

**OPTN Executive Summary of the OPTN Board of Directors Meeting  
December 6, 2021  
Dallas, TX**

**Matthew Cooper, MD, President  
Jerry McCauley, MD, Vice President**

## **Introduction**

The OPTN Board of Directors met in Dallas, TX and via teleconference on 12/06/2021.

Matthew Cooper, MD, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) President, called the meeting to order at 10:00am CT. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting.

The following is a summary of the meeting.

### **1. HRSA Address**

Frank Holloman, Director, and Chris McLaughlin, Policy Advisor, Organ Transplantation Branch, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), addressed the Board. They thanked the board for their COVID-19 response and provided information on the OPTN statutory and regulatory framework, as well as details on the OPTN contract.

### **2. Consent Agenda Resolutions**

The Board approved 15 resolutions on the consent agenda. The subject of the individual resolutions were as follows:

1. The Board approved minutes of June 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors held via teleconference (Executive Committee).
2. The Board approved the Proposal to Clarify Acceptable Signature Formats in OPTN Policies and Bylaws (Executive Committee).
3. The Board approved the Proposal to Expand and Clarify the Composition of the OPTN Nominating Committee (Nominating Committee).
4. The Board approved an extension to the HIV Organ Policy Equity Act (HOPE) Variance (Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee).
5. The Board approved the Ethical Considerations of Continuous Distribution in Organ Allocation white paper (Ethics Committee).
6. The Board approved the Amend Status Extension Requirements in Adult Heart Allocation Policy proposal (Heart Transplantation Committee).
7. The Board approved the Review of National Liver Review Board (NLRB) Diagnoses and Update to Alcohol Associated Diagnoses proposal and guidance (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee).
8. The Board approved an extension to the Hawaii and Puerto Rico Closed Blood Type Variance (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee).

9. The Board made the Require Lower Respiratory SARS-CoV-2 Testing for Lung Donors Emergency Policy permanent (Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee).
10. The Board approved the Update Data Collection to Align with U.S. Public Health Service Guideline, 2020 (Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee).
11. The Board approved the Guidance for Data Collection Regarding Classification of Citizenship Status (Ad Hoc International Relations Committee).
12. The Board approved the Update Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) Equivalency Tables proposal (Histocompatibility Committee).

### **3. Reports to the Board of Directors**

Following the passage of the consent agenda, Matthew Cooper, Chair of the Executive Committee, provided the Executive Committee Report to the Board.

Jerry McCauley, MD, and Chair of the OPTN Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report to the Board, including the slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors for terms beginning on July 1, 2022.

Brad Kornfeld, OPTN Treasurer, and Dale Smith, UNOS Director of Finance, gave the Finance Committee report to the Board.

Darren Stewart, Principal Research Scientist at UNOS, presented the DonorNet™ Predictive Analytics Collaboration.

The Data Advisory Committee Report to the Board was presented by the committee chair, Rachel Patzer.

Nicole Turgeon, chair of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) presented the POC report to the Board.

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) Report to the board was presented by MPSC Chair, Ian Jamieson.

Martha Pavlakis, Chair of the Kidney Transplantation Committee, shared an update on ongoing committee projects and upcoming work.

### **4. Discussion Agenda**

The Board approved the Data Collection to Evaluate Organ Logistics and Allocation proposal, presented by the Operations and Safety Committee Chair, Chris Curran.

The Board of Directors approved the proposal to Establish Membership Requirements for Uterus Transplant Programs presented by Sandra Amaral, Vice Chair of the Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) Committee.

- The Board did not approve an amendment proposed by Linda Cendales, which would change the proposed requirements set forth by the VCA Committee.
- The Board approved a technical amendment to the proposal to strike “direct” from the proposal language.
- The Board approved a second technical amendment to remove the list of covered body parts.

The Board of Directors approved the Establish Continuous Distribution of Lungs proposal from the Lung Transplantation Committee.

The Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for the January 2022 Board of Directors election.

The Board of Directors approved the Enhance Transplant Program Performance Monitoring System from the Membership and Professional Standards Committee.

The Board approved the Heart Transplantation Committee's Report Primary Graft Dysfunction in Heart Transplant Recipients proposal.

The OPTN Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:51pm CT on December 6th, 2021.