

FINAL APPROVED
ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY THERAPY
Minutes
January 26, 2021
Electronic Meeting

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy held a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Gochenour, RRT, Chair
Santiera Brown-Yearling, RRT, Vice-Chair
Bruce K. Rubin, MD
Denver Supinger, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shari Toomey, RRT

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director, Licensure
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director, Administration
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Delores Cousins, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Daniel Gochenour, RRT and Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions for those individuals that may be attending the virtual meeting in the Perimeter Center.

Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

Bruce Rubin moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020 meeting. Santiera Brown-Yearling seconded. By roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Adoption of Agenda

Bruce Rubin moved to adopt the agenda. Santiera Brown-Yearling seconded. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

New Business

1. Report of the 2021 General Assembly

Elaine Yeatts provided a report from the 2021 General Assembly and discussed bills that were of interest to the Advisory Board.

2. Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist Credential

Daniel Gochenour discussed the need for the Advisory Board to follow up on the presentation it heard on this topic at its October 6, 2020 meeting.

It was recommended that the Board of Medicine put together a legislative proposal to be carried by a sponsor for consideration at the 2022 General Assembly.

Announcements

Delores Cousins provided the licensing report. The Board of Medicine has 3,166 Virginia active respiratory therapist licenses and 922 out-of-state active licenses.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Next scheduled meeting date: May 25, 2021.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Daniel Gochenour adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Daniel Gochenour, RRT, Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Delores Cousins, Licensing Specialist