OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PERFUSIONISTS

Minutes of Meeting

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists met on December 1, 2025, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this special meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 15, 2024, and posted on the Board's website on November 21, 2025, at 2:15 p.m. in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members Present:

Leah Davidson, LP, Vice-Chair
Eric Howell, MD
Mr. Clay Moore
*Jim Cheatham, MD
Mr. Phillip Crow
Steven Miller, MD

Member(s) Absent:

Tyler McKeon, LP, Chairman
Michael Giese, LP, Executive Secretary
Justin Stone, LP

Others Present:

Sandra Harrison, Executive Director
Kristi Ice, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Mady Martin, AAG

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Davidson, who presided over the meeting in the absence of Mr. McKeon, called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. For purposes of the record, Ms. Smith established quorum via roll call.

Ms. Harrison provided brief opening comments including announcing that a new board member has been appointed, Jim Cheatham, MD. Because Dr. Cheatham was not in attendance when the meeting was called to order, introductions will be made at a later time. She also provided an update on the database modernization which she hopes will be up and running in the summer of 2026. Regarding next session's legislation, there is not anything anticipated in the 2026 cleanup bill which will involve the practice of perfusion. She then advised that the EXPLORE conference, which the Perfusion Board was going to be a part of, has been cancelled. In closing, Ms. Harrison will keep the Board updated on all matters as they progress.

**Dr. Cheatham joined the meeting.*

Following Board review, Dr. Miller moved to approve the special meeting minutes of July 8, 2025, as written. Dr. Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative with Dr. Cheatham ABSTAINING.

Next, the Board reviewed applications for licensure.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Miller moved to approve the incomplete application of **JAMES LOUIS FILIPICH** for Perfusionist licensure pending completion of the file. Dr. Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Miller moved to grant a waiver to the 30-day submission requirement and approve the incomplete applications of **DANIELLE RAMSDELL CARTER** and **MAKAYLA McGUIRE** for Licensed Perfusionist licensure pending completion of the files. Dr. Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Miller moved to grant a waiver to the 30-day submission requirement and approve the complete application of **CARL BROWN DOMINGUEZ** for Licensed Perfusionist licensure. Dr. Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Miller moved to ratify the Reregistration Application(s) from 07/01/2025 to 11/01/2025 for **SACHIN PRAVIN PATEL**. Dr. Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Harrison provided an update regarding the Position Statement provided by **The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion regarding Normothermic Regional Perfusion** and **Ex Vivo Perfusion**. She reported the perfusion practice act would need to be opened for legislation to be approved which excludes this scope of practice from being performed by other professions. The Board expressed concern that nurses are operating ECMO machines which have been set up previously by a licensed perfusionist. Ms. Harrison stated that this really is a nursing board issue and, currently, we have no jurisdiction over nurses. An option available to the Board is to request an Attorney General Opinion in this regard. Following much discussion, the Board did not express interest in opening the perfusion practice act, nor requesting a formal Attorney General Opinion at this time. This issue will be revisited in the future if, and when, necessary.

There being no further business, Ms. Davidson moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 4:55 p.m.