TEXAS BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:02 a.m. by Sam G. Marshall, Ph.D., RCP, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were Samuel L. Brown, Jr.; Timothy R. Chappell, M.D; Matthew J. Goldwater, RCP; Kandace D. Pool, Treasurer; Hammad N. Qureshi, M.D.; and Nathan "Nate" Rodrigues, RCP. Latana Jackson, RCP and Sonja K. Sanderson did not attend. Staff members present were Brint Carlton, Executive Director; Christopher Palazola, Deputy Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other board staff.

Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda Item #3, Executive Director's Report. Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, gave an update on the current budget.

Agenda Item #4, Medical Director's Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.
Mr. Freshour gave an update on pending litigation.

Agenda Item #6, Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP)
A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals.
After discussion, **Dr. Qureshi moved, Ms. Pool seconded, and the motion passed to accept the recommendation and return case 23-0905 and allow it to remain with TXPHP.**
B. Report on Emergent Referrals. There was 1 emergent referral.
C. Program Activity Report. A TXPHP Program Activity Report was provided.

Agenda Item #7, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.

Applicant 2661 – appeared on referral to the board due to active practice. The applicant presented a brief summary, and the Board members asked questions. After discussion, **Dr. Qureshi moved, Dr. Chappell seconded, and the motion passed that applicant must pass the NBRC CRT or RRT exam, submit verification of 22.5 hours of CEU's related to RCP practice (10.5 hours live/in person, 12 hours online with 1 hour in the topic of ethics); practice under a Supervised Temporary Certificate for 6 months for at least 20 hours per week for 10 weeks with submission of work log and evaluation at the end of supervision period; all requirements need to be completed in 18 months.**

Applicant #2665 – appeared on appeal of Executive Director's decision due to active practice. The applicant presented a brief summary, and the Board members asked questions. After discussion, **Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Rodrigues seconded to deny the appeal and that the applicant complete the original requirements. A hand vote was conducted. Dr. Chappel, Mr. Rodrigues, Dr. Qureshi, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Goldwater voted in favor. Ms. Pool opposed. Mr. Marshall abstained. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 8, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. There were none.

Agenda Item #9, Report and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation, and Compliance Departments.

A. **Enforcement Activity Report.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Enforcement Activity.
B. **Warning Letters Report.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Warning Letters.
C. **Criminal Case Review Report.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Criminal Case Review.
D. **Report Regarding Cases Over One Year.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Cases Over One Year.
E. **Automatic Orders Report.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Automatic Orders.
F. **Report Request Rehearing.** There were none.

There were no items for Agenda Items #10-12.

Agenda Item #13, Cases Recommended for Dismissal.

a. **Non-Standard of Care**
b. **Standard of Care**

After discussion, **Dr. Chappell moved, Ms. Pool seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss all cases recommended for dismissal as recommended by staff.**

Agenda Item #15, Consideration and approval of Determination of Default.

a. **Shelby Anne Menefee, RCP, SOAH Docket No. 503-26-16126. RCP**

Sharada Menon, Staff Attorney, gave a brief summary of the case. Ms. Menefee was not present and no one was present on her behalf. After discussion, **Dr. Chappell moved, and Ms. Pool seconded to accept the Determination of Default and staff's recommendation of Proposed Order including revocation. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

There were no items for Agenda Items 16.

Agenda Item #17, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Modification/Termination Requests. After discussion, **Mr. Marshall moved, Dr. Qureshi seconded, and the motions passed to accept the Modification/Termination Order for Tiffany Carter, RCP.**

Agenda Item #18, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Agreed Orders. After discussion, **Dr. Qureshi moved, Dr. Chappell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for Shaka Ford, RCP and Stephen Kyei, RCP.**

Agenda Item #19, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Remedial Plans. After discussion, **Ms. Pool moved, Dr. Chappell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Mayra Tejeda, RCP.**

There were no items for Agenda Items 20-22.

Agenda Items #23, Consideration and approval of Consent Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Marshall moved, Dr. Qureshi seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Consent Orders for Henok Assenu, RCP and Marvin Blake, RCP.**

There were no items for Agenda Items 24-26.

Agenda Item #27, Open forum for public comments. No one made public comments.

Agenda Item #28, Consideration and Approval of the February 5, 2026, Respiratory Care Board meeting minutes and action items. After consideration, **Dr. Chappell moved, Dr. Qureshi seconded, and the motion passed to approve the February 5, 2026, Respiratory Care Board meeting minutes and action items.**

There was a short break from 10:02 am to 10:07 am.

Agenda Item #14, Appeals. After discussion, **Mr. Rodriguez moved, Mr. Brown seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of case 26-4966.**

Agenda Item #29, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Mr. Goldwater moved, Ms. Poole seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.**