

**Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**  
**Meeting Held by Video Conference and Phone**  
**DATE: April 7, 2025 TIME: 9:30 a.m.**

**General Session Minutes**

**A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (“the Board”) was held via WebEx.**

**Board Members Present by video or phone:**

Nicole Laffan, Board Chair  
Kristin Bresnahan, Board Secretary  
Sarah Young-Hong

**Staff Present by video or phone:**

Thomas Burke, Executive Director  
Sheila York, Board Counsel  
Monique Brown, Board Staff  
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff  
Lisa Park, Board Intern

**Board Members Not Present by video or phone:**

Gabrielle Simone

**Administrative Tasks**

- Board chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
- Roll Call Vote for Attendance

Dr. Laffan established a quorum via calling attendance: Dr. Bresnahan, Ms. Young-Hong, Dr. Laffan. All members present participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

**Board Business**

- Review of General Session Agenda: April 7, 2025

**Dr. Laffan moved to accept the general session agenda as written. Ms. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

- General session minutes for November 15, 2024

**Dr. Laffan moved to accept the November 15, 2024 general session minutes. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

- General session minutes for February 3, 2025

**Dr. Laffan moved to accept the February 3, 2025 general session minutes. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

- Presentation on the Unified Recovery and Monitory Program (URAMP)
  - Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08 – VOTE

Ed Taglieri presented the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08. The policy establishes standards for speech-language pathologists and audiologists to enter into a non-disciplinary consent agreement with the Board for URAMP participation. **After discussion, Dr. Laffan moved to approve and authorize the URAMP operational policy 24-08. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

- Proposed Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria – VOTE

Mr. Taglieri presented an outline of generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications for participants in URAMP. He noted that at subsequent meetings the Board may choose to adapt work restrictions and supervisor qualifications to align more closely with the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. **After discussion, Dr. Laffan moved to approve and authorize the URAMP generic practice restrictions and supervisor qualifications dated 1/21/2025. Ms. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

### **Discussion**

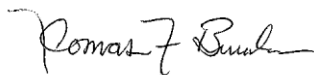
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self Queries for applicants

The Board discussed the use of the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query form as part of the licensure application process. The NPDB stores information on disciplinary action by a licensee in any jurisdiction where the licensee has practiced. The self-query for initial and reactivation applicants would inform staff of any adverse actions in other jurisdictions by healthcare professionals seeking licensure in Massachusetts. **After discussion, Dr. Laffan moved to approve the inclusion of the NPDB self-query to the license application process for initial and reactivation applicants. Ms. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

### **Adjourn General Session**

**At 10:16 a.m., Dr. Laffan moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.” Dr. Simone – “Not Present”.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Thomas F. Burke  
Executive Director

**Documents used in the general session meeting:**

- Speech Board General Session Agenda for April 7, 2025
- Speech Board Meeting General Session Minutes for November 15, 2024
- Speech Board Meeting General Session Minutes for February 3, 2025
- URAMP Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria
- URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 Staff Action Policy Final Draft
- NPDB Self-Query information guide