Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on February 12, 2026. This meeting was held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 3, 2025, and posted on the Board's website on February 3, 2026, at 10:36 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present were:
Jim Grantz, RCP, Chair
Kelly Hennessey, RCP, Vice-Chair
Dawn Ayala, RCP
Lisa Ball, RCP
Crystal Cosper, RCP
Steven Katsis, MD

Members absent were:
Chelsey Gilbertson, DO
Kevin O'Neal, DO
OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others participating included:
Sandra Harrison, JD, Executive Director
Kristi Ice, JD, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, External Licensing Director
Mady Martin, AAG, Legal Advisor

Mr. Grantz, having noted a quorum, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Barbara Smith called roll to establish a quorum for purposes of the record.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Harrison advised that the legislative session has begun and there is one section in the Board's cleanup bill pertinent to the practice of respiratory therapy. "Telemedicine" has been added to the scope of practice due to the agency routinely receiving questions in this regard. Ms. Harrison anticipates the bill will be heard sometime in mid-March of this year. In closing, she advised that the database modernization project is on track and will be operational by early summer.

Following review, Dr. Katsis moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, as written. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

VICTORIA ANNAN appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is incomplete. She last practiced in 2019 and her national certification expires in 2028. She reported that she let her license lapse due to being home and raising her family. She kept her certification current by completing the required continuing education courses, which she believes to be approximately 30 credits. Ms. Ayala moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include passing the

NBRC entry-level examination. Ms. Hennessey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

STEVEN BRUNER appeared virtually in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His license is incomplete and he is currently licensed in Colorado. His Oklahoma license lapsed in November of 2017 and he last practiced "hands-on" in September of 2017. He allowed his license to lapse while he worked as an organ procurement coordinator. Dr. Katsis was very familiar with the respiratory care the applicant provided during that time having been previously involved with LifeShare. Ms. Ball moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file. Dr. Katsis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JENNIFER BURNETT appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She last practiced in 2021 and her certification is set to expire in 2027. She is currently licensed in Arizona and Arkansas and her husband is active-duty military. She has continued to obtain CEUs. Ms. Ayala moved to recommend approval of the application pending 90 days of direct supervision under the direct supervision of a licensed Respiratory Therapist with a report provided by the supervising therapist at the conclusion thereof. Ms. Hennessey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

LYDIA CARUSO appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is incomplete. The applicant's Oklahoma license expired in March of 2019 and she last practiced at that time as well. Her certification is set to expire in 2030. Ms. Ayala moved to approve the application based on the applicant completing the committee's previous recommendations and her appearance here today. Ms. Ball seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KEITH FLETCHER appeared in person in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His Oklahoma license lapsed in 2017 and he last practiced in October of 2025. His national certification expires in November of 2029 and he is currently licensed in Idaho. He has maintained his certifications and is current on CEU requirements. Ms. Ayala moved to recommend approval pending completion of the file based on his personal appearance. Dr. Katsis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CHRISTI FORD appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application was tabled at the last meeting of the Committee. Her Arkansas license is "Active, Revoked/Stayed" which means "the revocation is stayed (will not go into effect) as long as the practitioner complies with any other condition the Board has placed on them." Ms. Ford has a temporary letter to practice and her application is complete. Mady Martin advised she is eligible for licensure. Ms. Ball moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and the vote was in the affirmative with Dr. Katsis voting NO.

ROBERT HIGGINSON appeared virtually in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His application is incomplete. Lisa Cullen advised that the applicant has never held an Oklahoma license, has not practiced within the previous 12 months, and he does not hold a license in any other states. His national certification is set to expire in 2026. The

applicant corrected Ms. Cullen and advised that he has been in continual practice since leaving Oklahoma in 2020 and is currently licensed in California and New Mexico. Ms. Ayala moved to approve the application pending completion of the file. Ms. Ball seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JULIE LAMBETH did not appear in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Katsis moved to table the application pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Following review and discussion:

1. Ms. Ayala moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure as identified on the page(s) attached as ***Attachment #1*** hereto pending completion of the file(s). Ms. Ball seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
2. Dr. Katsis moved to recommend approval of the complete application(s) for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure as identified on the page(s) attached as ***Attachment #1*** hereto. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
3. Ms. Ball moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure as identified on the page(s) attached as ***Attachment #1*** hereto pending completion of the file(s). Dr. Katsis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
4. Ms. Ayala moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure as identified on the page(s) attached as ***Attachment #1*** hereto pending completion of the file(s). Ms. Ball seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
5. Ms. Hennessey moved to recommend approval of the complete application(s) for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure as identified on the page(s) attached as ***Attachment #1*** hereto. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Ms. Ayala moved to adjourn the meeting. The time 12:14 p.m.

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INCOMPLETE PROVISIONAL RESPIRATORY THERAPIST APPLICATION	
PR 2424	VAN HAREN, KIRBY MAKENNA

COMPLETE PROVISIONAL RESPIRATORY THERAPIST APPLICATIONS	
PR 2419	PATEL, KHUSHI
PR 2420	DICKMAN, AUGUST SIDNEY-ANN
PR 2422	MCDOWELL, MAYCEE JOYELLE
PR 2426	OLGUIN, RICKY

INCOMPLETE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER APPLICATIONS	
RC 6419	HICKS, ERIC STEPHEN
RC 6532	COVERT, JOSHUA CAREY
RC 6654	YANG, SHOUA
RC 6752	MINNIS, SHARITA ANN
RC 6754	BROWN, DESTINIE ARMONTE
RC 6755	ROBINSON, GOLDIE JEAN
RC 6757	WARD, TAMMIE LYNN
RC 6761	NKOPPE, CARELLE TCHOUAMENI
RC 6762	FERRIEL, STEPHON STEELE
RC 6763	NNAMUCHI, CHIZOBA BENEDICT
RC 6764	HEAPS, MAGGIE ROSE
RC 6766	TA, TOMMIE
RC 6768	LEWIS, AARON JAMES KELSEY
RC 6769	KABINEH, MUSU G
RC 6770	LANGFORD, MICHELINE GAYLE
RC 6771	GIBSON, CYNTHIA
RC 6772	WILLIAMS, LISA MARIE
RC 6773	DUQUE, MARIBELL REYNA
RC 6774	MILNE, EMMA MARLENE
RC 6775	NEWLON, MONICA
RC 6776	COLWELL, NICHOLAS
RC 6778	WALBECK, JAMES
RC 6779	JONES, GERMAINE A
RC 6780	DOMINGUEZ, JOSHUA
RC 6781	TRUONG, ANH
RC 6782	VARGAS, RICARDO
RC 6783	MIDDLEKAUFF, ERICA ANN
RC 6784	ARVIZU, LUIS ARMANDO
RC 6785	AUSTIN, MELANIE DAWN
RC 6786	RODRIGUEZ, GLAFIDIA GLOVER
RC 6787	POPE, CHRISTOPHER L
RC 6788	ETSELL, BRANDIE NICOLE
RC 6789	CHICHESTER, TREVOR
RC 6790	HUGHES, RAVEN
RC 6791	BASHIR, OMARFARUK A
RC 6792	MILLER, BECKY I

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INCOMPLETE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)	
RC 6793	ROBINSON, KRISTY ROCHELLE
RC 6795	ROYAL, JERUSHEA
RC 6796	AGUILAR, DAVID

INCOMPLETE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION	
RC 6108	CALDERON, JAIMIE LYNN

COMPLETE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER APPLICATIONS	
RC 6014	LEE, LA'CRESHA DIONNE
RC 6581	ORTON, RYLEE
RC 6751	THOUVENIN, MATTHEW WAYNE
RC 6753	NGUYEN, EVELYN
RC 6756	GROGAN, ASHTON RAE
RC 6760	KPOGO, LOUISA ABLA
RC 6765	ENGEH, BANDY JOE
RC 6777	CANTWELL, JONATHAN ALEXANDER
RC 6794	MOORE, LAUREN ELIZABETH