

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS**

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

**(OPEN SESSION)
Thursday, April 03, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

**General Session is open to the public and will be held via Zoom at:
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Webinar ID: 910 1892 7882**

All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call

Agenda

Time	Item #	Item	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Notice of Electronic Recording Determination of Quorum	Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of February 06, 2025, General Session Minutes.	Board Chair
	IV	Emergency amendments to regulations to implement Shield Law A. 270 CMR 3.00: <i>Licensure Requirements, Procedures, and Professional and Ethical Standards of Conduct</i> – VOTE B. 270 CMR 4.00: <i>Investigations, Complaints, and Board Actions</i> – VOTE	Deputy Director
	V	Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program A. Operational Policy 24-08 B. Generic Practice and Supervisor Criteria	URAMP Staff

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	VI	Flex Session A. Who will attend the next board meeting? B. Topics for next agenda	Acting Executive Director
	VII	Adjournment – Next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 07, 2025.	Board Chair

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Thursday, April 03, 2025
Via Zoom

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Allison Cirino, Genetic Counselor, Board Chair
Diane Ahern, Genetic Counselor, Vice-Chair
Stephanie Coury, Genetic Counselor
Shelley McCormick, Genetic Counselor

BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:

Jillian Fleming, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director, BHPL, DPH
Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy BHPL, DPH
Gillian Coffey, Health Communications Manager, BHPL, DPH
Tracy Tam, Acting Executive Director, Multi-Boards 1, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauskis, Acting Executive Director, Multi-Boards 2, BHPL, DPH
Tracy Ottina, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL
Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL, DPH
Mark Waksmonski, SARP Coordinator, BHPL, DPH
Edmond Taglieri, SARP Coordinator, BHPL, DPH

I. CALL TO ORDER | DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

At 9:32 a.m. Ms. Allison Cirino, Board Chair, called the General Session meeting to order. Ms. Cirino reminded Board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum.

Roll call as follows: Allison Cirino: present; Diane Ahern: present; Stephanie Coury: present; Jillian Fleming: present, Shelley McCormick: present.

II. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION AGENDA | CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Discussion: The Board reviewed the General Session Agenda.

Action:

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Allison Cirino, seconded by Stephanie Courie and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve, Diane Ahem: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve; Jillian Fleming: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve.

Document: April 3, 2025, General Session Agenda

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: The Board reviewed the drafted General Session Minutes.

Action:

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Allison Cirino, seconded by Stephanie Courie and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve, Diane Ahem: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve; Jillian Fleming: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve.

Document: April 3, 2025, General Session Agenda

IV.

EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE SHIELD LAW

A. 270 CMR 3.00: Licensure Requirements, Procedures, Professional, and Ethical Standards of Conduct

B. 270 CMR 4.00: Investigations, Complaints, and Board Actions

Discussion: Ms. Lauren Nelson presented an update on the amendments to regulations to implement the Shield Law. There was a public hearing held in February 2025 that did not have any public comments and there are no changes to the amendments approved at the last Board meeting.

Action:

Motion to approve and file for promulgation the emergency amendments to implement the Shield Law was made by Allison Cirino, seconded by Diane Ahern, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve; Diane Ahem: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve.

Document: M.G.L. c. 112, § 105, as amended by St. 2022, c. 127, An Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care (Chapter 127)

V.

UNIFIED RECOVERY AND MONITORING PROGRAM

A. Operational Policy 24-08

Discussion:

Mr. Ed Taglieri presented the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08 whose purpose is to authorize Genetic Counselors to participate in the URAMP program.

Action:

Motion to approve and authorize the URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 as written was made by Allison Cirino, seconded by Shelley McCormick and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve; Diane Ahem: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve.

Document: Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08

B. Genetic Practice and Supervisor Criteria

Discussion:

Mr. Edmund Taglieri presented the Generic Practice Restrictions and Supervisor Qualifications for URAMP which sets the criteria for Genetic Counselors who return to work whilst in the program. The Board can edit the specifications at any time to better fit the job qualifications of Genetic Counselors.

Action:

Motion to approve and authorize the URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 as written was made by Allison Cirino, seconded by Shelley McCormick and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve; Diane Ahem: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve

VI. FLEX SESSION

Discussion: Stephanie Coury stated she would complete her term on the Board and continue as a holdover until a new Board member is sworn in. Ms. Tracy Tam asked for the attendance at the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. and all Board members present stated they would be able to attend. Alison Cirino requested to add the Generic Practice and Supervisor criteria to the agenda for the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 a.m., motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Allison Cirino, seconded by Ms. Shelley McCormick, and was passed by roll call vote as follows: Allison Cirino: approve; Diane Ahern: approve; Shelley McCormick: approve; Stephanie Coury: approve.

Let the record show the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors is scheduled for August 7, 2025, via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors