

Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup: Meeting Summary

Meeting Information: Agenda and Attendees

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET | Location of Event: Teams

The following are meeting minutes from the Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup meeting, which took place on **January 20, 2026, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET**.

Agenda

- Timeline Overview
 - NRP Policy Development Process
 - Timeline for Drafting Policy Elements
- Example Allocation Out of Sequence (AOOS) Workgroup Draft Document
- Box Overview
- Discussion and Initial Drafting of Policy Elements
- Next Steps

Attendees

Attendee Name(s)	Affiliation
PJ Geraghty, John Magee, Brendan Parent, David Foley, Kris Croome, Sarah Koohmaraie, Rachel Beekman, Bill Ryan, Lara Schaheen, Steve Weitzen	NRP Workgroup
Ray Lynch, Annie Tor	HRSA
Tennille Daniels, Christine Jones, Doug Fesler, Rachel Shapiro, Amy Lin, Becca Fritz, Sophie To, Taylor Melanson, Zulma Solis	OPTN Board Support

Meeting Summary

NRP Workgroup Chair PJ Geraghty opened the meeting by briefly reviewing the agenda.

Timeline Overview

The workgroup chair presented an overview of the steps of the NRP policy development process, starting with the drafting of policy elements and ending with finalization and approval of the policy by the OPTN Board of Directors. He then presented a timeline for drafting the policy elements. He reminded the group that this timeline was tentative, not set in stone.

Example Allocation Out of Sequence (AOOS) Workgroup Draft Document

The Board Support team displayed and briefly talked through one of the draft documents (the *Expedited Placement Policy [EPP] Team Draft Policy Proposal*) developed by the Allocation Out of Sequence (AOOS) Workgroup. A Board Support team member walked through the various sections of the document, including (1) goals and work to date, (2) draft policy proposal, and (3) next steps. The Board Support team explained that this and the other AOOS Workgroup draft documents were used as a template for development the NRP Workgroup draft document.

The group briefly discussed and clarified a few items:

- A workgroup member asked whether legal review by the HRSA Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to ensure alignment with the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 (NOTA) and the OPTN Final Rule was a new or established step in the policy development process. OPTN Board President John Magee responded that this step would serve as an initial review of the workgroup’s working draft—not a final review of a policy proposal—to ensure the policy elements are framed appropriately and follow NOTA and the Final Rule.
- The group confirmed that this document was available on the workgroup’s Box site.

Box Overview

Next, the Board Support team gave an overview of the workgroup’s Box site. A Board Support team member (1) explained how to join the site through the invitation sent to each workgroup member; (2) showed the group the materials in the folders on the Box site, including the example AOOS documents, meeting materials and recordings, and resources from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); (3) mentioned that the Board Support team was setting up a folder where the group could collaborate on the *NRP Draft Elements of Proposed Policy* document; and (4) said that the Board Support team would email the group with instructions for how to review and edit documents on Box.

The group briefly discussed and clarified a few items:

- One workgroup member mentioned technical challenges when trying to access Box; the Board Support team explained the process and offered to provide assistance should the workgroup member continue having access issues.
- A Board Support team member pointed out a few quirks in Box’s features; on this note, the OPTN Board President emphasized that the naming convention for the files on Box has been very helpful.

Discussion and Initial Drafting of Policy Elements

The Board Support team displayed and briefly talked through the template/working draft they developed based on workgroup discussions and ideas so far; they also informed the group that the document would be uploaded to Box this week.

Then, the workgroup chair facilitated real-time editing of the document, going section by section:

- **Authorization and Consent & Donor Patient Safety Reporting.** The workgroup chair read aloud edits sent by a workgroup member who could not attend the meeting. Several other workgroup

members also contributed to the discussion. The group added details to the *Disclosure Scope*, *Plain Language*, *Risk Disclosure*, and *Patient Safety Reporting* subsections, and they briefly reviewed the other subsections.

- **Surgical Procedures and Standards.** The group added details to the *Techniques* and *Huddle Timing* subsections, and they briefly reviewed the other subsections. There was extensive discussion about huddle timing, especially regarding clarification on transplant hospital and organ procurement organization (OPO) roles.
- **Neuromonitoring.** The workgroup chair summarized the existing draft text and confirmed with the group that there were no additional details needed for this section.
- **Next Steps.** The workgroup chair summarized the existing draft text.

Next Steps

The workgroup chair closed the meeting with next steps (listed as action items below) and a reminder about the date and time of the next meeting, Monday, January 26, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET. Several meeting attendees expressed thanks and appreciation for workgroup members and Board Support team members; the workgroup chair echoed these sentiments.

Action Items

- **Board Support:** Upload Word template to Box and support document development.
- **Workgroup Members:** Draft plain-language summary of proposed policy elements for HRSA and Board review.