

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026
VIA Zoom
8:00AM

GENERAL SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(Open Session)

Board Members Present: Kyle Spear, Certified Clinical Perfusionist, Chair
Prem Shekar, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon
Trevor Smith
Thomas Stapleton, Certified Clinical Perfusionist
Nelson Thaemert, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Cardiac Anesthesia,
Secretary

Staff Present: Sheilia York, Board Council, Office of the General Counsel
Kayla Mikalauski, Acting Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL,
DPH
Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL, DPH

I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum

At 8:01 a.m., Mr. Kyle Spear, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Mr. Spears 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; Thomas Stapleton: present; Nelson Thaemert: present.

II. Approval of General Session Agenda | Conflict of Interest

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Spear asked the board members to disclose any recusals with September 4, 2025, General Session Agenda. There were no recusals noted.

ACTION:

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

Document: September 4, 2025, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Spear asked the board members to review the minutes and make a motion to approve when ready.

ACTION:

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

Document: September 4, 2025, General Session Minutes

Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program

A. Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program Quarterly Report

DISCUSSION:

Kayla Miklauskis asked the Board if they only wanted the quarterly report to be brought to the meeting if they had a participant in the program. All Board members agreed that it made more sense to only have the report in the meeting if a Perfusionist was participating in the program.

Documents: Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program Quarterly Report

IV. Flex Session

DISCUSSION

Ms. Kayla Mikalauski asked if there were any topics the Board members wanted to bring up in the next meeting. Mr. Spear asked what the status was with quorum and Ms. Mikalauski states that currently the board had one above quorum. Ms. Mikalauski announced that Marcellas Johnston is going through the process to be approved as a public member of the board. Nelson Thamert stated that he is having scheduling issues and will stay on until an Anesthesiologist replacement is approved. Ms. Mikalauski stated that Mr. Nelson Thaemert is a holdover and there is active recruitment to find a replacement and that a public member seat is also available. Mr. Prem Shekar stated that Marcellus Tilleman has applied and the application was stuck and asked Ms. Mikalauski to investigate the matter and she agreed to do so. Mr. Spear asked if there were any open Perfusionist seats and Ms. Mikalauski confirmed there was one open Perfusionist seat. Mr. Spear asked about an applicant Mr. Bill Riley, and Ms. Mikalauski stated that Mr. Riley said not now, but maybe in the future.

Mr. Spear requested to have renewal requirement as a topic in the next meeting and Ms. Mikalauski stated it would be added to the agenda. Ms. Mikalauski asked if the Board members would be present at the next Board meeting on June 4, 2026, at 8:00 am, and all members present agreed they would attend.

V. Adjournment

There being no other business before the board, Mr. Spear asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prem Shekar motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Trevor Smith and

unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: adjourn; Prem Shekar: adjourn; Trevor Smith adjourn; Nelson Thaemert: adjourn.
Absent: Thomas Stapleton

Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionists is scheduled for **June 04, 2026**, via Zoom at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Registration of Perfusionists