

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PERFUSIONISTS

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PERFUSIONISTS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

The meeting will be held via Webex at:

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Call-In Telephone number: 1-866-692-3580

Meeting ID Number: 619 237 073

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Agenda

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
8:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		Board Chair
	II	Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda	Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Regularly Scheduled Meeting September 10, 2019	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Reciprocity A. Draft of Reciprocity Application for Licensure	Draft Application	MS/KG
	V	Licensing Application A. Application Number 963692 Nausherwan Ansari		KG
	VI	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda	Verbal	KG
12:00 p.m.	VII	Adjournment -Next Board meeting scheduled for September 2, 2020.		Board Chair

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MINUTES

Board Members: Kyle Spear, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 4, Chair
Kevin Lilly, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 1, Vice Chair
Nelson Thaemert, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Cardiac Anesthesia, Secretary
Prem Shekar, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon

Staff Present: Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, BHPL
Walens Noel, Temp Office Support Specialist, BHPL
James D. O'Neal, Office Support Specialist, BHPL

Staff Not Present:

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. Mr. Spear called the meeting to order at 8:47-a.m. Roll call vote with Board members present: Kyle Spear: Yes; Lilly Kevin: Yes; Nelson Thaemert: Yes; Prem Shekar: Yes; Obtained: None; Absent: None; Recused: None

Mr. Spear made an announcement to remind the Board members of their duty to disclose any real or perceived conflicts of interest they may have with the current agenda.

II. Approval of Regular Agenda – June 2, 2020
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION:

Board members reviewed the agenda, and there were no conflicts of interest reported.

ACTION:

K. Lilly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. P. Shekar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote with Board members present: Kyle Spear: Yes; Lilly Kevin: Yes; Nelson Thaemert: Yes; Prem Shekar: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: None; Recused: None

Document: June 2, 2020 Board Meeting Regular Agenda

III. Approval of the Regular Minutes
A. September 10, 2019 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

Dr. Thaemert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dr. Shekar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote with Board members present: Kyle Spear: Yes; Lilly Kevin: Yes; Nelson Thaemert: Yes; Prem Shekar: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: None; Recused: None

Document: Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

IV. Reciprocity

Draft of Reciprocity Application for Licensure

Ms. Strachan explained to Board members that pursuant to statute (M.G.L.c. 112 sec 217), the Board is authorized to issue reciprocal licenses or “License Without Examination; Perfusionist Applicants Licensed in Another Jurisdiction” provided that the license is in good standing and substantially meets the MA requirements OR if the applicant holds certification from “American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion, or its successor.” Ms. Strachan read the language of the statutes. This authority has been in place since the establishment of the Board. In addition, when the Board updated its regulations in 2017, the Board included a section that addresses licensure by reciprocity directly: 267 CMR 3.05. The regulatory language mirrors the statutory language except that the regulations require that an applicant holds a license in good standing in another jurisdiction AND holds ABCP certification. Despite this authority, the Board does not currently have an application for license by reciprocity. Board Counsel submitted a DRAFT application by reciprocity which includes all requirements for initial licensure except the requirement for an official transcript from an approved educational

program including date of graduation. Board Counsel asked for comments from Board members.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Spear is a member of ABCP and notes that in order to be eligible for ABCP board certification, an applicant must, among other things, submit a transcript and proof of graduation from an approved and accredited perfusionist educational program. Therefore, given that ABCP requires an official transcript, he has no problem with dropping the transcript requirement.

Mr. Lilly stated that he has been practicing for a very long time and was able to submit his official transcript to ABCP, so he thought an applicant could obtain a copy of the transcript from ABCP, even if their school is closed. Mr. Spear stated that he is not sure how long ABCP keeps the actual transcript, but ABCP requires an official transcript for certification. Mr. Lilly also notes that some states, for example, CA does not require a license per se; rather CA requires “credentialing.” Board Counsel notes that if a perfusionist is not licensed elsewhere, he or she would not be eligible for a license by reciprocity and would have to complete an initial license application. Mr. Lilly also asked if every state does a background check. Board Counsel confirmed and explained even though Massachusetts performs a background check including C.O.R.I and NPDB, those checks will not include criminal conduct elsewhere. Applicants are asked to self disclose. Dr. Shekar suggests that we add a question about any malpractice claims, pending, current or past. This question should be asked of all applicants, not just those applying from out of state. Mr. Lilly notes that the MA perfusionist community is small.

ACTION:

None. Deferred until the September 2020 Board meeting.

Document: DRAFT Application

V. Licensing Application

A. Application Number 963692 Nausherwan Ansari

Ms. Geoghegan presented this matter to the Board members. Mr. Ansari is currently licensed in 3 other states and those licenses are in good standing. The case is before the Board because he was not able to provide proof of his graduation from an accredited education program. The school he attended in Mississippi is now closed and the oversight agency in MI does not have student records, but it does have a record of the school and its accreditation and subsequent closure.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Spear noted that ABCP requires a transcript for initial Board certification, and therefore, he would approve the application without a transcript. Mr. Lilly, defer to

Mr. Spear as he is a ABCP member. Dr. Thaemert noted that the other jurisdictions may have relied on each other to approve, but said he would approve the application.

ACTION:

Dr. Shekar- made a motion to approve Mr. Ansari's application. Dr. Thaemert seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Board members present: Kyle Spear: Yes; Lilly Kevin: Yes; Nelson Thaemert: Yes; Prem Shekar: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: None; Recused: None

Document: Memo

VI. Flex Session

Announcements

A. None

B. Dr. Thaemert requested confirmation of next meeting dates: September 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

None

C. Topics for next agenda

D. None

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, -K. Lilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 a.m; the motion was seconded by Dr. Thaemert. The motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote with Board members present: Kyle Spear: Yes; Lilly Kevin: Yes; Nelson Thaemert: Yes; Prem Shekar: Yes; Obtained: None; Absent: None; Recused: None

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionist is Tuesday September 01, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Registration of Perfusionists