

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025
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, M.D. Perfusionist #4
Thomas Stapleton, Certified Clinical Perfusionist
Nelson Thaemert, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Cardiac Anesthesia,
Secretary

Staff Present: Tracy Ottina, 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 8:03 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; 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. Prem Shekar made a motion to approve the agenda 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; Thomas Stapleton: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve

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. Tom Stapleton, and unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Kyle Spear: approve; Prem Shekar: approve; Trevor Smith: approve; Thomas Stapleton: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve.

Document: June 5, 2025, General Session Minutes

IV. Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program

A. Vote on updated restrictions on policy

DISCUSSION:

Kayla Miklauskis advised the Board that the updated practice restrictions were discussed at the last meeting, but there was no vote because of lack of quorum. Kayla Mikalauskis asked Kyle Spears to recap and make a motion to approve. Kyle Spears stated that the updated changes would include removal of 12- 5am restrictions for participants 6-18 months and scheduled overtime and Perfusionists should be able to work in emergent situations. Kyle Spears asked the board members if they wanted to have further discussion before he called for a motion to vote. Board members stated there was no need for further discussion.

ACTION:

Mr. Spears asked for a vote on the updated general practice restrictions. Mr. Prem Shekar made a motion to approve the changes to The Unified Recovery and Monitoring program, 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; Thomas Stapleton: approve; Nelson Thaemert: approve

Documents: June 5, 2025, General Session Minute

V. Flex Session

DISCUSSION

Kayla Mikalauskis announced that Keven Lilly retired as of September 2025. Prem Shekar stated that Marcellas Johnston is going through the process to be approved as a public member of the board and he is in charge of respiratory therapy at Lahey hospital. Tracy Ottina stated that it can take a while for the Governor's office to vet the application before the application can come back to the board. Nelson Thamert stated that he is having scheduling issues and will stay on until an Anesthesiologist replacement is approved. Kayla Mikalauskis stated that Nelson Thaemert is a holdover and there is active recruitment to find a replacement. Kayla stated that all paperwork for Kyle Spears and Prem Shekar has been sent up to the Governor's office and that they should hear back soon. Prem Shekar states that he received more paperwork which he has not had time to complete and will complete within the next week or so.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business before the board, Mr. Spears asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prem Shekar motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Nelson Thaemert 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 8:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionists is scheduled for **December 04, 2025**, via Zoom at **8:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Registration of Perfusionists