

MINUTES
RESPIRATORY CARE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD
MEETING
March 18, 2026
Heber M. Wells Bldg.
ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:31 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 9:41 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn
Board Secretary: Kelli Arriola
Compliance Specialist: Sharon Bennett

CONDUCTING:

Mr. Escobar: Board Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Wilkinson, RRT
David Escobar, RRT
Robert Mazzola, MD

Cheril Carrington, Public
Arlene Anderson, RRT

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

NA

GUESTS:

Camille Farley – DOPL, Investigations

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Escobar called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2025, MINUTES:

Dr. Mazzola motioned to approve the minutes.
Ms. Anderson seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_03:28 - 05:11)

Mr. Busjahn advised the board to provide some information on the Respirator Care Act covered in SB-31. It is still pending and currently on the governor's desk, it's the creation of the Respiratory Care Apprentice License. It should be easy to implement according to the official coded rule.

BOARD BUSINESS:

PROBATIONER WRITTEN REQUESTS AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:

Ms. Bennett went over the probationer process. How to interview a probationer and what kind of questions to ask. Conclude the interview and at the end of each interview make a motion if the probationer is in or out of compliance and state when you want to meet with the probationer again.

PROBATIONER INTERVIEWS:

Rachelle Bird – Interview conducted by Mr. Escobar.

Ms. Bird is working as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.

Ms. Bird attends therapy monthly.

Ms. Bird has great work support.

Mr. Escobar denied Ms. Bird's personal essay and would like Ms. Bird to submit another essay with more accountability and how to prevent this from happening again.

Dr. Carrington motioned to extend Ms. Bird's essay due date to June 1st, 2026.

Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

ADJOURN: 9:41 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred. For specific details, refer to the audio recording.

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Date Approved

David Escobar

David Escobar (Jul 22, 2026 10:20:31 MDT)

David Escobar – Respiratory Care Therapy Licensing Board

07/22/2026

Date Approved

Jeff Busjahn

Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL