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BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA May 15, 2025

The State of Arizona Board of Respiratory Care Examiners' ("Board") mission is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public who seek and use the services of respiratory care therapists.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the Board and to the general public that the Board will hold a regular Board meeting, which is open to the public on: Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 9:00AM. The meeting will be held at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Meeting Room C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Jack Confer at 602-542-5995 (or through the Arizona Relay Service at 711). Please make your request as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

The Board Chair reserves the right to change the order of the items listed on the Agenda. Board members may be present by telephone.

During the course of the meeting, the Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an executive session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorneys on any matter listed on the Agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), and for the purpose of discussion or consideration of confidential material pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2). The executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. As a reminder, the patient's name is confidential. You must refer to a patient by their initials or "patient."

Items that are referenced as a "Consent Agenda" may be considered as a single action unless a Board Member removes a specific item for review, discussion, and action separately from the other Consent Agenda items.

The Board will review, discuss, and may take action on the following matters listed on the agenda. The Agenda for the April 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting is as follows:

- I. CALL TO ORDER:**
- II. ROLL CALL:**
- III. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS:**
- IV. DECLARATION OF RECUSAL(S):**

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Those wishing to address the Board do not need to request permission in advance. Each person wishing to address the Board will be given five (5) minutes to do so. The Board can only take action on matters listed on the agenda. Persons who wish to raise issues or concerns not on the noticed agenda should be aware that the only procedural action that can be taken is directing staff to study the matter or to schedule the matter for further discussion at a later date.

VI. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice). Board Review, Consideration and Action on Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2025
- B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2025
- C. Executive Session Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2025

VII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTERM INVESTIGATIVE CONSENT AGREEMENT:

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice).

- A. James Aldridge 2025-RCE-0012

VIII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-3552 (A)

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice).

- A. Shannon Kaze 2025-RCE-0027
- B. Scott Gerlach 2025-RCE-0028
- C. Misti Green 2025-RCE-0049

IX. INITIAL REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF CASES AND ACTION ON INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice). The name of a Patient is confidential information. In public session, the Board members, staff, and the licensee should refer to the Patient or use the Patients' initials. The Board may block vote as desired.

Consent agenda items may be considered as a single action or block vote. The Board may remove an item from this consent agenda for discussion. For items in this, Board may review, discuss and take possible action on the below listed matter(s). Action may also include the request to appear at a future meeting. Items in this section may also be considered as a single action or block vote.

- A. Staff Recommendation for Non-Disciplinary Order of Probation. Action may include rejection of the recommendation and/or Offer of a Disciplinary Consent Agreement, issuance of a Letter of Concern, Dismissal, referral to Administrative Hearing or referral to Staff for further investigation of the following cases: [Possible Block/Consent Vote]

- 1. Dora Robertson 2025-RCE-0021

2. Rhonda Erskine	2025-RCE-0029
3. Maceo Johnson	2025-RCE-0031
4. Pamela Darschewski	2025-RCE-0032
5. Erika Romero	2025-RCE-0035
6. Susan Davis	2025-RCE-0036
7. Elizabeth Herrera	2025-RCE-0040
8. Penny Henry	2025-RCE-0044

B. Staff Recommendation for Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern(s). Action may include rejection of the recommendation and/or Offer of a Disciplinary or Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreement, Dismissal, referral to Administrative Hearing or referral to Staff for further investigation of the following cases: [Possible Block/Consent Vote]

1. Edward Napoli-Morales	2025-RCE-0009
2. Victoria Mercado	2025-RCE-0017
3. Stanford Higa	2025-RCE-0018
4. Martin Segura	2025-RCE-0019
5. Edward Ortiz	2025-RCE-0020
6. Werner Zander	2025-RCE-0022
7. David Cameron	2025-RCE-0023
8. Keophaythoune Mack	2024-RCE-0153
9. Edward Woodward	2025-RCE-0030
10. Carlee Apfel	2025-RCE-0034
11. Heather Gross	2025-RCE-0036
12. Ronesah Cleare	2025-RCE-0043
13. Shelby Rogers	2025-RCE-0046

C. Staff Recommendation for Dismissal(s). Action may include rejection of the recommendation and/or Offer of a Disciplinary or Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreement, Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern, referral to Administrative Hearing or referral to Staff for further investigation of the following cases: [Possible Block/Consent Vote]

1. Casey Witherell	2024-RCE-0028
2. Kristin Vercnocke	2024-RCE-0067
3. Michael Valdez	2024-RCE-0284
4. Mehdi Fazelanvariayzdi	2025-RCE-0007
5. Carleasa Myles	2025-RCE-0008
6. Nureddin Elgutaa	2025-RCE-0010
7. Doreen Pablo	2025-RCE-0011
8. Jane Karumba	2025-RCE-0033
9. Lauren Stewart	2025-RCE-0039
10. Karlynnne Lee-Vale	2025-RCE-0041
11. Annie Ramos	2025-RCE-0042
12. Jorge Zuniga-Hernandez	2025-RCE-0047

X. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CURRENT ARRANGMENT TO RECEIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES.

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Application, Investigation & Probation Reports (Board Update & Status)
- B. Financial Report
- C. Status, Possible Discussion, Executive Director Position (possible updated from Shared Services)
- D. Legislation
- E. Audit Follow-Reporting

XIV. FUTURE ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- A. June, 19, 2025

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

DATED this 14th day of May 2025


Jack Confer
Executive Director

