

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, December 20, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 421
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

Agenda

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
8:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		
	II	Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda	Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Regularly Scheduled Meeting December 5, 2017 & September 4, 2018	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Board Inquiry A. Julianne Noble (PL66) Renewal Application # 858531	Inquiry	MS
	V	Staff Action Policy B. Web Posting	Draft Policies	MS
	VI	Board Elections A. Chair B. Vice Chair C. Secretary	Verbal	RC
	VII	Flex Session A. Announcement 2019 Proposed Meeting Dates (3/5/19, 6/4/19, 10/10/19, 12/02/19) B. Topics for next agenda	Memo	Board Chair
12:00 p.m.		Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for March 5, 2019.		

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MINUTES

Board Members: Kevin Lilly, CCP, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 1, Chair
Michelle Tozer, CCP, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 2, Secretary
Sary Aranki, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon
Nelson Thaemert, M.D., Anesthesiologist (Cardiac Anesthesia)

Board Members Not Present: Kyle Spear, CCP, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 4, Vice Chair

Staff: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Philip Beattie, Deputy Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, DPH
Mary Hager, Office Support Specialist I, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Staff Not Present: Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum a Conflict of Interest

The Board determined that quorum was met. Mr. Lilly called the meeting to order at 8:47. Mr. Lilly reminded the Board that to comply with the Commonwealth's conflict of interest policy, Board members must recuse themselves from voting on issues that may present a conflict of interest. Mr. Lilly welcomed the newest board member, Dr. Nelson Thaemert, and provided him a chance to introduce himself. Dr. Thaemert introduced himself as Associate Chief of Cardiac Anesthesia at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He acknowledged the seat he held was taken over from previous board member Dr. Annette Mizuguchi.

II. Approval of Agenda

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils recommended that the minutes from the previous meeting on December 5, 2017 be deferred, as the Multi-Board has to pull staff notes for the meeting to verify the minutes against.

ACTION: Ms. Tozer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; the motion was seconded by Dr. Aranki. The Board members passed the motion unanimously.

Document: September 4, 2018 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of the Minutes

DISCUSSION: The minutes were deferred for review and approved at the December 4, 2018 Board meeting.

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ACTION: None

Document: Minutes of the December 5, 2017 Board Meeting

IV. Staff Action Policies

A. Retirement Status

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented a draft for a Staff Action Policy regarding the new option to retire a license. Previously, the only two license statuses available were 'Current' or 'Expired.' This new status will allow licensees to maintain a retired version of their professional title, without requiring them to continue renewing a license for which they are no longer practicing. The Staff Action Policy presented will allow the BHPL Multi-Board Staff to process applications for retired licenses on behalf of the Board, provided the license being retired is in good standing and the proper application is submitted. The Board would be notified of all applicants approved for a retired license at the next occurring Board Meeting. Ms. Strachan notified the Board that all boards have adopted this policy or one similar, and that retiring a license is an option, not a requirement.

ACTION: A motion to adopt the policy was made by Dr. Aranki. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaemert. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

Document: Retirement Status Policy

B. Unlicensed Practice

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan proposed an amendment to the existing policy regarding discipline in the case of unlicensed practice. (Discipline Policy 16-01) The existing policy was adopted on June 7, 2016 and authorized Board staff to dispose of certain types of complaints. Specifically, if an investigation revealed that a Licensee failed to complete all renewal requirements, the staff can dismiss a staff assignment (precomplaint) with an advisory if the licensee admits the conduct and submits a letter of resignation to the Board. The Policy also authorizes the staff to resolve a complaint against the licensee who acknowledges the conduct and submits proof of completion of all renewal requirements if all other circumstances are present. The proposed amendment would allow staff to take action against licensees who fail to renew their license, and continue to practice without a license. Per the amended policy, if a perfusionist continues to practice after license expiration, but renews his or her license within 30 days of expiration, the Board staff will open an investigation and may dismiss with an advisory if all requirements in the policy are met. If a perfusionist continues to practice after license expiration for more than 30 days but less than 1 renewal cycle, the Board staff will open an investigation and off a consent agreement for Reprimand in resolution of the complaint. of Board. Mr. Lilly asked for examples of how other boards address this issue. Ms. Cherfils explained that several other boards she oversees take a very serious stance in terms of discipline for continuing to practice on an expired license. She explained that while many employers run checks to make sure their staff is properly licensed, ultimately it is the responsibility of the licensee themselves to make sure they comply with renewal regulations.

Dr. Aranki stepped out of the room at 9:15

Ms. Cherfils paused the meeting as quorum was no longer met.

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Dr. Aranki returned at 9:16

ACTION: A motion was made by Ms. Tozer to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thaemert. The policy was approved unanimously by the board.

C. License Reinstatement after Surrender

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented the existing policy for License Reinstatement after Surrender which was adopted in 2012. She suggested the policy be rescinded. Ms. Strachan explained that when a license is revoked either by the licensee signing a consent agreement or by board order, the documentation that revokes the license not only explains the offense and how long the license is being revoked for, but also, what documentation or action is required for the licensee to be reinstated. She explained within the last two years several other boards had rescinded their policies for License Reinstatement after Surrender due the information being laid out in the documentation of each individual case.

ACTION: Motion to rescind the policy was made by Dr. Aranki. Dr. Thaemert seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to rescind the policy.

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements

a. Telemedicine update

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented research she had conducted into existing bills and policies surrounding telemedicine practice, in response to an inquiry about it at a previous meeting. She explained that within the Massachusetts legislature there have been several bills introduced, but nothing has been passed yet. She explained that currently there is no standardized definition of or parameters involving telemedicine. She presented the Federation of State Medical Board's (FSMB) model policy as an example for the board to consider, and explained that most boards require a practitioner engaging in telemedicine to be licensed in the state they are in as well as the state the patient is in, exempting patients who are out of the practice state but do not permanently reside there. Ms. Cherfils suggested that the board not adopt a policy until a bill gets passed, as that bill will affect the policy the board can hold. She requested that board members read the model policy and notify her of any specific examples of telemedicine present in the field of Perfusion. Dr. Aranki asked fellow board members if telemedicine was possible within Perfusion. Mr. Lilly suggested instances of Intra-Aortic Balloon Counter Pulsation and remotely monitored Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (EcMO) as holding potential, depending on the definition of telemedicine. Dr. Thaemert stated it would be unlikely for Perfusionists to interact directly with a patient within telemedicine, but that the potential for communication between care providers or industry support personnel. Ms. Tozer stated there was potential for patients using in home Ventricular Assist Devices needing help with their machinery needing to take part in telemedicine either with a hospital or a representative to assist them with their machine.

ACTION: No action was taken.

Document: Telemedicine Memo

B. Topics for Next Agenda

DISCUSSION: Dr. Thaemert asked if any meeting dates were set past the December 4, 2018 meeting. Ms.

Cherfils explained she usually presents the dates for the following year at the December meeting, but follows the same schedule of meeting on the first Tuesday of the last month of the quarter for the Board of Perfusionists meetings.

ACTION: No action was taken.

Documents: None

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Aranki made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 9:38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lilly. The motion passed with Board members present unanimously voting in favor.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionists is Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, MA.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Lilly, Chair

Date