

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Thursday, May 14, 2026
10:00 a.m. via Zoom**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT Megan Graham, MBA, RRT, CES-A, Chair, John Benjamin, M.D., Robert
VIA Reed, M.D., Shamus R. Carr, M.D., Dino T. Gaetani, MS-HIA, RRT, RPFT
ZOOM:

STAFF Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board
PRESENT: Counsel, Oriell T. Harris, Health Policy Analyst, Margaret Jury, Lead
Allied Health Analyst, Christa C. Sutton, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member

STAFF Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy
ABSENT: Director, Monica R. Hampton, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Open Meeting minutes for February 12, 2026, were approved by the Committee via email on April 10, 2026.

LEGISLATION, REGULATION, AND POLICY UPDATES

Ms. Harris updated the Committee on the general revisions packet for COMAR 10.32., noting that the Board approved the draft respiratory care practitioner regulations, the Committee reviewed at the February 12, 2026, meeting. She also stated that the regulations were uploaded to the Board's website for public comment, and have now progressed to the next stage of the regulatory promulgation process. The Policy Team anticipates that these revisions will be finalized in the coming months.

Ms. Harris highlighted the addition of the NBRC's Sleep Disorder Specialty (SDS) examination in the Polysomnographic Technologists' regulations. The SDS examination fulfills the requirement under Health Occupations §14-5C-09(c)(1) and applies to respiratory care practitioners with specialized sleep medicine training who hold the RRT-SDS or CRT-SDS designation. Ms. Harris encouraged Committee members seeking further technical details or information on incorporating this exam into the polysomnographic draft regulations to attend the August 27, 2026, Polysomnography Advisory Committee meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article section 3-305(b)(1), on a motion made by Dr. Reed and seconded by Dr. Benjamin, the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on May 14, 2026, at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment of new committee members.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Christa C. Sutton

Allied Health Analyst