

# Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup: Meeting Summary

## Meeting Information: Agenda and Attendees

Monday, March 9, 2026 | 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET | Location of Event: Teams

The following are meeting minutes from the Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) Workgroup meeting, which took place on **March 9, 2026, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET**.

### Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Review Draft Elements of Proposed Policy Document
  - Latest updates
  - Responding to questions from the community
  - Affirmation from workgroup
- Next Steps for Draft Elements of Proposed Policy Document
  - HRSA review and second round of Board Leadership review
- Adjourn

### Attendees

| Attendee Name(s)  | Affiliation        |
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| PJ Geraghty, John Magee, Bill Ryan, Rachel Beekman, Brendan Parent, David Foley, Steve Weitzen, Joseph Turek, Bob Truog, Lara Schaheen        | NRP Workgroup      |
| Raymond Lynch, Annie Tor, Shannon Dunne   | HRSA               |
| Rachel Shapiro, Christine Jones, Doug Fesler, Amy Lin, Becca Fritz, Sophie To, Taylor Melanson, Tennille Daniels, Zulma Solis, Anna Sanderson | OPTN Board Support |

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### Opening Remarks

NRP Workgroup Chair PJ Geraghty opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda and confirming that the purpose of the session was to review the draft policy elements document, respond to any questions received, and affirm that the draft is ready for the next review from HRSA and Board Leadership.

### ***Review of Draft Elements of Proposed Policy***

The Board Support team shared the draft policy elements document during the meeting and captured edits and discussion of the draft elements in real time. The Board Support team will upload the finalized document reflecting this meeting's discussion to Box and disseminate the document to the workgroup.

The workgroup chair walked through the document and led discussion.

### ***Neuromonitoring***

The workgroup discussed rewording a sentence to clarify that neuromonitoring could lead to problematic false positives instead of harmful outcomes to the donor.

### ***Surgical Procedures and Standards***

The workgroup discussed providing examples of "signs of life" in the document. Members agreed to clarify by listing examples of neuronal activity in the document.

### ***Responding to Questions from the Community and Affirmation from Workgroup***

The Board Support team mentioned that they developed a crosswalk to ensure that the draft policy elements thoroughly address the HHS directive. The Board Support team then shared and walked through draft responses to questions received from the community. These responses address the questions at a high-level and speak to the principles that the workgroup upheld in the draft elements policy. The Board Support team will circulate these responses to the workgroup so that members can affirm that all questions were adequately addressed.

The OPTN President will send out a letter to the community providing an update on the work to address NRP and reiterating and refining the previous NRP safety notice from November 2025. The letter will specifically advise the community to stop the use of paralytics in NRP and provide guidance on clamping and transection. The Board Support team will circulate this draft letter to the workgroup so that members can provide feedback by Friday, 3/13.

### ***Next Steps***

The Board Support team will revise the policy elements document, responses to questions from the community document, and the letter to the community to reflect the workgroup's discussion. The Board Support team will then circulate these documents to the workgroup for their review by Friday, 3/13. Following the workgroup's approval, the Board Support team will submit the draft policy elements document and the crosswalk of the initial directive to HRSA and Board Leadership for an additional review.

### ***Action Items:***

- **Board Support:** Distribute post-meeting materials (agenda, meeting summary, and recording) for workgroup members.
- **Board Support:** Revise the draft policy elements document, community letter, and responses to questions from the community. Share the documents with the workgroup for affirmation and approval.