68
New licenses issued – 81	New licenses issued – 21
Reinstated – 11	Reinstated - 6
Registered Poly Endorsement(s) - 0	Certified Poly Endorsement(s) - 0
Number of renewals – paper – 67	Number of renewals – paper – 22
Number of renewals online – 4350	Number of renewals online – 101
Number of licensees who retired – 12	Number of licensees who retired – 2
Number of licenses that expired – 42	Number of Licenses that expired – 25
Closed Files - 21	Closed Files - 7
Upgrades from CRT to RRT- 12	NA
RRT Limited Permit to Full License – 4	CRT Limited Permit to Full License- 0

For Registered Respiratory Therapists, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 84%. For Certified Respiratory Therapists the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 82%.

Ms. Boone presented the remaining dates for the 2022 Board Meetings as follows: August 18, 2022, and November 10, 2022.

Office of General Counsel Report

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

The Office of General Counsel currently has 7 open cases pertaining to 7 licensed respiratory therapists, including the following four who have agreed to the proposed discipline.

Consent Orders for Board Approval

1. Kimberly A. Brooks, R.R.T.
2. Cristi P. Miller, R.R.T.
3. Mary Hicks Patton, R.R.T.
4. Maria C. Poaipuni, C.R.T.

Agreed Citations

1. Tangela Bunting, R.R.T.
2. Koya Bonioma, C.R.T.

3. Lakendrea Bush, R.R.T.
4. Sharniqua Payne, C.R.T.
5. Lori Roberts, R.R.T.
6. Lyndsey Sharp, C.R.T.
7. Victoria Smith, C.R.T.

Order of Compliance

1. Madison Boles, C.R.T.

Disciplinary Report

There are currently 29 respiratory therapists being monitored for discipline:

Type of Discipline	# of Licensees	Fines and Fees
Reprimand	5	\$8,183.44
Probation	7	\$2,453.17
Suspension	4	\$5,088.88
Revoked/Surrendered	13	\$23,622.81

Appeals

None

Civil Suits

None

Policies

None

Rules

None

Consent Orders

Kimberly Brooks, RRT #46 – The licensee was found to be in violation of T.C.A. 63-27-112(a) (3). A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the Consent Order for Kimberly Brooks, RRT #46, as written, resulting in a suspension of the license and payment of the costs of prosecuting the case up to \$2,000.00. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Cristi Miller, RRT #5307 - The licensee was found to be in violation of T.C.A. 63-27-105(a) and (c) (1). A motion was made by Mr. Davis to approve the Consent Order for Cristi Miller, RRT

#5307, as written, resulting in a reprimand of the license, civil penalties totaling \$800.00, and payment of the costs of prosecuting the case up to \$1,000.00. With a second by Mr. Powell. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Hicks Patton, RRT #5798 - The licensee was found to be in violation of T.C.A. 63-27-105(a) and (c) (1). A motion was made by Dr. Lovelady to approve the Consent Order for Mary Hicks Patton, RRT #5798, as written, resulting in a reprimand of the license, civil penalties totaling \$1,700.00, and payment of the costs of prosecuting the case up to \$1,000.00. With a second by Ms. Christmon. Discussion on the motion: Discussed the responsibility of licensees to keep their license current. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Poaipuni, CRT #7559 - The licensee was found to be in violation of T.C.A. 63-27-105(a). A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the Consent Order for Maria Poaipuni, CRT #7559, as written, resulting in a reprimand of the license, civil penalties totaling \$400.00, and payment of the costs of prosecuting the case up to \$1,000.00. With a second by Dr. Lovelady. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Agreed Citations

Tangela Bunting, RRT 4475 - Licensee practiced on a lapsed license for approximately 4 months and has agreed to pay the civil penalty of \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the Agreed Citation for Tangela Bunting, RRT #4475, as written. With a second by Ms. Christmon. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Koya Bonioma, CRT 5513 – Licensee was found deficient 24 hours of CE for calendar years 2019-2020 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the Agreed Citation for Koya Bonioma, CRT #5513, with corrected reference on page 2 to RC not OT. With a second by Mr. Farmer. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Lakendra Bush, RRT #7039 - Licensee was found deficient 12 hours of CE for calendar year 2018 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the Agreed Citation for Lakendra Bush, RRT #7039, as written. With a second by Ms. Christmon. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharniqua Payne, CRT #6268 - Licensee was found deficient 4 hours of CE for calendar years 2018-2019 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Ms. Christmon to approve the Agreed Citation for Sharniqua Payne, CRT #6268, with corrected reference on page 2 to RC not OT. With a second by Mr. Farmer. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

CE – Lori Roberts, RRT #329 - Licensee was found deficient 8 hours of CE for calendar years 2019-2020 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the Agreed Citation for Lori Roberts, RRT #329, as written. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Lyndsey Sharp, CRT #5536 - Licensee was found deficient 24 hours of CE for calendar years 2019-2020 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Ms. Christmon to approve the Agreed Citation for Lyndsey Sharp, RRT #5536, with corrected reference on page 2 to RC not OT. With a second by Ms. Anderson. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Victoria Smith, CRT #7366 - Licensee was found deficient 12 hours of CE for calendar year 2018 and has agreed to complete the deficient CE hours, plus 5 additional hours of CE, in addition to paying civil penalties totaling \$300.00. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the Agreed Citation for Victoria Smith, CRT #7366, with corrected reference on page 2 to RC not OT. With a second by Mr. Powell. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Order Modifications

Madison Boles, CRT #7413 – Licensee petitioned the Board to lift the probation placed on their license pursuant to the March 4, 2021 Order be lifted. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve the Order of Compliance for Madison Boles, CRT #7413, as written. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

Carter, Jessica, RRT #8214

A call was placed out to Ms. Carter, as requested by the applicant, to participate in the 02/24/2022 Board meeting for an applicant interview as she indicated she could not appear in person. The applicant did not answer the call and the Board approved a motion to table the decision for the next meeting to have Ms. Carter present either by phone or in person for the Board Meeting so the Board can move forward with a decision. Since then, the Administrative Office has made 4 separate attempts to reach Ms. Carter to schedule her for a call with the Board in today's meeting, placing 2 phone calls to her and sending 2 emails to her between March 2nd and May 25, 2022. This is in addition to the Board follow-up letter that was sent after the February 24th meeting, requesting her to appear at today's meeting. There has been no response to any of the attempts to reach the applicant. A motion was made by Ms. Christmon to allow to expire as of 05/26/2022. With a second by Ms. Anderson. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Christina Leifried, RRT File #8356

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. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to table this file until next meeting, and request the applicant provide additional documentation on licensure discipline she experienced in AZ. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Powell noted that when she is asked to be available at the next meeting, to make her aware of daylight savings time differences between states. 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. Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve the ratification list as written, Mr. Powell seconded. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification List

RRT

Arellano Felipe Martinez
Awabdy Dawn Lorraine
Ayres Johnson Jennifer Hope
Babb Scott Douglas
Bay Samantha
Bayer John William
Bouse Sydney
Bremner Heather
Burke Mikalynn Ashleigh
Burnett Susan Kae
Carper Christine
Castiglione Jenna Larie
Clements Dwan
Cole Rachelle Davis
Collins Emily
Collins Joshua
Collins Molly
Concepcion Enira Marie
Consaul Aaron M
Davis Todd M
Deberry Daniel David
Dewitt Mark A
Diaz-Guerrero Isabel
Dobrozsi Kay
Fedoris Krystal
Flott Darren
Franklin Jack R Jr Mr
Free Donna Lynn
Furr Rodney
Gamble Preston
Garcia Andy
Garrett Destinee
Gemedu Mergitu Megersa
Hall Summer Eve Miss

Hankinson Shannon Elizabeth
Harrell Aimee
Heroux Steven
Hitchcock Stephanie Ann
Hoyle Selena Ray
Jefferson Tanesha
Jones Kimberly Anne
Keller David
Klaers John Douglas
Kurz Kari
Kutsner Autumn
Lewis Linda Faith
Liddle Melodie Kay RRT
Light Robert Wayne
Lowe Robyn Jones
Mack Sylvana
Mann Melissa McClendon
Mcadorey Rebecca Laura
Mcdowell Benjamin
Mcfarland Kyle Everett
Mcguire Devin James
Mcguire Khyla Le'Fay
Mckinney Nicky R
Metheny Curtis Sean
Mitchell Latoya Nicole
Monday Victoria Rena
Montgomery Roxanne Dorothy
Moore Tracy Malissa
Myers Carrie
Olivo Nancy Therese
Paeth Tanner
Page Shamelle
Pagsisihan Francisco Antonio Figueroa
Patton Sean
Pool Megan Elizabeth RRT
Pryor Jacob Ryan
Queen Valarie
Robinette Kaitlyn
Scholbrock Heather Fields
Simpson Nancy Ann
Small Cedric Lamont
Smith Angela Denise

Smith Kylie
Stallings Tyler
Stephens Chelsea
Tarrance Aleisha
Templin Rachael A
Trujillo Mark Eli
Tucker- Montalvo Destiny
Westervelt Thomas R
Wheeler Thomas
Whiteman Kaella Gail

CRT

Alley Joshua Randall
Beath Brian
Bowen Sheryl Denise
Byrd Autumn D
Caldwell Katelyn
Cummings Toshekia Lashay
Gera Edrin
Gerlach Shannon Kathy
Gonzalez Stephanie Marie
Gravett Reagan
Hammond-Okyere Doreen
Holzmann Kristin
Huson Victoria
Jewart Michele
Kirkham Kabria
Lowe Robyn Jones
Rose Alicia
Simmons Issac Marcell Jr CRT
Suggs Yakeitch Lashun
Turley Maria
Vinlove Rachel
Wallace Anita L.

RRT Work Permit Issued

Harrell Misty
Poore Ashley N

RRT Reinstatement

Bland Krystal Lynn
Chadwick Tiffany Helmes

Fix Terina Lynn
Gray Victoria Dawn
Holland Shelby Evans
Howell Terri Vassar
Mabry Teresa
Perry Betty L.
Salib Eman M

Closed Files

Abel Alexi Nikole
Aishman Timothy Shawn
Andrew Melanie Merissa
Armstrong Iyana Marie
Arroyo Gilberto Jr
Burrell Misty Lin
Chavez Heidi Anne
Cook Tiffany
Durrett Dustan Michael
Grimes James Harold Jr
Hayes Heather
Horton Sarah
Huson Victoria
Kuhr-Mills Alyssa
Leifried Christina
Mckay Allyson Hassell
Michelon Brian James
Miller Jennifer Elaine
Nunez Nathan Leopold
Perry Betty L.
Poling Denielle
Porter Joseph
Rash Shaneka
Sadr Kamel
Shannon Heather Nicole
St. Hilaire Anstan
Wills Alexis Elaine
Woods-Smith Latonya Denise

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

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

Conferences

The Board reviewed the following upcoming events:

AARC Summer Forum, July 26 – 28, 2022, Palm Springs, CA

Volunteers of Board Members to Attend

- Mr. Powell
- Ms. Anderson
- Ms. Christmon

AARC Congress, November 9 – 12, 2022, New Orleans, LA

Volunteers of board Members to Attend

- Mr. Davis
- Mr. Farmer
- Ms. Christmon
- Mr. Rooks

Ms. Wallace reminded all Board Members that approval would have to be received from the finance Department before any reservations or travel plans could be made, and that typically, no more than 3 attendees could go to the same conference at once.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve moving the Fall 2022 Board meeting from November 10, 2022 to October 31, 2022. With a second by Mr. Davis. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve sponsorship of the named attendees for the AARC Summer Forum and Congress events. With a second by Ms. Anderson. Discussion on the motion: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Old and New Business

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

Call for Public Comment

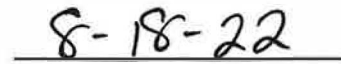
Ms. Wallace announced one final opportunity for public comments before the end of the meeting. There were no public comments offered. Ms. Wallace reminded the audience that public comments may also be submitted in writing and sent by mail to The TN Respiratory Board, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 or sent via email to Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 11:18am 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 August 18, 2022.


Craig Rooks, Chair


Date