OPTN Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Meeting Information: Agenda and Attendees

Friday, June 5, 2026 | 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET | Location of Event: Zoom

The following is a meeting summary from the OPTN Board of Directors meeting, which took place on **June 5, 2026, 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET**.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Call to Order
- Ratification of 2026 Board Officer Election Results – **VOTE**
- Other/New Business

Closed Session

- The Board met in a closed session.

Attendees

Attendee Name(s)	Affiliation
John Magee (President), Shelley Hall (Vice President), Alan Reed (Treasurer), Justin Wilkerson (Secretary), William (Bill) Ryan (Vice President for Patient and Donor Affairs), Andrew Courtwright, Annette Needham, Ari Cohen, Austin Schenk, Gitthaline (Candie) Gagne, Robert (Cody) Reynolds, Dan Meyer, Darren Lahrman, James Cason, Jen Benson, John Hodges, Joseph Magliocca, Joshua Gossett, Kenneth Chavin, Kevin Lee, Kymberly Watt, Mark Wakefield, Meelie DebRoy, Samantha Endicott, Steven Weitzen, Vincent Casingal	OPTN Board of Directors
Stephanie Pouch	Disease Transmission Advisory Committee (DTAC)
Brianna Doby, Raymond Lynch, Mesmin Germain, Sarah Laskey, Nolan Simon, Bob Walsh, David McCormick, Joni Mills	HRSA
Jon Snyder, Roslyn Mannon	Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR)
Doug Fesler	OPTN Executive Director
Christine Jones, Melanie Bartlett, Tennille Daniels, Becca Fritz, Brianna Heslin, Mona Kilany, Anthony LaBarrie, Markus Louis, Taylor Melanson, Anna Sanderson, Zulma Solis	OPTN Board Support Staff

Meeting Summary

Open Session

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

OPTN Board President ("President") John Magee convened the meeting and confirmed quorum. After the meeting was called to order, the President reminded the Board members that the meeting would be conducted in a closed session. He noted the meeting was being recorded and encouraged Board members to keep cameras on, microphones muted unless speaking, and to use the raise-hand feature for any questions or comments to support engagement and meeting efficiency.

Ratification of 2026 Board Officer Election Results

Board Vice President Shelley Hall ("Vice President") presented the results of the 2026 Board Officer election. She reminded participants that the President and Vice President positions had previously been extended for an additional year, making the Vice President of Patient and Donor Affairs and Secretary positions the only offices subject to election this cycle.

Election participation reached 60.6% of eligible members, with voting occurring between May 15 and May 22, 2026. The Vice President noted that member engagement remained critical to the governance process and encouraged members who did not receive voting materials to notify OPTN staff to ensure contact information remained current.

The proposed candidate slate included:

- **William (Bill) Ryan, MBA** was re-elected Vice President of Patient and Donor Affairs.
- **Kymberly D. Watt, MD** was elected Secretary.

Following presentation of the results, the Board briefly discussed the language contained in the ratification resolution. Board members raised regarding term definitions and succession language, with clarification provided that officer terms are defined in the OPTN Bylaws and that both elected positions carry two-year terms beginning July 1, 2026.

Following a discussion of the candidates' experience and qualifications, the candidates left the meeting and recused themselves from the vote. The Board voted on the following:

> NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the results of the Board officer election, and confirms the election of the following individuals to the offices set forth beside their respective names, each to serve for the term beginning as of July 1, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified:
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> – **Vice President of Patient and Donor Affairs:** William (Bill) Ryan, MBA (two-year term)
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> – **Secretary:** Kymberly D. Watt, MD (two-year term)
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> RESOLVED FURTHER, that each officer so elected shall serve as the same officer of the OPTN, and is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the duties of their respective offices as set forth in the Bylaws and applicable OPTN

Final Vote: 21 approve, 0 reject, 0 abstain.

Following the election ratification, the President informed the Board of his intention to utilize authority granted under the OPTN Bylaws to appoint Justin Wilkerson as Assistant Secretary, subject to Board approval.

The President cited Mr. Wilkerson's leadership contributions during the modernization transition, his involvement in allocation out of OPTN sequence (AOOS) initiatives, and the unique perspective he brings as both an operational leader and a patient and donor family representative.

Board members engaged in a thoughtful discussion regarding the purpose and future use of the Assistant Secretary role. Questions focused on whether the position should become a recurring part of board governance, whether it would carry Executive Committee membership, and how it might influence committee composition and board balance.

Several Board members expressed support for the appointment as a mechanism to preserve continuity during the current period of significant organizational change. Others emphasized the importance of ensuring that the position remain limited in scope and not create unintended shifts in governance authority.

Although there was informal support for the appointment, Board members concluded that additional consideration would be beneficial. The President elected to defer formal action until the June 18, 2026 Board meeting to allow further reflection and discussion before a vote.

Other/New Business

The President shared an update on HRSA's recent selection of a new contractor to support patient safety, compliance, and membership oversight functions within the OPTN modernization framework.

HRSA has selected General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT), working in partnership with Arbor Research, to perform as the Patient Safety and Compliance contractor. Both GDIT and Arbor Research already possess familiarity with OPTN operations, with GDIT serving as the OPTN360 contractor and Arbor Research having played a significant role in prior discovery work.

The President emphasized that the contractor transition is intended to be largely seamless from the Board's perspective. The expectation is that contractors will adapt to OPTN needs rather than requiring substantial accommodation from board members or committees. Brianna Doby reinforced that future communications would further clarify responsibilities and operational expectations. She stressed that contractor performance should ultimately be judged by the quality, responsiveness, and effectiveness of the services provided to OPTN stakeholders.

Board members were encouraged to continue directing inquiries through established OPTN communication channels to ensure continuity regardless of future contractor changes.

Board members raised questions regarding transparency initiatives and ongoing policy monitoring efforts:

- One Board member requested an update on development of AOOS dashboards capable of displaying data by organ type. She noted that such transparency would be particularly valuable in evaluating the impact of recent emergency actions related to lung allocation and continuous distribution. Dr. Sarah Laskey reported that development of organ-specific reporting capabilities remains actively underway. While the underlying data are already used in certain reports, integrating those data into public-facing dashboards remains technically complex. She confirmed that the enhancement remains a high-priority request.

- Another Board member expressed concern that new public comments on the lung continuous distribution (CD) policy had not been posted since May 22, 2026. Ms. Doby explained that the issue appeared to involve website functionality rather than comment suppression. She immediately investigated the concern with communications and web support teams and reported that a webpage pagination error had prevented users from viewing newer submissions. Contractors were directed to correct the issue promptly.

Closed Session

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