

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

Thursday, June 14, 2012
9:30 a.m.
239 Causeway Street – 4th floor, Room 417A
Boston, MA 02114

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. April 12, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - B. April 12, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
 - A. None
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
 - A. PA-2011-015 Neira, Diego PA1955 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Patient abuse
Investigative Conference 10 a.m.
 - B. PA-2011-0014 Stall, Jennifer PA4095 (expires 3-1-2013;
Surrendered 1-19-2012)

NCCPA notification: certification revoked
Submission of release to provide complaint materials for evaluator review
- VI. License Application Review
 - A. None
- VII. License Reactivation Application Review
 - A. None
- VIII. Staff Assignments
 - A. SA-INV-2541 Davidson, Elana License No. PA1031 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Failure to complete 2011 renewal application; failure to respond to Board requests

B. SA-INV-2540 Vassallo, Caitlin License No. PA2169 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Failure to complete 2011 renewal application

C. SA-INV-2520 Escobedo, Hilda License No. PA2393 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct

IX. Complaints

A. PA-2011-003 Connolly, Mary License No. PA35 (expires 3-1-2013)
Update: Declined consent agreement, referred to Office of Prosecutions

B. PA-2009-001 Cushman, Ina License No. PA31 (expires 3-1-2013)
Board review: Quarterly Medication Report:

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Theresa Phillips, PA960, St. Vincent's Hospital: Query regarding prescription practice guidelines and supervising physician's responsibilities: Additional information.

B. PA Dermatology and Cosmetic Practice Advertisement

C. PAs and Patient Restraints

D. Michael Gilman, PA4155: Can PAs prescribe durable medical equipment and goods and home services such as home health aides, PT, OT?

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Election of Board Officers:
Chair: Richard Murphy (current)
Vice-Chair: Dipu Patel-Junankar (current)

B. Drug Control Program's Prescription Monitoring Program: Prescriber Outreach Letter

C. DPH's Health Workforce Center: *Health Professions Data Series: Physician Assistants 2011*: Presentation by Julia Dyck, DPH.

D. Legislative Updates

XII. Adjourn

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2012

Board Members	Richard Murphy, PA-C, Chair	Edward Glinski, MD
<u>Present:</u>	Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Vice-Chair	Barbara Webster, PA-C
	Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member	Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member

Board Member
Not Present: Frieda Cohen, Public Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, DPH
Maura Drury, Administrative Assistant

Bill Frisch, Investigator, Office of Public Protection (left at 10:16 a.m.)
Samuel Penta, Supervisor, Office of Public Protection (left at 10:23 a.m.)

I. Call to Order
Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda
The meeting agenda was reviewed. Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by the reordering of the agenda; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: April 12, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March 8, 2012 Regularly-Scheduled Board Meeting

The minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regularly-Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Webster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Webster, Ms. Hilf, Dr. Glinski, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Patel-Junankar voting in favor. Dr. Baum did not vote as he was not present for the March meeting.

B. March 8, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

The minutes of the March 8, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Glinski, Ms. Hilf, Ms. Webster, Ms. Patel-Junankar and Mr. Murphy voting in favor. Dr. Baum did not vote as he was not present for the March meeting.

Documents: Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the March 8, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None.

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

A. PA-2009-001 Cushman, Ina PA31 (Probation)
Update: Quarterly medication list

Ms. Webster made a motion to enter into a M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 9:43 a.m.;
Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[The Board exited the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session and returned to open session at 9:54 a.m.]

VI. License Application Review
None.

VII. License Reactivation Application Review
None.

VIII. Staff Assignments

A. SA-INV-2537 Favazza, Elisha PA2174 (expires 3-1-2013)

Dr. Glinski made a motion to open a complaint for failure to complete the 2011
renewal application; Ms. Webster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Webster made a motion dismiss the complaint with a letter advising the
licensee that Board regulations require that the Board be advised of address changes
within thirty (30) days, renewal applications must be completed, CMEs and
prescription practice guidelines must be in compliance with Board regulations, and
that work setting information is required to be on file with the Board. Ms. Patel-
Junankar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Staff Assignment investigation-related materials

IX. Complaints

A. PA-2011-001 Bartoszek, Joseph PA1347 (Surrendered 3/30/12)

Office of Public Protection Investigators Sam Penta and Bill Frisch summarized the
investigation involving the licensee, and subsequent interview with the licensee,
which established that he failed to comply with federal and state laws and regulations
governing controlled substances.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender Agreement that
the licensee signed on March 30, 2012; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion
passed unanimously.

Documents: Signed Voluntary Surrender Agreement

B. Update: PA-2011-009 Loud, Curt PA2104 (Surrendered 10/14/11)

Ms. Graham informed Board members that the Board office received notification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) that the licensee's NCCPA certification has been revoked effective February 16, 2012.

Documents: NCCPA letter of notification

C. Update: PA-2011-014 Stall, Jennifer PA4095 (Surrendered 1/19/12)

Ms. Graham informed the Board that the licensee's Massachusetts EMT certification has been summarily suspended by DPH's Office of Emergency Medical Services and that the licensee has requested a hearing on the matter. To date, the hearing has not been scheduled.

Ms. Stein informed the Board that an evaluation by the addictionologist approved by the Board had been received; however, the evaluation was completed without review of Board complaint investigation materials, as required by the licensee's Voluntary Surrender Agreement with the Board. Consequently, the Board will not accept the evaluation. Ms. Stein will notify the licensee's attorney.

Documents: None

D. Update: PA-2011-012 Dutkiewicz, Katelyn C. PA3740 (expires 3-1-2013)

Ms. Graham provided the Board with a signed copy of the Consent Agreement for Reprimand based on practice following license expiration, which the licensee has signed.

Document: Signed Consent Agreement for Reprimand

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Theresa Phillips, PA960, St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester: Query regarding prescription practice guidelines and supervising physician's responsibilities

The Board reviewed the query and deferred further discussion pending receipt of additional information from the Board of Registration in Medicine and any standards that other states may have established.

Document: Query received via email

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. NCCPA: New Certification Maintenance Requirements to include Self-Assessment or Performance Improvement (PI-CME) CMEs

Ms. Graham informed the Board that beginning in 2014 the NCCPA is adopting new certification maintenance requirements. Information about the new requirements is posted on NCCPA's website. The Board will post FAQs on its website with a link to the NCCPA website.

XII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Glinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Patel-Junankar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Murphy, PA-C
Chair

Date