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## Minutes of the January 6, 2025 Board of Respiratory Care Practice Virtual Meeting

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Marcy Wyrens, Chair called the meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care Practice to order at 2:07 pm. on January 6, 2025, in the Morrell Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on December 19, 2024

Wyrens announced that this is an open meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** The following members answered roll call:

Marcy Wyrens, Chair (via Webex)  
Rene Botts, Vice-Chair (via Webex)  
Dr. Maria Michaelis (via phone) at 2:12 pm  
Jill Sand (via Webex)

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Claire Covert-ByBee, DHHS Program Manager  
Kim Hitzel, DHHS Health Licensing Coordinator  
Melissa Johnson Wiles, Assistant Attorney General (via Webex)  
Danielle Sund, DHHS Legal Hearing Officer (via Webex)

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Sand moved, seconded by Botts, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Wyrens, Sand, Michaelis, and Botts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

### **3. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Sand moved, seconded by Botts to move into closed session.

*Purpose: To hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions.*

Voting aye: Botts, Wyrens, Michaelis, and Sand. Voting nay; None. Motion Carried. Board went into closed session at 2:09 pm.

## **5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS – OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 2:26 pm.

### **Motion:**

In the matter of the application for Respiratory Care Practitioner for Bria Harris the Board recommends issuing the license. Botts moved, Michaelis seconded the motion. Voting aye: Michaelis, Botts, Sand, and Wyrens. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

### **Motion:**

In the matter of the reinstatement application for Respiratory Care Practitioner for Rebecca Hexiquio the Board recommends reinstating the license. Botts moved, Michaelis seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bots, Wyrens, Michaelis, and Sand. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

### **Motion:**

In the matter of the application for Respiratory Are Practitioner for Barbara Rodriguez the Board recommends issuing the license. Botts moved: Sand seconded the motion. Voting aye: Botts, Sand, Michaelis, and Wyrens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Botts, Board Vice Chair