

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**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 418
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. June 6, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Staff Action Policies A. Retirement Status	Draft Policies	MS
	V	Flex Session A. Announcement 1-RT's Performing Ecmo Alert 2-2018 Board Meeting Dates B. Topics for next agenda		Board Chair
12:00 p.m.	VI	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for March 6, 2018.		

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BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2017
239 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114
Room 418

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Kyle Spear, Perfusionist 4
Kevin Lilly, Certified Clinical Perfusionist 1, Vice-Chair
Michelle Tozer, Perfusionist 2
Sary Aranki, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon

Staff Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, BHPL
Phil Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, BHPL
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, BHPL
Vita Berg, Office of the General Counsel

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. Ms. Cherfils called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Spear made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Dr. Aranki seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: June 6, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. November 23, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the November 23, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Aranki made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ms. Tozer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the November 23, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

IV. Regulatory Update

A. 267 CMR Sections 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, and 5

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Ms. Berg reviewed the process of a public hearing and having regulations approved. As there were no public comments made, there were no substantial changes and the Secretary's office was working to format their changes.

DISCUSSION: Board members reviewed the regulation changes. Board members discussed the language making sure students are working under the supervision of a full licensee. Mr. Lilly asked if the list of services a perfusionist can provide was written in a way to allow labs to perform necessary testing. Ms. Berg responded that there are exceptions for those services already covered by other professions. Board members reviewed the regulations for provisional licensure and what happens when someone fails the exam twice (the provisional licensee must stop practicing until they have passed and received a full license). Mr. Lilly asked about revocation of licensure based on a crime, and how would "crime" be defined. Ms. Berg explained that a crime could be grounds for board action, and any action is up to the discretion of the board based on the specific case.

ACTION: Dr. Aranki made a motion to adopt the edits made to the draft regulations and to promulgate them; Mr. Spear seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Regulations

V. Policies

A. Collection of Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue Suspensions

Ms. Berg reviewed the draft policy which is being adopted by all Boards in the Bureau. The policy allows the confidential collection of applicants'/licensees' social security numbers to be shared with the MA Dept. of Revenue. The MDOR can instruct the Board to revoke someone's license in cases such as not paying child support or taxes.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Lilly made a motion to adopt the proposed policy; Ms. Tozer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Policy

B. Referrals to the Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Berg reviewed the draft policy which is being adopted by all Boards in the Bureau. The policy would allow staff to refer cases to the Office of the Attorney General when appropriate, such as in the case of unlicensed practice.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Aranki asked if in that case, all perfusion locations could be informed so they are not hired. Ms. Berg responded that because the profession is so small, this could be possible.

ACTION: Mr. Lilly made a motion to adopt the proposed policy; Dr. Aranki seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Policy

9:41a.m Ms. Strachan entered, Ms. Berg left.

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C. License Reinstatement Following License Discipline

Ms. Strachan reviewed the policy which was originally adopted in 2012, outlining procedures for reinstating a license following discipline. As this information is always outlined in more detail within each licensee's consent agreement, it is redundant. Ms. Strachan recommended rescinding the policy.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Lilly made a motion to adopt the proposed policy; Ms. Tozer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Policy

VI. Inquiry: Scope of Practice

A. RT's performing ecmo

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lilly had received a letter regarding ecmo and respiratory therapists pushing to perform it. He is concerned there will be no way to stop it. Ms. Strachan asked if training was required to perform ecmo. Ms. Cherfils offered that if she receives any emails regarding this she can respond formally that the Perfusion Board is against it; she will also let the Respiratory Board know. Dr. Aranki asked if there was any data on respiratory therapists' performance in this situation to prove it is a concern. Mr. Spear expressed that he was concerned there is a lack of standards or certification for respiratory therapists to care for these types of patients. At the same time, perfusion departments are unable to keep up with the demand for ecmo. Ms. Strachan will look for more information regarding the subject and if there are any locations that currently allow respiratory therapists to perform ecmo, and then return with the information to both boards.

ACTION: None

Document: None

10:02am Break, 10:10am Return

VII. Legal Presentations

A. Conflict of Interest

Ms. Berg reviewed Conflict of Interest laws and how they affect Board members.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: Presentation

B. Board Member Indemnification

Ms. Berg reviewed indemnification and examples of situations in which board members would be protected or represented legally by the State.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: Presentation

VIII. Flex Session

A. Announcements

Ms. Cherfils informed board members that names for new members had been submitted to the Commissioner's office.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for Next Agenda

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Documents: None

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Lilly made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Spear seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Registration of Perfusionists is Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, MA.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Lilly, MD, Chair

Date