

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS
BOARD MEETING
250 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02108**

October 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Via WebEx

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Allison Cirino, Genetic Counselor
Shelley McCormick, Genetic Counselor
Stephanie Coury, Genetic Counselor
Diane Ahern, Genetic Counselor

Board Members
not present: Jillian Fleming, Public Member

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards. BHPL
Catherine Goldrick, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards. BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL
Judy Bromley, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Staff not Present:

I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum

Board Chair, Allison Cirino called the meeting of the Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors to order at 9:32AM and let everyone know that the meeting was being recorded. A quorum of the Board was established with members present via WebEx as follows: Allison Cirino: present; Diane Ahearn: present; Shelley McCormick: present; Stephanie Coury: present. Absent: Jillian Fleming

II. Approval of Agenda

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the October 5, 2023, Agenda by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Ms. McCormick and passed unanimously by Board members present via Webex as follows: Allison Cirino: yes; Diane Ahearn: yes; Shelley McCormick: yes; Stephanie Coury: yes. Absent: Jillian Fleming

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III. Approval of Minutes:

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the April 06, 2023, Minutes by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Ms. McCormick and passed unanimously by Board members present via WebEx as follows: Allison Cirino: yes; Diane Ahearn: yes; Shelley McCormick: yes; Stephanie Coury: yes. Absent: Jillian Fleming

Document: April 06, 2023 General Session Minutes

IV. Board Policies:

DISCUSSION:

Deferred until February 1, 2024

V. Board Elections:

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Joubert stated that the board elections for Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, and Board Secretary were up for re-election. Board Members could re-elect themselves or vote for another member. After discussion the board decided to reselect Allison Cirino, Board Chair; Diane Ahearn, Board Vice-Chair; Stephanie Coury, Board Secretary.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the Board Elections made by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Ms. McCormick and passed unanimously by Board members present via WebEx as follows: Allison Cirino: yes; Diane Ahearn: yes; Shelley McCormick: yes; Stephanie Coury: yes. Absent: Jillian Fleming

VI. Flex Session:

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Cirino asked a question regarding foreign trained professionals, asking if the ABGC exam was the only way to get licensed here in the United States? Ms. Cirino stating, she has seen an increase in this question in the field regarding foreign schooling and training- especially Canadian residents. Mr.

Joubert stated that he would investigate this question and find an answer, in the meantime on our website there is information based on foreign trained professionals and the licensing process.

Mr. Joubert asked board members who would be present for the February 1st, 2024 meeting? All members stated they would be present.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to move into Executive Session at 10:02AM made by Ms. Cirino, seconded by Ms. McCormick and passed unanimously by Board members present via Webex as follows: Allison Cirino: yes; Diane Ahearn: yes; Shelley McCormick: yes; Stephanie Coury: yes Absent: Jillian Fleming

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors is scheduled for **February 1st, 2024**, via WebEx at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors