

The Florida

## Board of Respiratory Care

# MINUTES

**May 28, 2020**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
GENERAL RULES REVIEW  
CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

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**8:30 a.m. EST**

**Call to Order – General Business Meeting**

Mr. Joseph Frey, RRT, Chair, called the general business meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present for the meeting, included the following:

**Members Present**

Joseph Frey, RRT., Chair  
Ronald Eric Mitchell, CRT, Vice Chair  
Roberto Garcia, RRT  
Shawnta Friday-Stroud, Ph., D.  
Janelle Hom

**Staff Present**

Allen Hall, Executive Director  
Kayla Karpp, Program Operations Administrator  
Barbara Baker, RSII

**Board Counsel**

John Fricke, Board Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General

1. 64B32-2.001, F.A.C., License by Endorsement

This application change is required by HB 115. The Division of Medical Quality Assurance is requesting Boards and Councils move forward with rulemaking prior to the effective date of the legislation, which is 7/1/20. Unfortunately, the revised application was not available at the time of the last meeting.

The following question related to section 456.0635, F.S., was updated to reflect legislative changes (HB 115) which removed penalties resulting from defaulting on Federal student loans.

The Division developed a standard format to be used for all profession applications. While these formatting changes are not related to legislation, they are being presented in conjunction with the needed legislative change and represent a significantly improved application.

Members were requested to review and consider approval of the revised application and the application rule.

**64B32-2.001 License by Endorsement.**

(1) Applicants for licensure as a Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapist in the state of Florida shall apply on Form DH-MQA 1145, Application ~~by for Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapist Endorsement~~, Revised ~~05/2020~~ ~~07/2019~~, incorporated herein as this Board's application form and available on the web at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-11155>, or at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/respiratory/index.html>.

(2) Each applicant applying for licensure shall pay an application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the Department of Health. The initial application must be accompanied by the application fee. The application fee is nonrefundable and may not be used for more than one year from the original submission of the application. After one year from the date of the original submission of an application and application fee, a new application and new fee shall be required from any applicant who desires to be considered for licensure.

(3) Every applicant for licensure as a registered respiratory therapist or certified respiratory therapist shall demonstrate the following:

(a)1. That the applicant holds the "Registered Respiratory Therapist" or "Certified Respiratory Therapist" credential issued by the National Board for Respiratory Care, or an equivalent credential acceptable to the Board, or

2. That the applicant holds licensure, or the equivalent, to deliver respiratory care in another state and such licensure was granted pursuant to requirements determined to be equivalent to, or more stringent than, the requirements in Florida.

(b) That the applicant is not otherwise disqualified by reason of a violation of chapter 456 or 468, part V, F.S., or the rules promulgated thereunder.

(c) An applicant who has not practiced respiratory care for 2 years or more must complete a Board-approved comprehensive review course within two (2) years immediately prior to the filing of the licensure application or be recredentialed in the level in which he or she is applying to practice in order to ensure that he or she has the sufficient skills to re-enter the profession. Board-approved comprehensive course means any course or courses which includes, at a minimum, fourteen (14) hours in the topics and numbers of hours as follows:

Patient assessment	3 hours
Hemodynamics	2 hours
Pulmonary Function	1 hour
Arterial blood gases	1 hour
Respiratory equipment	2 hours
Airway Care	1 hour
Mechanical ventilation	2 hours
Emergency care/special procedures	1 hour
General respiratory care (including medication)	1 hour

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 468.353(1), 468.364 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.072(1), (2), 456.0635, 468.358, 468.364, 468.365(1), (2) FS. History—New 4-29-85, Formerly 21M-34.02, 21M-34.002, 61F6-34.002, 59R-71.002, 64B8-71.002, Amended 7-22-02, 8-28-05, 6-12-07, 5-15-08, 5-25-09, 5-10-10, 10-6-10, 3-28-12, 1-16-13, 12-4-14, 4-7-16, 10-17-16, 4-3-18, 1-23-19, 10-10-19.*

**MOTION:** After discussion, Mr. Frey made a motion to accept the revised application and updated rule language of Rule 2.001, F.A.C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hom and carried 5/0.

**MOTION:** Mr. Frey made a motion to open Rule 64B32-2.001, Florida Administrative Code, for approve rule language as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hom and carried 5/0.

**MOTION:** Dr. Friday- Stroud made a motion to find the proposed revisions do not have an adverse impact on small businesses and will not be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity (including government) in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frey and carried 5/0.

**MOTION:** Dr. Friday-Stroud made a motion to find that a violation of this rule or any part of this rule will not designate as a minor violation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garcia and carried 5/0.