

**North Dakota State Board of Respiratory Care
March 25, 2020
Special Meeting- Conference Call
NDSBRC Office, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Ste. 2, Bismarck, ND
Minutes**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Board Members – Abby Erickson; Robyn Urlacher; Barbara Andrist; Ron Frisk; Amy Hinger.
Others – Nikki Owings, Board Office; Allyson Hicks, Legal Counsel.

Absent:

Dr. Karol Kremens; Jody Vogel.

{Urlacher absent}

Minutes:

A **motion was made** to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2020.
(Andrist/Hinger/carried) [Roll call vote: Andrist (y); Frisk (y); Hinger (y); Erickson (y)]
[Kremens; Vogel; Urlacher absent]

{Urlacher present}

Application for Initial Licensure:

Sheryl Jones - The Board entered into executive session as per NDCC 12-60-24 (1) (c) at 9:05 AM with Board members and legal counsel present. Executive session ended at 9:15 AM.

A **motion was made** to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. (Urlacher/Frisk/carried) [Roll call vote: Andrist (y); Frisk (y); Urlacher (y); Hinger (y); Erickson (y)] [Kremens; Vogel absent]

Emergency Licensure:

The Governor issued Executive Order 2020-05 which allows for emergency licensure of individuals currently licensed and in good standing in another state. This emergency license will be issued by the ND Department of Health and ND Emergency Services. The individuals who receive an emergency license are subject to the Board's laws and scopes of practice.

The Board directed its legal counsel to work with the Governor's office to have an executive order issued to allow retired respiratory therapists and students of the State's respiratory therapy schools to be issued an emergency license as this is a more immediate route. If an executive order is not possible, the Board will work with the ND Board of Medicine and ND Board of Nursing to create emergency rules.

Healthcare professionals such as doctors, physician assistants, nurses, etc. may practice respiratory therapy as it is covered by their scopes of practice.

Owings will work on a plan in case she becomes ill and cannot perform the Board office duties. She will notify Erickson of the plan.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Abby Erickson,
Chair**

**Nikki Owings,
Assistant Secretary**