

Minutes of the April 2, 2020 Board of Respiratory Care Conference Call Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Joseph Rush, Chairperson, called the conference call meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care to order at 9:09 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020 in the Lower Level B Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Rush announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Joseph Rush, Chairperson

Dr. Adam Case, Vice-Chairperson (via telephone)

Dr. Ryan Martin, Secretary (via telephone)

Jill Sand, Member (via telephone)

Others Present:

Natalee Hart, Assistant Attorney General (via telephone)

Kathleen Krueger, Investigator (via telephone)

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager (via telephone)

Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Case moved, seconded by Martin to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Case, Martin, and Rush. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sand. Motion carried.

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot regarding approval of the March 3rd, 2020 meeting minutes.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Martin moved, seconded by Case to go into closed session at 9:13 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Case, Martin, and Rush. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sand. Motion carried.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:29 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Respiratory Care via mail ballot.

MOTION: Martin moved, seconded by Sand to recommend reinstating the Respiratory Care license of Gloria Bauer. Voting aye: Case, Martin, Rush and Sand. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

6. 172 NAC 162 PROMULGATION UPDATE

Covert-ByBee stated the regulations are currently with the Attorney General's office being reviewed for constitutionality.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Covert-ByBee stated the Legislature has closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will remain closed until the speaker deems it fit for them to reconvene. She continued that on January 1, 2020 the legislation approving fee waivers for young workers, military and military family and low income applicants as defined by the bill for initial license applications went into effect.

Covert-ByBee advised that an executive order signed by the Governor on March 27th, 2020 modified some of the statutes and regulations. It waives licensure requirements for individuals licensed in other states and in good standing allowing them to come into Nebraska and work immediately during this emergency declaration. Renewal has also been suspended for certain professions during the emergency declaration.

8. LICENSURE APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Carranza presented the Licensure Application Processing Report, it was for informational purposes only.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for next meeting include a Palliative Care presentation, scope of practice question regarding cardiac testing, legislative update and regulations update.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ryan Martin, Secretary