

**TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 29, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM Central Time

Location: Office of Health Related Boards
Iris Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Ray Davis, Secretary
Dr. Gary Keith Lovelady
Dr. Delmar Mack, Consumer Member
Curtis Powell
Craig Rooks

Member(s) Absent: Kira Anderson
Kimberly Christmon
Robert Farmer, Board Chair

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director
Sam Mullins, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant
Ashley Fine, Senior Associate General Counsel

Guests Present: Teresa Phillips, TnPAP
Dr. Michael Baron, TMF

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am CST and chaired by Mr. Davis. A roll call of Board Members was made, and a quorum present at the Call to Order with Mr. Davis, Dr. Lovelady, Dr. Mack, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Rooks in attendance. Ms. Wallace introduced the newly appointed Consumer Member, Dr. Delmar Mack. Administrative and legal staff were introduced.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Legislation

Ms. Olivia Johnson was present to provide the legislative report to the Board. A copy of the full report is attached to these Minutes.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of Investigations

Mr. Chad Barclay, Complaint Coordinator, presented the Investigations reports for CY2024 YTD, as follows:

CY2024 YTD

Currently Open Complaints	10
Closed Complaints	13

Total New Complaints Opened	17
Substance Abuse	2
Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional Conduct	2
Lapsed License	1
Criminal Conviction	1
Mental and/or Physical Impairment	1
Continuing Education Violation	9

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation

There were no finance reports for the Board to review in this meeting.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Peer Assistance Program

Program Contract Change

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that the previous contract for a peer assistance program that had been in place with TNPAP expired on 06/30/2024. A new contract has been entered into with Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) as the new peer assistance program, which has effective dates of 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2029. The awarding of this contract is handled through a Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) process which begins several months before the current contract expiration date. Vendors may submit proposals, which then go through a series of review processes, ultimately leading to the selection of a vendor for the contract.

Representatives from both TNPAP and TMF were in the meeting, to provide the final TNPAP report to the Board and for TMF to introduce themselves to the Board.

TNPAP Report

Teresa Phillips, TNPAP representative, was present and provided the TNPAP Report, as follows:

Activity report July 1, 2023 –June 30, 2024

Agreements Activated	2
Monitoring	6
<i>Non-Regulatory</i>	3
<i>Regulatory</i>	3

Referrals	1
Referral Source - TDH Admin	1
Referral Reason – Substance Abuse	1
Discharges	0

TN Medical Foundation (TMF)

Dr. Michael Baron, TMF Medical Director, was present to introduce TMF to the Board and provide an overview of their services. The TMF presentation included a timeline of Dr. Baron’s experiences as well as the history of the TMF. Dr. Baron gave an overview of the Physician Health Program (TMF-PHP) and the online mental health screening tool. TMF has transferred the six (6) currently monitored TN Respiratory licensees over from TNPAP to TMF.

Mr. Powell expressed his support for providing resources to licensees sooner rather than later.

A motion was made by Dr. Lovelady

To approve a request to be made for a blast email to go out to licensees regarding TMF.

With a second made by Mr. Powell

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of General Counsel

Ms. Fine presented the OGC report, as follows:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Board business may only be discussed by Board members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the Board's business at any time other than during the open Board meeting. This prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Board members should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

RULES

At the November 2023 meeting, the Board voted to amend Rule 1330-01-.07(7) regarding notification of incomplete application files. This rule amendment is currently in internal review.

At the May 9, 2024, meeting, the Board voted to amend various rules as a result of the review conducted pursuant to 2021 Public Chapter 328. Those rules are in process.

LITIGATION

APPEALS

None

CIVIL SUITS

None

PENDING CASES

There are currently five (5) open cases in the Office of General Counsel. There are no contested cases scheduled for this meeting.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The Disciplinary Coordinator for the Board of Respiratory Care is currently monitoring:

- Three (3) licensees for a reprimand;
- Two (2) licensees for probation;
- One (1) licensee for suspension; and
- Eight (8) licensees for revocation.

Presentation of Orders, Agreed Citations, and Other Disciplinary Items

Consent Orders

Copies of the ratified Consent Orders are attached to these Minutes.

Consent Order, Jonathan Lewis, RRT License #7842

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks

To ratify the Consent Order for Jonathan Lewis, RRT License #7842, as presented.

With a second made by Dr. Mack

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Consent Order, Amie Renee Locust, RRT 8033

A motion was made by Mr. Powell

To ratify the Consent Order for Amie Renee Lewis, RRT License #8033, as presented.

With a second made by Mr. Rooks

Discussion: None OR As Follows

Dr. Mack asked about the costs being up to \$3,000 on this Consent Order when the previous one included costs up to \$5,000, Ms. Fine noted the penalties are set during the case review process and the Respondent has agreed. Ms. Fine noted the costs are calculated after the order is ratified and closed. Dr. Mack said that unless there is a reason, the costs for both should be the same. Mr. Powell inquired as to whether the costs for some cases could be higher than for others and Ms. Fine concurred. Mr. Powell summarized his understanding that if a case could potentially take longer, the values are estimated based on each individual case. Dr. Mack expressed his understanding.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Agreed Orders

None

Orders of Compliance

None

Requests for Order of Modification

None

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews/Waivers & Other Requests

File Review – Amanda Vogt, File #8952

The applicant was: Present in Person Present via Phone Call Not Present

The applicant indicated prior to the meeting that she would be available to receive a phone call from the Board, should the Board wish to speak to her during the meeting.

Ms. Vogt’s file was presented to the Board previously, at the 05/09/2024 meeting. The Board attempted to place a phone call to the applicant, which she did not answer. She attempted to call back into the meeting, however, the Board had already determined they would table her file until the 08/29/2024 meeting and requested that she submit documentation regarding a previous conviction showing on her criminal background check.

A letter was sent to Ms. Vogt from the Administrative Office on 06/12/2024 making the request for appearance at the 08/29/2024 meeting as well as the additional documentation. She did respond that she would be available to attend the meeting by phone call, however, no additional documentation has been received to-date.

Amanda Vogt applied for RRT licensure by reciprocity. Her application could not be administratively approved due to a misdemeanor on her criminal background check records. On her application, the applicant replied “no” to question # 9, which asks, “*Have you ever been convicted (including nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?*”

After the date that her application was submitted, but prior to the date on which her criminal background check was processed, the misdemeanor arrest incident occurred (09/25/2023). The final documents required to complete the file were not received in time to be heard at the 02/15/2024 meeting, thus, the file was put on the 05/09/2024 agenda.

The Board is requested to review the file and make a licensing decision for this application.

Ms. Fine noted that the one actionable charge was a misdemeanor conviction of child endangerment from January 29, 2024. She also mentioned the limitations that may be applicable under the Fresh Start Act.

Dr. Mack asked about options. Ms. Fine noted that the Board's options included unencumbered licensure, contingent licensure, conditional licensure, giving the applicant the ability to withdraw the application, and licensure denial. Ms. Fine noted that under the Fresh Start Act, a misdemeanor would have to directly involve the practice of respiratory care. The Board does have the ability to impose contingencies and/or conditions should they wish to approve a license.

The Board attempted to place a call to the applicant, however, it went directly to voicemail and was not answered.

The Board again reviewed their options, as Ms. Fine described and Ms. Wallace re-stated. Ms. Fine stated the conviction may not be applicable under moral turpitude provisions.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell

To treat it as an incomplete application and allow it to close, due to incomplete information, effective as of 08/29/2024 at 10:00am CST.

With a second made by Mr. Rooks

Discussion: None OR As Follows

Dr. Mack stated that it is a professional slap in the face that she did not respond. Dr. Lovelady noted the Board's substantial time and effort and the applicant has not followed through. If she wants to re-apply she may do so in the future.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

File Review – Angie Gavin, File #7933

The applicant was: Present in Person Present via Phone Call Not Present

The applicant indicated she would be attending the meeting in person to discuss her application with the Board.

Angie Gavin has applied for CRT licensure by reciprocity. Her application could not be administratively approved due to her having answered "No" to the application question which reads, "Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?"

Her criminal background check report showed multiple misdemeanors, only one of which showed on the background check report and in the supporting documentation submitted by the applicant as having been dismissed.

The applicant did not submit any of the supporting documentation with the application. It was submitted after a specific request for such was made by the Administrative Office after receipt of the criminal background check report.

The Board was requested to review the file and make a licensing decision for this application.

Other State Licenses Held by the applicant:

- Arkansas - active, issued 01/07/2021, expiration date 03/31/2025

Ms. Gavin spoke to the Board regarding her application.

Stated she has a MO and MS license, which was obtained after applying for licensure in TN. Stated that she has been working to have the convictions expunged from her record. She reviewed the incidents that led to the charges.

Ms. Fine stated she called the court and the conviction was for disorderly conduct and is still showing on her records and has not been expunged.

Ms. Gavin stated she has worked for several years as a home care aide.

Dr. Mack stated that he would expect to see some type of documentation of an approved expungement.

Ms. Gavin has been a respiratory therapist since 2021. She has had no actions taken against her and no disciplinary actions taken against her since that time.

Mr. Powell noted no legal actions since 2010 that he can identify on her record.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell
To approve the application for licensure.
With a second made by Dr. Mack
Discussion: None OR As Follows

The Board thanked Ms. Gavin for attending the meeting and appreciated her service in the profession.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

File Review – Woyta Reed, File #7917

The applicant was: Present in Person Present via Phone Call Not Present

The applicant indicated she would be attending the meeting in person to discuss her application with the Board.

Woyta Reed has applied for CRT initial licensure. Her application could not be administratively approved due to her having answered “No” to the application questions which reads, “*Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?*”

Her criminal background check report showed multiple misdemeanors, only one of which showed on the background check report and in the supporting documentation submitted by the applicant as “dismissed”.

The applicant did not submit any of the supporting documentation with the application. It was submitted after a specific request for such was made by the Administrative Office after receipt of the criminal background check report.

The Board is requested to review the file and make a licensing decision for this application.

Ms. Reed was present to speak to the Board regarding her application file. She noted that some other indications occurred when she was in her late teens, more recently, the November 2023 charge was for harassment with a family member. She stated she had not disciplinary actions between those dates.

Dr. Lovelady noted a letter from Ms. Reed’s attorney regarding the harassment charge. She stated she hired an attorney to work to have the charge removed from her file. They are working on expungement. She graduated in February 2024 from her respiratory program.

A motion was made by Dr. Mack
To approve the application for licensure
With a second made by Mr. Rooks
Discussion: None OR As Follows

Dr. Mack thanked Ms. Reed for her attendance and participation in the meeting to discuss her application with the Board.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

File Review – Crystal (Earls) Gilbert, File #6845

The applicant was: Present in Person Present via Phone Call Not Present

The applicant informed the Administrative Office that she would not be available to attend the meeting in person to discuss her application with the Board.

Crystal Gilbert has applied for RRT licensure by reciprocity. Her application could not be administratively approved due to her having answered “Yes” to the application question which reads, “*Have you ever held a license, registration, privilege or certificate in any profession that has ever been reprimanded, suspended, restricted, revoked, otherwise disciplined, curtailed, or voluntarily surrendered under threat of investigation or disciplinary action in any jurisdiction?*”

This applicant experienced previous license discipline, with a TN Pharmacy Technician license having been revoked in 2010, which remains in revoked status at this time.

The applicant did apply for and was issued a TN Temporary Respiratory License in 2017, which was approved by the full Board after applicant interview. The TN Pharmacy Technician license revocation was reviewed by the TN Respiratory Board prior to the issuance of the 2017 temporary respiratory license. That temporary license was never converted to a full license, and expired. Due to the expiration of the temporary respiratory license and this being an entirely new application, this file is being presented to the Board for review and consideration.

The Board is requested to make a licensing decision for this application.

Other Licenses Held by the applicant:

1. Georgia, Respiratory Care, active, issued 05/11/18, expires 06/30/25
2. Arkansas, Respiratory Care, active, issued 10/06/23, expires 06/30/25
3. Mississippi, Pharmacy Tech, inactive, issued 04/21/08, expired 03/31/09
4. Mississippi, Respiratory Care, active, issued 08/07/17, expires 08/31/25
5. Tennessee, Pharmacy Tech, revoked 11/16/2010, issued 08/20/2007
6. Tennessee, Respiratory Care, TEMPORARY, issued 08/18/17 expired 08/18/18

Mr. Powell noted in the applicant’s letter of explanation, she allowed the temporary TN respiratory license to expired due to moving locations.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell

To approve the license.

With a second made by Dr. Mack

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Copies of reports and documents included in the Consent Agenda are attached to these Minutes. Ratified Minutes are published on the Board's website for the corresponding meeting date.*

- Approval of May 9, 2024, Respiratory Board Meeting Minutes
- Ratification of Licensure Files*
- Approval of Agreed Citations*
 - CE – Christine Butler, RRT #8061
 - CE – Miranda Edwards, RRT #6475
 - CE – Jeffrey Miller, RRT #6296
 - CE – Brandi Ruffin, RRT #6975
 - CE – Cara Savage, CRT #3167
 - CE – Alice Nsawi, CRT #7338
 - CE – Pierra Rogers, RRT 6647
 - Lapsed – Cameron Mitchell Hill, RRT #6969
 - Lapsed – Danielle Volz, RRT #5530
- Departmental Reports*
 - Administrative Office
- Notices
 - None

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

With a second made by Mr. Powell

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies

License Upgrade Requirements: Rule 1330-01-.05 and 1330-01-.21

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that a procedural question has arisen as to whether an individual applying to upgrade from a current active CRT license to an RRT license is required to complete a new criminal background check (CBC) for that upgrade application or not.

The Administrative Office current process for applications to upgrade from a CRT license to an RRT license does not require the applicant to complete a new criminal background check as a requirement for the upgrade.

Rule Section 1330-01-.05 under Qualifications for Licensure refers to “all levels of licensure” however, Rule Section 1330-01.21 under Upgrade does not reference a CBC under the upgrade requirements, so it has been historically viewed that an individual who is upgrading from CRT to RRT is already a “licensed respiratory care practitioner” as mentioned in the 1330-01-.05 section opening text, and since they had to complete a CBC prior to being licensed as a CRT, an upgrade would not require them to complete a new CBC. However, the terms “level” or “all levels” are not defined anywhere in the rules.

The eligibility for CRT vs RRT is based on the completed national board exam level that is successfully passed through the NBRC. Someone only passing the CRT level may then test again for the RRT level and then apply to upgrade their license with the Board from CRT to RRT accordingly.

RULE REFERENCES:

1330-01-.05 Qualifications for Licensure. *To become licensed as a respiratory care practitioner in Tennessee, a person must comply with the following procedures and requirements:*

(1) All applicants for all levels of licensure must comply with the following:

(h) An applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board’s administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board’s licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

1330-01-.21 Upgrade

(3) A certified respiratory therapist may upgrade to registered respiratory therapist by doing the following:

(a) Complete and submit a notarized application, attach a “passport” style photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months, and pay the Upgrade and State Regulatory fees as provided in rule 1330-01-.06.

(b) Submit proof of completion of academic and clinical preparation in a respiratory care program approved by C.A.A.H.E.P. in collaboration with Co.A.R.C. or their successor organizations. The applicant shall have the school send directly to the Board office either a certificate of completion, diploma, or final official transcript. If arterial blood gas endorsement is desired, the applicant must have their school send directly to the Board office a final transcript which shows the applicant’s training in blood gas analysis; and

(c) Have the NBRC submit to the Board office proof of successful completion of the advanced level practitioner examination provided by the NBRC.

Ms. Fine noted that statutorily, background checks may be required prior to the issuance of any license. For an upgrade application, the Board could make a determination of whether a new CBC would be required or not.

Mr. Powell’s opinion is to not require a new CBC for upgrade. He sees no personal value in doing so. Ms. Fine stated if the Board approves of how it is being done currently by staff, it would not require a rule change, however, the Board may initiate a change their rules at any time they deem appropriate.

The Board discussed potential operational procedures surrounding upgrades and background checks. They also discussed the self-reporting requirements of the Mandatory Practitioner Profile.

Ms. Fine stated that she could research other professions that may have license upgrades.

Mr. Rooks was in favor of requiring a new CBC at upgrade, if it occurs greater than 12 months after the initial one was generated. Mr. Rooks would like to know if a new CBC is required for an LPN to go to an RN license. Dr. Mack stated a change from LPN to RN is a different process than going from CRT to RRT.

Ms. Fine noted T.C.A. 63-27-105(d) discusses that a person licensed to practice as a CRT may upgrade to an RRT license.

Dr. Lovelady noted that if a crime is reported, it is expected to be reported to the Board. He is in favor of the same requirements for everyone.

Ms. Fine noted that Rule .05 “all applicants for all levels” is accurate to require a CBC for upgrade. Rule section .21 Upgrade does not include the CBC requirement and would need to be amended to include the CBC requirement for upgrade because .21 serves as a limitation of .05 where upgrade applications are concerned. The specific (.21) controls over the general (.05).

A motion was made by Mr. Powell

To amend Rule 1330-01-.21 to include the requirement for a CBC for upgrades.

With a second made by Mr. Rooks

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board clarified that, effective immediately, CBC applicants will be required to submit a new CBC.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell

To clarify that “all levels of licensure” means that for someone upgrading from CRT to RRT they must have a new criminal background check completed.

With a second made by Dr. Mack

Discussion: None OR As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

- Mr. Rooks - AYE
- Mr. Powell - AYE
- Mr. Davis - AYE
- Dr. Mack - AYE
- Dr. Lovelady - AYE

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Review, discuss, and take any necessary action on existing Board policies

Ms. Fine presented to the Board copies of all thirteen (13) policies the Board has adopted over time, that are currently in effect. She informed the Board that this is a review to determine if any policies need amendments or need to be incorporated into the Board's Rules. Any policy that may incorporate discipline may need to be considered to be incorporated into the Rules.

The Board determined they would like additional time to review the policies.

A motion was made by Dr. Mack

To table a review of the policies package to the 11/07/2024 meeting.

With a second made by Mr. Rooks

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events Review

There were no conference or event items for the Board to discuss in this meeting.

Discuss Old/New Board Business

There were no additional old/new Board Business items that were not otherwise included in other items on the agenda for this meeting.

Review of Correspondence

There were no Correspondence items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

Ms. Wallace provided a reminder that any individual wishing to make a public comment at a board meeting must submit a request to do so in writing at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of a meeting. This notice must be submitted by email to the Administrative Office and must include the specific topic from the published agenda/sunshine notice for the meeting for which the

individual wishes to make comment. Should the agenda be amended after initial publication, the member of the public wishing to address the Board must give their written notice no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting regarding any amended agenda item. The email address for submission of a request to make public comment for this Board is: Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov

Adjourn

There being no further business to be heard, a motion was made by Dr. Mack to adjourn.

A second was made by Mr. Rooks

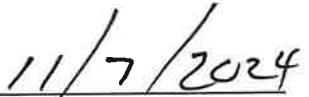
Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46am CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on November 7, 2024.


Board Chair


Date

ATTACHMENTS TO BOARD MINUTES



2024 Board of Respiratory Care Legislative Wrap

[PC.557 SB2074/HB1678](#)

As enacted, transfers certain duties and authority regarding data reported by health facilities from the executive director of the health facilities commission to the department; requires licensed birthing centers to report claims data on discharges to the department at least quarterly; removes requirement that an owner of a hospital that closes must submit to the department a report of the statistical particulars relative to the hospital's patients for the fiscal year.

[PC.561 SB2075/HB1679](#)

As enacted, generally prohibits a licensed dentist from allowing, under general supervision, more than three dental hygienists to work at any one time; authorizes a dentist to supervise, under direct supervision, no more than five dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist are providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics; authorizes a dentist to supervise, under general supervision, no more than five dental hygienists if the dentist and dental hygienists work for the department of health, a county or metropolitan health department, or an entity that participates in the state safety net program for the uninsured.

[PC.566 SB1595/HB1635](#)

As enacted, prohibits emotional support animals that are not trained, or being trained, to perform tasks or work for a person with a disability from indoor areas of food service establishments.

[PC.584 SB1957/HB2079](#)

As enacted, establishes a process for a licensed veterinarian to report suspected animal cruelty in violation of certain criminal laws and testify in a judicial or administrative proceeding concerning the care of the animal without being subject to criminal or civil liability.

[PC.586 SB2628/HB2666](#)

As enacted, establishes qualifications for a person to receive a professional counselor license through a reciprocal agreement that this state has entered into on or before January 1, 2024. The qualifications are as follows: (1) Has a master's degree in counseling or education; (2) Has a valid, unencumbered license in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement; (3) Has actively practiced for at least the preceding twenty-four (24) months in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement; and (4) Has passed the examination offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or such other examination approved by the board.

[PC.606 SB2276/HB2904](#)

As enacted, clarifies that the executive directors of the board of pharmacy and the board of nursing are employees of the department of health, under the supervision and control of the division of health related boards.

[PC.608 SB2581/HB2303](#)

As enacted, requires only marriage license applicants under the age of 18 to provide the name and address of the applicant's parents, guardian, or next of kin

[PC648 SB2398/HB2371](#)

As enacted, increases from 48 hours to two business days the time by which a physician in charge of a patient who dies or a medical examiner must determine the cause of death and complete and sign a medical certification of death.

[PC.651 SB2590/HB2522](#)

As enacted, authorizes the board of osteopathic examination to issue advisory private letter rulings upon request to affected licensees regarding matters within the board's primary jurisdiction; provides that such rulings only affect the licensee making the inquiry and have no precedential value for another inquiry or future contested case that might come before the board.

[PC678 SB1787/HB2327](#)

As enacted, by May 31, 2025 and by each May 31 thereafter, requires the department of health to publish an annual report stating the total number of attempted suicides and completed suicides that have occurred in this state in the previous calendar year; requires the department to submit the report electronically to all members of the general assembly within seven calendar days of the publication.

[PC.680 SB1843/HB2004](#)

As enacted, requires the department to investigate reports of the number of diagnoses of cancer and Parkinson's disease based on data currently available to the department in Maury County and Lawrence County; requires the department to submit a report to legislative committees no later than July 1, 2025.

[PC.700 SB2399/HB2296](#)

As enacted, authorizes the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists to enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other state that licenses marital and family therapists.

[PC.703 SB2445/HB2254](#)

As enacted, adds three persons to the state child fatality review team who are each state residents with a child under 18 (The Governor, Speaker of the House, and Speaker of the Senate each get one of the 3 appointments) ; requires the state child fatality review team to distribute the team's annual report to each local education agency and to the board of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[PC.714 SB2810/HB2622](#)

As enacted, allows the board of pharmacy to license ambulatory surgical treatment centers if certain criteria are met. An ambulatory surgical treatment center that applies to the board for licensure shall designate to the board either a pharmacist-in-charge, as defined in § 63-10-204, or a medical director who is licensed as a physician under part 6 or part 9 of this title, as the person who has the authority and responsibility for compliance with laws and rules pertaining to the practice of pharmacy at the ambulatory surgical treatment center

[PC.718 SB1588/HB1610](#)

As enacted, increases from 500 to 650 the minimum number of curriculum hours that an applicant for licensure in massage must have completed at a board-approved institution for massage, bodywork, or somatic therapy in order to be eligible for licensure under the Massage Licensure Act of 1995.

[PC.736 SB0334/HB0468](#)

As enacted, removes certain limitations placed on a person trying to meet the educational requirement for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist by presenting proof of successful completion of an accredited sleep technologist educational program (A-STEP) that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

[PC.741 SB1874/HB1853](#)

As enacted, clarifies, for the purposes of regulation of health and related facilities, what constitutes home health services. Home health service does not include services that are: Provided by a person or entity that provides solely the services of a healthcare professional licensed under title 63, chapter 13 or 17; (b) Provided solely on an outpatient basis; (c) Provided to individuals who are not certified by a physician as meeting the definition of homebound, as defined in Sections 1835(a) and 1814(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1395f and 1395n); and (cl) Not reimbursed under Medicare part A; and (ii) This subdivision (25)(K) does not exclude a therapist or entity from the requirements of this section relative to professional support services; and "Home health service" does not include physical, occupational, or speech therapy services provided by a person or entity that provides solely the services of a healthcare professional licensed under title 63, chapter 13 or 17, when provided in the room or residence of an assisted-care living facility resident

[PC.749 SB2362/HB2122](#)

As enacted, requires the department to collaborate with a Tennessee organization approved by the Board of Medical Examiners for the creation of a continuing education program for the purpose of providing healthcare professionals with information and training relative to public and office safety.

[PC.756 SB1993/HB2289](#)

As enacted, authorizes a medication aide to administer oral or topical medications prescribed with a nursing designation authorizing or requiring administration on an as-needed basis, regardless of whether a nursing assessment of the patient has been completed by a licensed nurse before administration; removes the prohibition against a medication aide administering medications delivered by aerosol/nebulizers or metered hand-held inhalers without spacers.

[PC.759 SB2549/HB2537](#)

As enacted, requires former and current district attorneys general, to solemnize the rite of matrimony, to opt in by filing notice of intention to solemnize the rite of matrimony with the office of vital records.

[PC.761 SB2482/HB2773](#)

As enacted, enacts the "Cassie Wright Act," which makes changes to law relative to a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian having access to certain medical information of their unemancipated minor. Requires a health care professional who reports a threat of bodily harm or threat of committing suicide, by a service recipient who is an unemancipated minor, to law enforcement must also report to the unemancipated minors parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian. Requires access to an unemancipated minors prescription records unless the provider is required to report abuse or access to this information is reasonably likely to endanger the life or physical safety of the minor.

[PC.767 SB1657/HB1846](#)

As enacted, requires the department to submit an annual report to the governor stating the total number of firearm injuries and deaths caused by firearms in this state per 100,000 people that have occurred in the previous calendar year.

[PC.768 SB1791/HB1973](#)

As enacted, requires the department, when screening for a condition is not implemented within 36 months of being added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel, to provide a report on the status and the reason for delay to the health and welfare committee of the senate, the health committee of the house, the genetics advisory committee of the department, and the Tennessee rare disease advisory council.

[PC.783 SB1673/HB1625](#)

As enacted, requires a qualified mental health professional or behavior analyst to warn or protect an identified victim or group of people when the professional or analyst determines that a service recipient has communicated an intent for actual threat of bodily harm; requires the professional or behavior analyst to report such threat; provides immunity from civil, criminal, and regulatory liability for a professional or analyst who takes reasonable action to warn or protect identified victims or groups and to report such threat.

[PC.806 SB1917/HB2041](#)

As enacted, prohibits marriage between first cousins.

[PC.808 SB2019/HB2060](#)

As enacted, increases from 50 to 100 the number of patients to whom a licensed nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is authorized to prescribe Schedule II or III drugs may prescribe buprenorphine products; increases from four (4) to five(5) the maximum number of licensed nurse practitioners or physician assistants who prescribe buprenorphine products that a physician may supervise or collaborate with at one time; makes other changes relative to the use of buprenorphine products.(FQHC's

Community mental health centers, non-residential substitution based treatment center for opiate addiction)

[PC.824 SB0869/HB0282](#)

As enacted, authorizes as part of the practice of pharmacy the prescribing of dietary fluoride supplements, certain immunization agents upon, opioid antagonists, Post-exposure prophylaxis for nonoccupational exposure to HIV infection, and the ordering of lab tests in conjunction with initiation of therapy; Epinephrine auto-injectors for patients with a documented history of allergies or anaphylactic reactions; Progesterone-only hormonal contraceptives.

[PC.831 SB1766/HB1882](#)

As enacted, requires a healthcare provider to provide to a patient or the patient's authorized representative a full copy of the patient's medical records within 10 working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or representative, instead of providing a full copy or a summary of the records; requires a healthcare provider to provide to a principal or an attorney in fact acting pursuant to a durable power of attorney for health care a full copy of the principal's medical records within 10 working days of receipt of a written request by the principal or attorney in fact, instead of providing a full copy or a summary of the records.

[PC.834 SB1832/HB2226](#)

As enacted changes requirements for members appointment to the Maternal mortality Review Committee. The requirements for members who are from community-based organizations are as follows:

1 member from the middle grand division of this state

1 member from the eastern grand division of this state.

2 members from the western grand division of this state, including: 1 member from a municipality with a population of not less than 633,100 and not more 633,200 and 1 member from a municipality with a population of not less 68,200 and not more than 68,210 according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census

[PC.838 SB1930/HB2222](#)

As enacted, requires the department of health shall conduct a review and issue a report to the general assembly on variants of the apolipoprotein L 1 (APOL 1) gene associated with increased risk of end-stage renal disease. The report must include: Recommendations on how to increase awareness for APOL 1, including screening and genetic testing. An analysis of strategies and funding to increase screening and genetic testing for APOL 1 in this state. Other relevant information or issues identified by the department.

[PC.840 SB1945/HB2174](#)

As enacted, redefines "food service establishment" to exclude an establishment whose primary business is other than food service, that incidentally makes casual, occasional food sales for two days or less while an organized temporary event is being conducted less than one-quarter mile from the establishment, for the purposes of exempting such establishments from regulation by the department of health and local governments.

[PC.856 SB2296/HB2248](#)

As enacted, authorizes the department to contract with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that maintains a principal office in this state and that is affiliated with a nonprofit membership organization composed of family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students in this state for the nonprofit organization to administer some or all portions of the family medicine student loan repayment program.

[PC.857 SB2297/HB2308](#)

As enacted, changes certain requirements for healthcare providers who are not physicians to qualify to prescribe a buprenorphine product for the treatment of opioid use disorder, recovery, or medication-assisted treatment. (PAs and APRNs who practice in certain setting, have certain specialties, and practices under a collaborative agreement with a physician)(Vanderbilt)

[PC.891 SB2300/HB2378](#)

As enacted changes the number of credit hours for practical nursing programs to 1,296 clock hours or an equivalent number of credit hours.

[PC.893 SB1720/HB2451](#)

As enacted, requires certain information to be included in a healthcare practitioner advertisement. A practitioner may only advertise the profession, title, or designation associated with the educational degree of the practitioner.

[PC.906 SB2020/HB1695](#)

As enacted, specifies that reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports of victims who are minors and who's manner of death is listed as homicide are not public documents; allows a parent or legal guardian of a minor who's death is listed as homicide to the release of the report of the county medical examiner or autopsy report of the minor victim if the parent or legal guardian is not a suspect in the circumstances of the minor's death.

[PC.921 SB2850/HB2900](#)

As enacted, requires verification of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence for applicants of professional licenses. Outlines that BME shall grant a full and unrestricted license to temporary licensee who is in good standing 2 years after the date of the initial temporary licensure.

[PC.924 SB0734/HB0628](#)

As enacted, allows the Licensing Board to enter into an executive session for the discussion or deliberation of health conditions of a licensee or prospective licensee, including mental health conditions, career fatigue, substance use disorders, revealed during an application process.

The proceedings of the executive session, minutes and recordings of such executive session, portions of an application involving an applicant's health condition, and records involving an applicant's health condition are confidential, privileged, and not public records subject to inspection by citizens of this state. The board may not vote during an executive session. An applicant or licensee may access records of the applicant's or licensee's own application and related proceedings, as may the applicant's or licensee's authorized representative or attorney, or an attorney for this state

An attorney for the state may be present for the entirety of the 3 proceeding and may advocate on behalf of the department as is reasonably necessary during such proceeding, including the executive session. (c) At the discretion of an applicant for a license, an authorized representative or attorney for the applicant for a license before a board established pursuant to this title or title 68, may be present for the entirety of any proceeding, including an executive session, and may advocate on behalf of the applicant as is reasonably necessary during such proceeding or executive session.

[PC.929 SB1936/HB2366](#)

As enacted, changes the application requirements for international medical school graduates applying for special licenses of limited duration after meeting certain criteria. Grants a temporary license to international medical graduates with one-year postgraduate training in the U.S. Outlines the path for foreign training and temporary licensees to obtain full, unrestricted medical practice licenses in Tennessee.

[PC.935 SB2139/HB2358](#)

As enacted, provides the board of Pharmacy the authority to register any mechanical or electronic systems that operate solely on the premises of a hematology or oncology clinic in this state and that perform the storage, control, and dispensing of commercially-available drug products pursuant to a valid patient-specific prescription, as part of the operations of a licensed pharmacy. The pharmacy responsible for the operations of the mechanical or electronic system shall maintain the collection, control, and maintenance of all transaction information and the security, control, and accountability for such commercially-available drug products.

[PC.944 SB2588/HB2097](#)

As enacted, requires state regulatory boards within the department of commerce and insurance and state health related boards within the department of health to issue advisory opinions upon request.

[PC.945 SB2632/HB2645](#)

As enacted, makes various changes to the present law relative to birth certificates. This includes certain reporting requirements for clerks or attorneys to the division of vital records for the preparation of a new certificate of birth by adoption. Outlines the methods for amending birth certificates to establish parentage, including acknowledgment forms, marriage certificates, and court orders. Also outlines the preparation of new certificates of birth by adoption, the sealing of original birth certificates, and the issuance of reports of foreign birth for adoptees not born in the U.S.

[PC.980 SB2246/HB2093](#)

As enacted, authorizes a healthcare provider licensed as a nurse or physician assistant to prescribe a buprenorphine product as approved by the FDA for use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment if certain criteria are met. The act sets limits on the number of patients to whom a provider can prescribe buprenorphine products—100 patients generally, and 250 patients if the provider practices in a nonresidential office-based opiate treatment facility accredited by bodies like CARF or the Joint Commission. It also caps the number of providers a physician can supervise at one time—two providers generally, and five providers in a nonresidential office-based opiate treatment facility, with a maximum of 500 patients under treatment at any one time.(OBOTs)

[PC.996 SB2633/HB2644](#)

As enacted, makes various changes to present law on adoption and foster parents including conditions under which parental rights may be terminated, including new grounds for termination and procedures for surrendering parental rights. Definitions and rights of putative fathers are clarified, including criteria for claiming paternity and the process for acknowledging paternity in adoption cases. details procedural changes in adoption, including expenses related to adoption, consent requirements, and expedited proceedings for contested cases.

[PC.999 SB1771/HB2808](#)

As enacted, makes the state liable and responsible for paying the expenses for HIV medication for inmates committed to a county jail or workhouse who previously received prescription medication to treat HIV or AIDS through a state department, agency, or program, including TennCare. Allows inmates who were being treated under the Ryan White program prior to incarceration to either be brought to the treating physician to continue treatment or continue treatment via telemedicine.

[PC.1010 SB0898/HB0521](#)

As enacted, creates the professional music therapist advisory committee of the board of examiners in psychology to regulate the practice of music therapy.

[PC.1018 SB1727/HB1862](#)

As enacted, enacts the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact.

[PC.1025 SB1862/HB1863](#)

As enacted, enacts the "Dietitian Licensure Compact."

[PC.1027 SB1881/HB2857](#)

As enacted, removes from the definition of "provider-based telemedicine" the requirement that the healthcare service provider or the provider's practice group or healthcare system have an established provider-patient relationship that is documented by an in-person encounter within 16 months prior to the interactive visit.

[PC.1030 SB1963/HB2176](#)

As enacted, permits a court to award the reasonable court costs and attorney's fees to a petitioner successfully proving that a governing body knowingly and willfully violated the public meetings laws in this state.

[PC.1032 SB1971/HB1895](#)

As enacted, creates the criminal offense of abortion trafficking of a minor; provides for a civil action against a person committing the offense of abortion trafficking of a minor for the wrongful death of an unborn child that was aborted.

[PC.1035 SB2004/HB2328](#)

As enacted, prohibits a licensed professional counselor, licensed marital and family therapist, or licensed clinical pastoral therapist from receiving compensation for services rendered in a free health clinic, including, but not limited to, reimbursement from an individual or from any third party payor.

[PC.1041 SB2134/HB2405](#)

As enacted, enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact.

[PC.1042 SB2136/HB2318](#)

As enacted, outlines the definitions, roles, and collaborative agreements for physician assistants, including their scope of practice and prescriptive authority. Details the protocol requirements for physician assistants, including chart reviews and remote site visits. Changes existing laws concerning the signing of death certificates and genetic counseling referrals. Also creates a task for composed of three (3) PAs and three (3) MDs to collaborate and determine what the enhanced PA License will entail and how it operates.

[PC.1043 SB2151/HB2861](#)

As enacted, clarifies that a healthcare practitioner shall not coerce a person, including a person who has legal authority to make healthcare decisions for a child, to consent to a vaccination; Mislead or misrepresent that a vaccination is required by state law, when state law provides an exemption; or (3) Mislead or misrepresent that a newborn screening test is required by state law, when state law does not require such screening without providing an exemption to such requirement.

[PC.1046 SB2230/HB2545](#)

As enacted, defines "hospital-based laboratory" and "hospital-based laboratory supervisor" for purposes of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act; provides hospital-based laboratory supervisors the authority to supervise up to four hospital-based laboratories located in rural counties; makes certain other changes relative to hospital-based laboratories.

[PC.1061 SB2749/HB2936](#)

As enacted, enacts the "Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act." This act outlines that parental consent must be given to a healthcare provider to render certain treatment or services unless under certain circumstances such as emergency medical or surgical treatment or if blanket consent has been given.

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD
)	OF RESPIRATORY CARE
JONATHAN LEWIS, RRT)	
RESPONDENT)	CASE NO: 2024000901
)	
BARTLETT, TENNESSEE)	
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 7842)	

CONSENT ORDER

Comes now the Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (the "Division"), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Jonathan Lewis, R.R.T. ("Respondent"), who would move the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (the "Board") for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent's respiratory care license in the State of Tennessee.

The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of respiratory therapists licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. *See Tennessee Respiratory Care Practitioner Act, TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-27-101, et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of respiratory care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Tennessee Respiratory Care Practitioner Act in such a manner as to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare in every practicable way, including disciplining respiratory therapists who violate the provisions of *TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-27-101, et seq.* or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the *Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee* (hereinafter "TENN. COMP. R. & REGS.").

Respondent, by his signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions, and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Consent Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue its order without further process. Respondent acknowledges that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and/ or a similar agency. In the event that the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto registered by the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (the "Board"), as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (hereinafter "RRT") in Tennessee, having been first granted Tennessee license number 7842 by the Board on September 9, 2020, which has a current expiration date of September 30, 2024.
2. On January 12, 2024, Respondent received a phone call from the Tennessee Department of Health regarding his CEUs.
3. At that time, Respondent explained that he has been sending his CEU's to the National Board

only, as Respondent has moved a few times during 2023.

4. Respondent sent proof of completion for the 2020-2021 years, indicating he completed seven hours in 2020 which he was only licensed in September, 2020.
5. Further investigation shows Respondent completed 22 hours for 2020-2021 but no hours were completed for 2022 and nine hours were completed in 2023. This leaves a deficiency of 15 hours for the 2022-2023 cycle.

II. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

The facts stipulated to in the Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's respiratory care license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Respiratory Care Practitioner Act, (TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-27-101, *et seq.*) for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

6. The facts stipulated in paragraphs three (3), four (4) and five (5) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-27-112(a):
 - (2) Immoral, unethical, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;
 - (6) Gross health care liability, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of professional practice;
 - (8) Engaging in the practice of respiratory care when mentally or physically unable to safely do so;

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care takes this action in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

7. The Tennessee Respiratory Care License of Respondent, Jonathan Lewis, R.R.T., License No. 7842 is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, effective the date of entry of this Consent Order by the Board.
8. Respondent shall be required to obtain 24 hours of continuing education for the years 2022 and 2023. The respondent shall also be required to obtain an additional five (5) hours of continuing education. These hours shall be done within 90 (ninety) days of the entry of this order.
9. Respondent shall pay one (1) Type B Civil Penalty in the amount three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
10. Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-1-144, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed against the Board by the State in connection with the prosecution of this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the State. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

IV. NOTICE

11. Any and all costs shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs. Payment shall be made by **certified check, cashier's check, or money order**, payable to the **State of Tennessee**, Department of Health. Any and all payments shall be forwarded to the **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. A notation shall be placed on said money order or such check that it is payable for the Costs of Jonathan Lewis, R.R.T., Case No. 2024000901.

This **CONSENT ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 29th day of August, 2024.



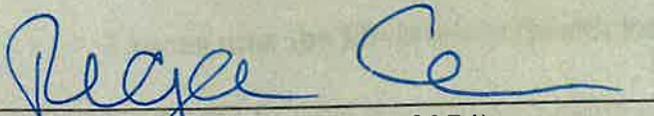
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Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



07/23/2024
DATE

Jonathan Lewis, R.R.T.
Respondent
Tennessee License Number 7842
3975 N. Heatherhill
Bartlett, TN 38135



8/5/24
DATE

Regan Cothron (B.P.R. #018974)
Associate General Counsel
Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
(615) 741-1611

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this Consent Order has been served upon the Respondent by delivering via United States Mail, certified mail no. 9589 0710 5270 0707
9336 53, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination at the following address and via email to:

Jonathan Lewis, RRT
3975 N. Heatherhill
Bartlett, TN 38135
Jplewis1138@gmail.com

This 30th day of August, 2024.



Regan Cochran
Associate General Counsel
Tennessee Department of Health

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	BEFORE THE TENNESSEE
)	BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
AMIE RENEE LOCUST, RRT)	
RESPONDENT)	
)	CASE NUMBER: 2024015661
NESBIT, MISSISSIPPI)	
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 8033)	

CONSENT ORDER

Come now the Division of Health-Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (hereinafter the “Division”), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Amie Renee Locust, RRT, (hereinafter “Respondent”), and respectfully move the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (hereinafter the “Board”) for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent’s license to practice as a registered respiratory therapist (hereinafter “RRT”) in the State of Tennessee.

The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of respiratory care practitioner’s licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. *See* Tennessee Respiratory Care Practitioner Act (hereinafter the “Practice Act”), Tennessee Code Annotated Section (hereinafter “Tenn. Code Ann. §”) 63-27-101, *et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of respiratory care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Practice Act in such a manner as to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, including by disciplining licensed respiratory care practitioners who violate the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-101, *et seq.*, the General Rules and Regulations Governing Respiratory Care Practitioners promulgated by the Board and recorded in the *Official Compilation*

Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter “Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.”) located at Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1330-01, *et seq.*

Respondent, Amie Renee Locust, RRT, by her signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all right to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Consent Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue its order without further process. Respondent acknowledges that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and/or similar agency. In the event that the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a licensed registered respiratory therapist (hereinafter “RRT”) in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 8033 by the Board on May 18, 2021, which currently has an expiration date of June 30, 2025.

2. For the 2022 continuing education cycle, Respondent was required to provide the Department proof of successful completion of twelve (12) hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board, with at least one (1) hour in patient safety as defined by the Joint Commission, and at least one (1) hour in professional or ethical standards for respiratory therapists.
3. For the 2022 continuing education cycle, Respondent did not submit any of the required twelve (12) hours of continuing education required for a licensed respiratory care practitioner.
4. Therefore, Respondent was deficient in continuing education hours for the 2022 renewal cycle by twelve (12) hours, including one (1) hour in patient safety as defined by the Joint Commission, and at least one (1) hour in professional or ethical standards for respiratory therapist.
5. On January 30, 2024, the Department mailed a letter to Respondent's current address on file advising Respondent of this non-compliance with the continuing education hours for the 2022 renewal cycle. Respondent was advised to make up the deficient hours within ninety (90) days of notification from the Board. An Agreed Citation was included as a proposed means of resolving the matter regarding Respondent's deficient continuing education hours and it included a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be paid within ninety (90) days of notification from the Board. The notice advised that Respondent must complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education, including one (1) hour of patient safety as defined by the Joint Accreditation Commission and one (1) hour of a course focused on the professional or ethical standards required of respiratory therapists. Furthermore, Respondent was also required to complete an additional five (5) continuing

education hours related to the practice of respiratory care either before ratification or within ninety (90) days of ratification of this citation by the Board, in addition to the deficient hours. The notice gave Respondent thirty (30) days to contact the Department regarding the matter.

6. To date, Respondent failed to provide proof of completion of the required continuing education hours for the 2022 audit cycle.

II. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

The facts stipulated in the Stipulations of Fact, *supra*, are sufficient to establish grounds to discipline Respondent's license to practice as a respiratory care practitioner. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statute and rule which are part of the Tennessee Respiratory Care Practitioner Act, (Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-101, *et seq.*) and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the General Rules and Regulations Governing Respiratory Care Practitioners (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapter 1330-01, *et seq.*), for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

7. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-112(a)(2), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Immoral, unethical, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.
8. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-112(a)(5), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board or any criminal statute of this state.

9. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-112(a)(11), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Any other unprofessional or unethical conduct specified in the rules of the board.

10. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109(a), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Every licensed respiratory care practitioner shall obtain, during each calendar year, at least ten (10) hours of continuing professional respiratory care education that meets the guidelines established for such continuing education by the rules of the board. Each licensed practitioner shall maintain written proof of obtaining such continuing education for a period of at least three (3) years and shall, upon request, make such proof available to the board or the division.

11. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Comp. R. and Regs. 1330-01-.12(1)(a), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Each therapist and assistant licensed by the Board must complete twelve (12) hours of approved continuing education every calendar year.

1. At least five (5) of those twelve (12) hours must pertain to the clinical practice of respiratory care or to research relating to the cardiopulmonary system.
2. At least one (1) of those twelve (12) hours must pertain to patient safety as defined by the T.J.C. (The Joint Commission).
3. At least one (1) of those twelve (12) hours must be a course focused on the professional or ethical standards required of respiratory therapists by their governing rules and statutes.
4. The remaining five (5) hours may pertain to, among other topics, education or management.

12. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Comp. R. and Regs. 1330-01-.12(4), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

- (a) Each individual must retain independent proof of attendance and completion of all continuing education requirements. This documentation must be retained for a period of three (3) years from the end of the renewal period in which the continuing education was acquired. This documentation must be produced for inspection and verification, if requested in writing by the Board during its verification process. . .
- (b) If, after request by the Board during its verification process, a person submits documentation for training that is not clearly identifiable as appropriate continuing education, the Board will request a written description of the training and how it applies to the practice of respiratory care. If the Board determines that the training cannot be considered appropriate continuing education, the individual will be given ninety (90) days to replace the hours not allowed. Those hours will be considered replacement hours and cannot be counted during the next renewal period.

13. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of Tenn. Comp. R. and Regs. 1330-01-.12(7), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

Violations - Any licensee who fails to successfully complete or who falsely certifies attendance and completion of the required hours of continuing education may be subject to disciplinary action.

- (a) Prior to the institution of any disciplinary proceedings, a letter shall be issued to the last known address of the individual stating the facts or conduct which warrant the intended action.
- (b) The licensee has thirty (30) days from the date of notification to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license.
- (c) Any licensee who fails to show compliance with the required continuing education hours in response to the notice contemplated by subparagraphs (7)(a) and (7)(b) above may be subject to disciplinary action.

Continuing education hours obtained as a result of compliance with the terms of a Board Order in any disciplinary action shall not be credited toward the continuing education hours required to be obtained in any renewal period.

14. The facts as stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through six (6) *supra*, constitutes a violation of the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care Policy Statement on Continuing Education Deficiencies (Ratified March 30, 2017), which authorizes discipline of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for:

A respiratory care practitioner licensed in Tennessee is required to complete twelve (12) contact hours of continuing education every calendar year. (See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1330-1-.12 regarding continuing education requirements.) Prior to the institution of any disciplinary proceedings for continuing education deficiencies, a letter shall be sent from the board's administrative office to licensee's last known address of record in the board's office stating the deficiency and asking that licensee cure the deficiency within ninety (90) days from the date of notification. If the deficiency is cured within the 90 days grace period, no disciplinary action shall ensue.

Should the respiratory care practitioner fail to obtain the continuing education ("CE") hours for a calendar year after notification or fail to cure the deficiency within the allowed grace period, the following shall occur:

1. The respiratory care practitioner must pay a civil penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Payment must be rendered within ninety (90) days of notification from the Board that the respiratory care practitioner has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours. Discipline for CE violations will be assessed by the Department via Agreed Citation, which will detail the licensee's rights and obligations under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-5-301, et seq. The discipline assessed in accordance with this Continuing Education Policy constitutes formal discipline against a practitioner's license, and as such, it is reportable on the Department's Disciplinary Action Report ("DAR") and will be noted on the practitioner's licensure profile.
2. The respiratory care practitioner must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion.
3. The respiratory care practitioner must complete an additional five (5) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the respiratory care practitioner make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The five (5) hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Board upon completion.

If such licensee fails to demonstrate that he or she has cured the continuing education deficiency in the manner prescribed by this policy, the Department will file a licensure

complaint and the licensee will be prosecuted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A, §§ 4-5- 301, et seq.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care takes this action in order to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all people in the State of Tennessee and to ensure that the public confidence in the integrity of respiratory care practitioners is preserved. The Board recognizes that ensuring a licensed respiratory care practitioner's compliance with applicable law and ethics is crucial to achieve this goal.

IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

15. The Tennessee registered respiratory therapist license of Amie Renee Locust, RRT, license number 8033, is hereby **REPRIMANDED** effective from the date of entry of this Consent Order.
16. Respondent is assessed and must pay, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-112 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1330-01-.15(5), civil penalties in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) as outlined in the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care's Policy Statement on Continuing Education Deficiencies for the twelve (12) hours of continuing education hours Respondent failed to complete. All civil penalties shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs and Civil Penalties.

17. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent must make up the seventeen (17) hours of continuing education credits, which includes the deficient twelve (12) hours of continuing education hours Respondent failed to complete, as well as the additional required five (5) hours, including one (1) hour of patient safety as defined by the Joint Accreditation Commission and one (1) hour of a course focused on the professional or ethical standards required of respiratory therapists. The continuing education requirement required by this Order is in addition to completing the continuing education hour requirement for the current year. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted within thirty (30) days of completion by delivering proof to: Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health-Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 or via email to Disciplinary.Coordinator@tn.gov.
18. Respondent must pay, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-144, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed against the Board by the Division's Bureau of Investigations in connection with the prosecution of this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Division. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs and Civil Penalties.
19. Respondent understands this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and/or a similar agency to comply with all of the public reporting obligations of the Health Care Consumer Right to Know Act of 1998 (Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-51-101, *et seq.*).

20. Respondent agrees that facsimile/PDF copies of this Order, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

V. NOTICE

21. Any and all civil penalties and costs shall be **paid in full within twelve (12) months** from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs and Civil Penalties. Payment shall be made by **certified check, cashier's check, or money order**, payable to the **State of Tennessee**, Department of Health by mail. All disciplinary terms submitted, including continuing education course credits, civil penalties and/or cost payments, must include **Amie Renee Locust, RRT, Case No. 2024015661** on the instrument. All payments can be mailed or delivered to:

**Office of General Counsel
Attn: Disciplinary Coordinator
Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

22. A violation of this Consent Order shall constitute a separate violation, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-112(5) and is grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's respiratory care practitioner's license.

Amie Renee Locust, RRT
Case No. 2024015661
Consent Order

VI. APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

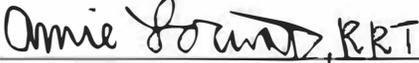
This **CONSENT ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 29th day of August, 2024.



Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

Amie Renee Locust, RRT
Case No. 2024015661
Consent Order

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



Amie Renee Locust, RRT
License No. 8033
Respondent
1777 Star Landing Road East
Nesbit, MS 38651
Email: a.locust16@gmail.com

08/18/24

Date



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August 28, 2024

Date

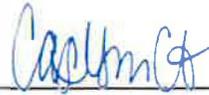
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon Respondent by delivering same in the United States Mail, Certified Number 9589 0710 5270 0627 2753 90 return receipt requested, and United States First Class Postage Pre-Paid Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination and via email to:

Amie Renee Locust, RRT
1777 Star Landing Road East
Nesbit, MS 38651
Email: a.locust16@gmail.com

This 29th day of August, 2024.



Candace M. Carter
Senior Associate General Counsel
Tennessee Department of Health

Ratification List

4/29/2024 – 08/19/2024

RRT Closed Applications

Chambers Jessica Magdalena
Jones Scarlett
Keliipuleole Kyle Ikaika
Loden Teresa H
Morse Larry Shane
Pisani Christina Marie
Racer Maryellen
Sartain Randi Nicole
Seacrest Sarah Grayce
Simpson Linsey Kristin
Williams Jabari Rendell

RRT Newly Licensed

9078 Abrams Shayne
9135 Adams Marcus Craig
9120 Allen Sheila
9046 Almansour Hamad
9123 Andrews Brianna
9172 Armstrong Zoe
9217 Baker Brianna Lee
9174 Barnes Bridget Cheyenne
9104 Beatty John Ephriam
9128 Beck Brandon
7183 Blair Tomika Ann
9152 Bland Antonio Marquaze
9094 Blatz Michael Lee
4378 Blodgett Lucille D
6196 Bowden Laurie Evans
9049 Brown Brandy Lynn
4173 Brown Carrie Anne
9193 Brown Jann Paige
9142 Callins Reanna
9085 Chefalo Kara Michele
9179 Christy Autumn Brooke
7016 Cook Diamond Jade
9124 Dagg Brian
8895 Detar Judith Emily
9073 Dilworth Faith

9131 Doane Madison
9087 Duhachek Lindsay M
9201 Eaton Emmalee Grace
9117 Edwards Latonya A
9101 Flores Reyna
9168 Gibson Morgan Brooke
9218 Gorman Erin Renee
9160 Grant Jennifer Lynn
9210 Guyton Catina Lasha
9077 Hammond Monica Alicia
9151 Hanson Abigail
9167 Harrower Steven
9082 Helton Jasmine
9161 Hernandez Alexandra
9180 Hicks Makalea
9143 Highsmith Karalee
6969 Hill Cameron Mitchell
9125 Hopper Kaliagh Nichole
9134 Hughes Kimberly Renea
9162 Ingram Germaine Jr
9194 Jones Jenna Leann
1467 Kayser Tracy L
9068 Ladwig Valerie
8813 Lamar Kathryn
9195 Landwehr Brandi Leanna
9096 Langosch Barb
9171 Laroe Katelynn
2112 Lloyd Deborah Ann
9130 Malugin Ashley Briann
9175 Matarangolo Aimee Cara
9204 Mcclora Valencia
9150 Mcgee Jonathan William
9138 Melton Cassidy Anne
8891 Miller Reagan
9208 Mitchell Marta
9141 Mitchell Staci Leshea
9214 Morgan Chasity Renee
9170 Mosier Kayla Leighann
9205 Ogechi Elvis
9158 Ortega Kyle
9025 Ortolani Kevin Richard
9153 Panama Mesch Laurie Marie
9133 Parham Jewel Faith
8805 Patton Robert Alexander
9126 Peddicord James Curtis

9207 Pharr Lindsey Ariel
9223 Pitts Sheunna Alexandria
9177 Potts Amber
9070 Proffitt Maria
6851 Pursley Robyn
9189 Pyne Raquel Estela
9074 Quinn David
9192 Rinehart Chloe Paige
9169 Rizenbergs Nicholas
9187 Roads Sophia
9202 Robb Christinia
9164 Samz Barbara Jane
9146 Sanchez Adrienne Nicole
9122 Scott Jolie Grace
9163 Seals Shelby C
9188 Sieler Ellena Rose
9196 Slaven Matthew
9136 Smith Deanna Elizabeth
9109 Stewart Sierra
9185 Stitt-Daw Laura Kay
9159 Stoger Emily
9099 Taylor Amber Nicole
9106 Taylor Hannah
6401 Thigpen Sarah Victoria
9206 Thomas Taryn Rachel
9148 Thompson Anna Marie
9166 Trinidad Tessa Marguerite
9139 Tucker Macie Ann Elizabeth
9181 Ussery Christina
5530 Volz Danielle
9091 Wallace Sydney Leigh
9190 West Terry
9137 Williams Bailey
9155 Williams Jackee Naheila
9149 Wilson Drew
9184 Woeller Abigail
9199 Wofford Elisabeth

RRT Reinstated

4378 Blodgett Lucille D
6196 Bowden Laurie Evans
4173 Brown Carrie Anne
7016 Cook Diamond Jade

6969 Hill Cameron Mitchell
1467 Kayser Tracy L
6851 Pursley Robyn
6401 Thigpen Sarah Victoria
5530 Volz Danielle

CRT Closed Applications

Bloodworth Madison
Kirkland Summer
Reed Woyta Kamiel
Starlin Zandra
Weaver Hannahstaysia

CRT Newly Licensed

7925 Alalshalab Saja Mohammad
7960 Alkhunjuf Nasser
7957 Almakrami Abbas
7958 Alqahmi Abeer
7959 Alqahmi Ghadir
7343 Baker Brianna Lee
7951 Batkiewicz Lindsey Reina
7967 Bishop Amanda Brooke
7963 Chambers Dominique
7934 Chandler Corsica Yuri
7952 Crowder Kayla Lea
7942 Dew Paige
7961 Elliott Mahalia Gabrielle
7943 Forster Jenna
7939 Gilreath Savannah Nicole
7945 Honeycutt Julia
7950 Jaber Abdulrahman
7927 Little Alexandria Noel
7956 Love Quinterria
7964 Mendez Christina Maria
7946 Mitchell Marta
Morgan Sherin Morgan-
7970 Lotfy
7953 Myers Megan Christine
7928 Odom Emily
7937 Patton Ciara
7936 Patton Jordyn
7973 Pitts Sheunna Alexandria
7979 Rias Takayla Nakole

7955 Robb Christinia
7938 Ross-Evans Ceanah
7965 Sindy Vian
7930 St. Clair Sandra Monique
7971 Tawlah Ahmad
7944 Toney Chandra Lela Shay

CRT Reinstated

7343 Baker Brianna Lee



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RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION

Christine Butler
RRT LICENSE # 8061

January 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Christine Butler (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 8061; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain five (5) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of **three hundred dollars (\$300.00)**, Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein.

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not

constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

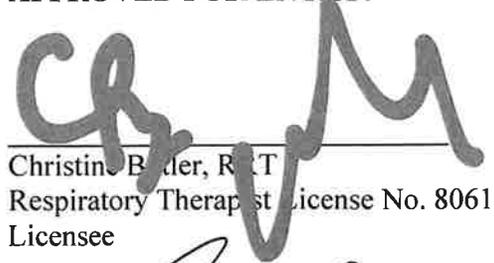
WHEREAS, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that Licensee has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges and understands that if Licensee does not sign this Agreed Citation and return it along with a check or money order made out to the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care for the prescribed amount and submission of proof of completion of all required continuing education credits within **ninety (90) days**, a formal contested case hearing may be initiated in which the Board is authorized to assess civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with each day of continued violation constituting a separate violation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-134. Additionally, the Board may refuse to renew Licensee's license, or the Board may suspend or revoke Licensee's license.

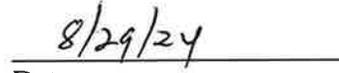
THEREFORE, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of **three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be paid within ninety (90) days of the date of this citation**. Licensee further agrees to provide proof to the Board of completion of **five (5) hours of continuing education, the amount determined to be deficient, in addition to a penalty of an additional five (5) continuing education hours related to the practice of respiratory care** either before ratification or within **ninety (90) days** of ratification of this citation by the Board. Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website and may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:


Christine Butler, RRT
Respiratory Therapist License No. 8061
Licensee


Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care


Date


Date



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Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION
Miranda Edwards
RRT LICENSE # 6475



January 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Miranda Edwards (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 6475; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain twenty four (24) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2020 and 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of **three hundred dollars (\$300.00)**, Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein.

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not

constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that Licensee has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges and understands that if Licensee does not sign this Agreed Citation and return it along with a check or money order made out to the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care for the prescribed amount and submission of proof of completion of all required continuing education credits within **ninety (90) days**, a formal contested case hearing may be initiated in which the Board is authorized to assess civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with each day of continued violation constituting a separate violation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-134. Additionally, the Board may refuse to renew Licensee's license, or the Board may suspend or revoke Licensee's license.

THEREFORE, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of **three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be paid within ninety (90) days of the date of this citation**. Licensee further agrees to provide proof to the Board of completion of **twenty four (24) hours of continuing education, the amount determined to be deficient**, (including 2 hours of patient safety as defined by the Joint Accreditation Commission and 2 hours of a course focused on the professional or ethical standards required of respiratory therapists), **in addition to a penalty of an additional five (5) continuing education hours related to the practice of respiratory care** either before ratification or within **ninety (90) days** of ratification of this citation by the Board. Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website and may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).



APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Miranda Edwards, RRT
Miranda Edwards, RRT
Respiratory Therapist License No. 6475
Licensee

Gay R. Lewis
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

4/26/2024
Date

8/29/24
Date





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Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION

Jeffery Miller
RRT LICENSE # 6296



January 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Miller (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 6296; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain one point seven five (1.75) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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WHEREAS, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not

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WHEREAS, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that Licensee has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges and understands that if Licensee does not sign this Agreed Citation and return it along with a check or money order made out to the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care for the prescribed amount and submission of proof of completion of all required continuing education credits within **ninety (90) days**, a formal contested case hearing may be initiated in which the Board is authorized to assess civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with each day of continued violation constituting a separate violation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-134. Additionally, the Board may refuse to renew Licensee's license, or the Board may suspend or revoke Licensee's license.

THEREFORE, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of **three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be paid within ninety (90) days of the date of this citation**. Licensee further agrees to provide proof to the Board of completion of **one point seven five (1.75) hours of continuing education, the amount determined to be deficient, in addition to a penalty of an additional five (5) continuing education hours related to the practice of respiratory care** either before ratification or within **ninety (90) days** of ratification of this citation by the Board. Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website and may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).



APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Jeffery Miller RRT

Jeffery Miller, RRT
Respiratory Therapist License No. 6296
Licensee

4-3-24

Date

Gay Dainoff

Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

8/29/21

Date





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AGREED CITATION
Brandi Ruffin
RRT LICENSE # 6975



January 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Brandi Ruffin (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 6975; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain two (2) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Brandi Ruffin, RRT
Brandi Ruffin, RRT
Respiratory Therapist License No. 6975
Licensee

4-28-24
Date

[Signature]
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

8/29/24
Date





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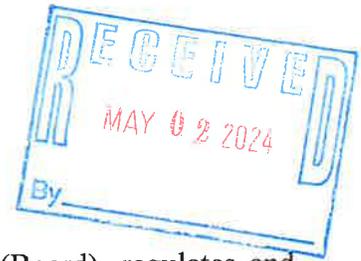
RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION

Cara Savage
CRT LICENSE # 3167

January 30, 2024



WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Cara Savage (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a certified respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 3167; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain two (2) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



Cara Savage, CRT
Respiratory Therapist License No. 3167
Licensee

4.30.2024
Date



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
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COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION

Alice Nsawi
CRT LICENSE # 7338

January 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Alice Nsawi (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a certified respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 7338; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain ten and a half (10.5) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2022, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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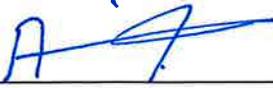
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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



Alice Nsawi
Respiratory Therapist License No. 7338
Licensee

05/20/24

Date



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

8/29/24

Date

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RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION
Pierra Rogers
RRT LICENSE # 6647

March 21, 2024



WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Pierra Rogers (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 6647; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain five (5) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during Licensee's CE cycle 2020 and 2021, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-109, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1331-02-.12; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



Pierra Rogers
Respiratory Therapist License No. 6647
Licensee

6-15-24
Date



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

8/29/24
Date





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RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION Cameron Mitchell Hill RRT LICENSE # 6969

04/29/2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Cameron Mitchell Hill (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a certified respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 6969; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee's respiratory care license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-105(c)(1), and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1330-01-.02(2), and 1330-01-.09; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a certified respiratory therapist on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-105(c)(1) for 4 months from 12/01/2023 to 03/28/2024; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of three hundred dollars (**\$300.00**), Licensee waives Licensee's right to a

hearing as described herein. This civil penalty represents a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month for every month Licensee practiced respiratory care in this state on an expired license past the Board's thirty (30) day grace period; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

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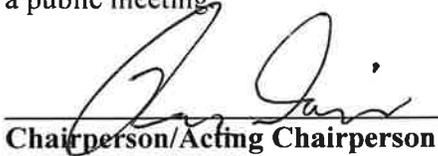


Cameron Mitchell Hill
Respiratory License No. 6969
Licensee

5-5-24

Date

This **AGREED CITATION** has been approved by a majority of a quorum of the Board at a public meeting.



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Optometry

8/29/24

Date





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Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care

AGREED CITATION
Danielle Volz
RRT LICENSE # 5530



05/14/2024

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care (Board), regulates and supervises respiratory therapists licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-27-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1330-01-.01, *et seq.* (Rules); and

WHEREAS, Daniella Volz(Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a registered respiratory therapist in the State of Tennessee, license number 55330; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee’s respiratory care license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-105(c)(1), and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1330-01-.02(2), and 1330-01-.09; and

WHEREAS, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a registered respiratory therapist on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-27-105(c)(1) for six (6) months from 11/01/2023 – 04/25/2024; and

WHEREAS, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee’s own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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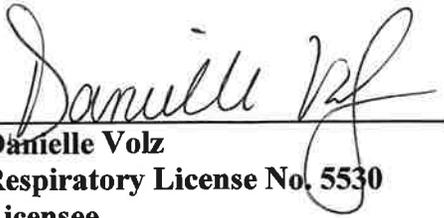
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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:



Danielle Volz
Respiratory License No. 5530
Licensee

5/20/2024
Date

This **AGREED CITATION** has been approved by a majority of a quorum of the Board at a public meeting.



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Optometry

8/29/24
Date



ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

August 19, 2024

This is an Administrative Report from Sam Mullins, Board Administrator. The information contained in this report will keep the board aware of all essential activities pertaining to licensure for Respiratory Care Practitioners.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The following are the total active licensees as of August 19, 2024:

RRT	CRT	RCA
Active Licensees –4151	Active Licensees –1150	Active Licensees –1

Licensing activities from April 29, 2024 through August 19, 2024

RRT	CRT
New applications received – 132	New applications received – 51
New licenses issued – 68	New licenses issued – 24
Reinstated – 10	Reinstated - 1
Registered Poly Endorsement(s) - 0	Certified Poly Endorsement(s) – 3
Number of renewals – paper – 68	Number of renewals paper – 20
Number of renewals online – 443	Number of renewals online – 125
Number of licensees who retired – 9	Number of licensees who retired – 6
Number of licenses that expired – 67	Number of Licenses that expired –37
Closed Files - 11	Closed Files – 6
NA	Upgrades from CRT to RRT- 10
RRT Limited Permit to Full License – 29	CRT Limited Permit to Full License- 9

For RRTs, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 86.6%. For CRTs the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 86.2%

2024 & 2025 Meeting Dates:

- November 7, 2024
- February 13, 2025, May 8, 2025, August 28,2025, and November 6, 2025

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are interested in attending a conference for your profession, you must contact the Board office no less than 12 weeks prior to the conference so that the Administrator will have enough time to process the request and submit all necessary information for approval. The Board must also pre-approve sponsorship for the event at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT OF LICENSEE TOTALS**

DATE	RRT	CRT	RCA	TOTAL	Increase (Decrease) From Last Meeting	Increase (Decrease) YoY By Month	Increase (Decrease) YoY By Year
3/8/2018	3,608	1,307	8	4,923			
5/24/2018	3,603	1,293	7	4,903	(20)		
8/16/2018	3,641	1,284	7	4,932	29		
11/15/2018	3,633	1,301	7	4,941	9		
2/21/2019	3,671	1,256	7	4,934	(7)	11	11
5/16/2019	3,672	1,252	6	4,930	(4)	27	
8/5/2019	3,690	1,246	5	4,941	11	9	
11/14/2019	3,725	1,250	5	4,980	39	39	39
2/20/2020	3,740	1,229	4	4,973	(7)	39	
5/14/2020	3,758	1,233	4	4,995	22	65	
8/20/2020	3,758	1,233	4	4,995	0	54	
11/12/2020	3,828	1,195	4	5,027	32	47	47
2/18/2021	3,850	1,195	3	5,048	21	75	
5/13/2021	3,869	1,185	2	5,056	8	61	
8/19/2021	3,927	1,217	2	5,146	90	151	
11/10/2021	3,953	1,205	2	5,160	14	133	133
2/24/2022	3,979	1,213	2	5,194	34	146	
5/26/2022	4,018	1,212	2	5,232	38	176	
8/18/2022	4,062	1,225	2	5,289	57	143	
10/31/2022	4,131	1,244	1	5,376	87	216	216
2/16/2023	4,099	1,225	1	5,325	(51)	131	
6/26/2023	4,121	1,209	1	5,331	6	99	
8/17/2023	4,134	1,205	1	5,340	9	51	
11/16/2023	4,146	1,197	1	5,344	4	(32)	(32)
2/15/2024	4,107	1,175	1	5,283	(61)	(42)	
5/9/2024	4,126	1,160	1	5,287	4	(44)	
8/29/2024	4151	1150	1	5,302	15	(38)	