

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
12:30 p.m.

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Agenda

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Time	Item #	Item	Staff Contact
12:30p.m.	I	Call to Order & Introductions Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording	Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of January 13, 2026, General Session Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Continuing Education Application A. Wayside Youth and Family Support Network B. Adept Educational Institute, Inc. C. Vaccinate Your Family D. Recovery Coach Academy	Board Chair
	V	Policy A. Training Program Committee Review of Applications for Community Health Worker Education and Training Program Applications	Board Chair

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	VI	Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program A. Quarterly Report	Executive Director
	VII	Flex Session A. Reciprocity B. Who will attend the next board meeting? C. Topics for next agenda	Executive Director
	VIII	Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2026.	Board Chair

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BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

**250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Via Zoom**

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Joanne Calista (Vice Chair), Community Health Worker Training Organization Representative
Nicole Simpson, (Secretary)
Bayleigh Britton, Public Member
Shanina Rosado, Community Health Worker
Hugo Santos, Community Health Worker
Geovanni Vazquez, Community Health Worker

BOARD MEMBERS

NOT PRESENT:

Brittany Brown (Chair), Commissioner's Designee
Morgan Eldredge, Community-Based Community Health Worker Employer
Luz Ortega, Community Health Worker

STAFF PRESENT:

Tracy Hellmer, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1, BHPL, DPH
Kayla Mikalauski, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL, DPH
Tracy Ottina, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL, DPH
Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL, DPH

I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 12:42 p.m., Ms. Tracy Hellmer, Executive Director, called the General Session meeting to order. Ms. Hellmer reminded Board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum.

Roll call as follows: Ms. Bayleigh Britton: present, Ms. Joanne Calista: present, Ms. Shanina Rosado: present, Ms. Nicole Simpson: present, Mr. Hugo Santos: present, Mr. Geovanni Vazquez: present.

II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer stated quorum will be maintained until 1:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Hugo Santos must depart. The Board agreed to proceed solely with Item V. All remaining items will be deferred until the next meeting on March 10, 2026.

Action:

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Ms. Joanne Calista, seconded by Ms. Nicole Simpson, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Bayleigh Britton: yes, Ms. Joanne Calista: yes, Ms. Shanina Rosado: yes, Ms. Nicole Simpson: yes, Mr. Hugo Santos: yes, Mr. Geovanni Vazquez: yes.

Document: February 24, 2026, General Session Agenda

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion was deferred during agenda review

IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATION

Discussion was deferred during agenda review.

V. POLICY

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer proposed a policy to delegate the review and approval of Community Health Worker Education and Training Program applications that meet the regulatory requirements to a sub-committee of the Board named the CHW Training Program Committee. The CHW Training Program Committee would only approve eligible applications and any applications that they deem to be ineligible would go before the Board for a full review and final decision. The goal of this policy is to expedite the processing time for these applications.

Action:

Motion to approve the delegation policy was made by Ms. Joanne Calista, seconded by Mr. Hugo Santos, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Bayleigh Britton: yes, Ms. Joanne Calista: yes, Ms. Shanina Rosado: yes, Ms. Nicole Simpson: yes, Mr. Hugo Santos: yes, Mr. Geovanni Vazquez: yes.

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer asked the Board if there were any two members that would like to nominate themselves to serve on this sub-committee as there are two pending applications that need approval. Ms. Joanne Calista and Ms. Nicole Simpson stated that they would serve on the sub-committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 03, 2026.

Document: March 03, 2026, Policy - Training Program Committee Review of Community Health Worker Education and Training Program Applications.

VI. UNIFIED RECOVERY AND MONITORING PROGRAM

Discussion was deferred during agenda review.

VII. FLEX SESSION

Discussion: Ms. Tracy Hellmer asked if all Board members would be in attendance for the next Board meeting scheduled for March 10, 2026. Ms. Shanina Rosado and Ms. Nicole Simpson are unsure at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:52 p.m., motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Bayleigh Britton, seconded by Mr. Hugo Santo, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Bayleigh Britton: yes, Ms. Joanne Calista: yes, Ms. Shanina Rosado: yes, Ms. Nicole Simpson: yes, Mr. Hugo Santos: yes, Mr. Geovanni Vazquez: yes.

Let the record show the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Certification of Community Health Workers is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by:
The Board of Certification of Community Health Workers