COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PERFUSIONISTS
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Thursday, June 4, 2026
VIA Zoom
8:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(Open Session)

Board Members Present:	Kyle Spear, Certified Clinical Perfusionist, Chair Prem Shekar, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon Trevor Smith, Perfusionist Nelson Thaemert, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Cardiac Anesthesia, Secretary Thomas Stapleton, Certified Clinical Perfusionist
Staff Present:	Sheila York, Board Council, Office of the General Counsel Kayla Mikalauskis, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL, DPH Tracy Hellmar, Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1, BHPL, DPH Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL, DPH Jonathan Dillon, Policy Director, BHPL, DPH Gillian Coffey, DPH Health Commission Manager

I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum

At 8:02 a.m., Mr. Kyle Spear, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Mr. Spear reminded board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum.

Roll call as follows: Kyle Spear: present; Prem Shekar: present; Trevor Smith: present; Nelson Thaemert: present;

II. Approval of General Session Agenda | Conflict of Interest

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Kyle Spear asked the board members to disclose any recusals with June 4, 2026, General Session Agenda. There were no recusals noted.

ACTION:
Dr. Prem Shekar made a motion to approve the agenda as written, which was seconded by Mr. Trevor Smith and unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: approve; Prem Shekar: approve; Trevor Smith: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve

Document: June 4, 2026, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Kyle Spear asked the board members to review the minutes and make a motion to approve when ready.
ACTION:
Dr .Prem Sheker made a motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Trevor Smith, and unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: approve; Prem Shekar: approve; Trevor Smith: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve.

Document: March 5, 2026, General Session Minutes

Thomas Stapleton joined the meeting

IV. Draft Regulation
A. 140 CMR 2.00 (VOTE)
DISCUSSION:
Ms. Mikalauskis advised the Board that Mr. Jonathan Dillon, Policy Director for the Bureau would brief the Board members on Regulation 140 CMR 2.00 and is joined by Gillian Coffey, Communication Manager for the Bureau. Mr. Dillon stated that the purpose of the proposed regulation is to restrict medical debt reporting and this proposed regulation would apply to all Health Care Providers licensed by Boards within DPH. About a dozen states have already provided these protections. Mr. Dillon stated the reason this proposed regulation is being brought up now is that this is a crucial and time-sensitive initiative to prevent illness and injury from damaging residents' financial standing in the Commonwealth. Mr. Dillon stated that this was a priority issue discussed at Governor Healey's Annual Address based on research showing that medical debt on a credit report is not an accurate indicator of a person's willingness to pay or their inability to pay nondiscretionary expense and is not an effective measure of credit worthiness. Mr. Dillon also stated it is seen as a barrier to seeking any necessary care and it also disproportionately affects certain populations. Mr. Dillon also stated that data indicates medical debt has resulted in 530,000 bankruptcies per year. Mr. Dillon stated that to support this initiative, the Governor has proposed two regulations 140 CMR 2.00 and 105 CMR 95.00, which are applicable to all Health Care Facilities and providers licensed by DPH. Mr. Dillon is asking the board to approve the proposal as written to move to public comment. Mr. Dillon advised that the proposed regulation would include a provision in contracts with debt collectors that would prohibit debt collectors from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. Mr. Dillon stated that the normal practices for debt collection for licenses would still be intact and this regulation only prohibits practices affecting consumer credit scores. Mr. Dillon asked for a motion to approve Draft regulation 140 CMR2.00. Mr. Dillon stated he would bring the proposed regulation back to the board after the public comment period has ended.

Mr. Kyle Spear asked if this was just for active licenses in DPH? Mr. Dillon answered yes. Dr. Prem Shekar asked if this regulation would affect all debt collection agencies being used now? Mr. Dillon stated it would affect the third-party agencies under contract with DPH facilities and health professionals.

ACTION:
Mr. Kyle Spear asked for a vote on the Proposed Draft Regulation 140 CMR 2.00 to be moved forward for public comment. Dr. Prem Shekar made a motion to approve the Proposed Regulation 140 CMR 2.00 as written, which was seconded by Mr. Trevor Smith and unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: approve; Prem Shekar: approve; Trevor Smith: approve; Thomas Stapleton: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve

Documents: Proposed Regulation 140 CMR 2.00

V. Flex Session

DISCUSSION
Ms. Mikalauskis provided an update on a potential Public Member stating that the individual did not qualify for the Public Member Seat, however, the application will be considered for other Perfusionist Board Seats that would open. Dr. Prem Shekar asked why the individual does not qualify? Ms. Mikalauskis stated that the individual holds licenses that disqualify him from the public seat.

ACTION
There being no other business before the board, Mr. Kyle Spear asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Prem Shekar motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Thomas Stapleton and unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: adjourn; Prem Shekar: adjourn; Trevor Smith adjourn; Thomas Stapleton: adjourn; Nelson Thaemert: adjourn.

Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionists is scheduled for September 03, 2026, via Zoom at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Registration of Perfusionists