

**Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Meeting Held by Video Conference and Phone
DATE: May 27, 2026 TIME: 1:00 p.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
Gabrielle Simone
Sarah Young-Hong

Staff Present by video or phone:

Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director
Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director
Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff
Monique Brown, Board Staff

Board Members Not Present by video or phone:

Administrative Tasks

- Board chair Nicole Laffan called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.
- Roll Call vote for attendance

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

Board Business

- Review general session agenda: May 27, 2026 – VOTE

Ms. Young-Hong moved to accept the general session agenda as written. Dr. Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Yes”.

- Review general session minutes: April 6, 2026 – VOTE

Ms. Young-Hong moved to accept the general session minutes as written. Dr. Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Yes”.

- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Activity Report, April 2026

Read and filed.

- DPH 140 CMR 2.00 on requirements applicable to all health care providers licensed by boards within the Department of Public Health – VOTE

Director of Policy Jonathan Dillon offered a brief presentation on proposed regulation 140 CMR 2.00. The regulation would prohibit Massachusetts licensed health care

providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies and require health care providers in the Commonwealth to include a provision in contracts with debt collectors that prohibits debt collectors from reporting debt to consumer reporting agencies. Mr. Dillon requested board approval of the regulation to progress to public comment period.

Following discussion, Dr. Laffan moved to approve DPH 140 CMR 2.00 to progress to public comment period. Dr. Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Yes”.

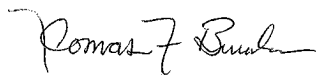
- Executive director report

The director reported that he conducted an online workshop for prospective applicants for speech-language pathology and audiology in Massachusetts. The director noted that he will offer an additional workshop to applicants.

Adjournment

At 1:40 p.m., Dr. Laffan moved to leave the general session meeting and enter closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 §65C for investigative conference and, following closed session, not return to general session and adjourn the meeting. Ms. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Yes”.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the general session meeting:

- General session agenda for May 27, 2026
- General session minutes for April 6, 2026
- DPH 140 CMR 2.00 – draft regulation (pre-comment)
- PowerPoint presentation of 140 CMR 2.00
- DPH Medical Debt Regulations – board cover memo (pre-comment)