

**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, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017  
9:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Floor ~ Room 417 A/B  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Staff Contact</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>I</b>	<b>Call to Order Determination of Quorum</b>		Board Chair
	<b>II</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda</b>	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	<b>III</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> A. March 9, 2017, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	<b>IV</b>	<b>Regulations/Policy</b> A. Active Retired Status vs. Retired Status B. Proposed Amended PA-10-01: License Reinstatement After Surrender, Suspension or Revocation	Draft Policy	Board
	<b>V</b>	<b>Six Sigma Project Approval</b> A. Recommendations B. Northeastern Pilot	Board Mem	RC
	<b>VI</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. Announcements 1. Non-Opioid Directive Circular 2. FPAR B. Topics for next agenda		Board Chair

10:00 a.m.	<b>VII</b>	<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p>The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) and (3) for the purposes of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against an individual, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as a public discussion may have a detrimental effect on the Board's position.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the <u>Good Moral Character</u> provision of an application or applications as required for registration.</li> <li>2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees.</li> <li>3. Finally, the Board will consider approving prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(a) for previous executive sessions of the Board.</li> </ol> <p><b>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.</b></p>	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	<b>VIII</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b> - next Board meeting scheduled for May 11, 2017</p>		Board Chair

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**BOARD MEETING**

**March 9, 2017**  
**239 Causeway Street, Room 417**  
**Boston, MA 02114**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair  
Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2  
Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3  
Robert Baginski, MD  
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator  
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4

**Board Members**

**Not Present:**

Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society  
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1

**Staff Present:**

Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL  
Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL  
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, BHPL  
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH  
Clifford Pascarella, Investigator, BHPL  
Karen Fishman, Probation Monitor, BHPL

**I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum**

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, Ms. Patel-Junankar, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. Conflict of Interest/Approval of the Agenda**

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

**DISCUSSION:** Board agreed to defer item IV, and correct the date in item VIII-A to April 14, 2017.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: March 9, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Gorsuch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: January 12, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

9:34am Ms. Strachan entered.

IV. Policy: Proposed Amended Staff Action Policies

A. PA-15-02 GMC Licensure

Ms. Strachan presented a draft policy which updated language allowing staff action on initial licensure applications which had a history of only one OUI offense.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the amended policy; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Revisions

B. PA-09-01 Pain Management Policy

Ms. Strachan presented a draft policy which updated language regarding pain management.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar asked if the language was the same as the Medical Board. Ms. Strachan stated she was unsure and could check. A concern was the term “pseudo addiction.” Ms. Sheridan-Geldart asked if the section including “pseudo

addiction” could be removed. Ms. Strachan responded yes. Ms. Patel-Junankar requested that the CME requirement was included in this policy. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart stated it was already referenced later in the policy. Ms. Patel-Junankar responded that she would like it more clearly stated to avoid any confusion or vagueness. Mr. Gorsuch asked why this was originally created. He would like the first sentence of the third paragraph adjusted as the current language leaves it open for a lot of complaints. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart suggested removing it completely. Board members agreed. Board members would also like the date the policy was adopted to be updated.

ACTION: Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to approve the amended policy with changes; Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Revisions

## V. Board Inquiry: Scope of Practice

### A. Supervising Physician at Satellite Locations

The Board received an email asking if a PA requires an additional supervising physician for a satellite location if their primary supervising physician does not have privileges at that location.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar and Ms. Sheridan-Geldart said they felt an additional supervising physician is required. Mr. Gorsuch stated that his office uses a collaborative agreement which names alternative or temporary physicians for satellite locations. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart stated that if there is documentation, she felt this was okay. Board members agreed. Ms. Strachan will draft an advisory to present to the Board. Ms. Patel-Junankar noted that Brigham and Women’s Hospital has language for this situation which may be useful. Ms. Strachan will also check the Board of Medicine regulations for any conflicts.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

### B. Hospital Admissions by PA’s

An inquiry came to board staff asking if physician assistants can “do and sign hospital admissions.”

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gorsuch stated that he believed this was intended to answer a different question regarding nonpayment. While PA’s can admit patients, insurers require that the supervising physicians sign off on the chart within 24 hours or before the patient is discharged, whichever is first. In the past, patients would often leave well before the supervising physician reviewed their charts. This is not a

scope of practice question or problem. Ms. Patel-Junankar addressed the chart which showed the differences between NPs and PAs, noting that some of this information was incorrect. It concerned her that false information was being distributed and she asked if there was someone they could contact at the Mass Medical Society. Ms. Strachan responded that MMS was not a state agency, and considering the group has given issue to Nursing regulations in the past, they may not be cooperative. Mr. Gorsuch noted that the chart was also labeled by the Physician Practice Resource Center. Both Board staff and MAPA will reach out to MMS and PPRC to ask that the chart is corrected.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

VI. MB Presentation:

A. Continuous Improvement: Licensing Process

Ms. Cherfils gave a PowerPoint presentation describing a three phase plan to improve and streamline the licensing process by removing unnecessary requirements and accepting online-verified and uploaded documentation.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils asked the Board if they felt the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) report was necessary. Ms. Cherfils pointed out that the information could be outdated, the process takes time, and that the PA Board was the only Board that requires the report. Ms. Patel-Junankar agreed that self-query results are not needed for licensing and should be removed from the requirements in the future. Board members agreed.

ACTION: None

Document: PowerPoint presentation

VII. Flex Session

A. Announcements

1 - 4 Years of Service Recognition Citation for former Board Member Mike Valdez  
Ms. Cherfils announced that a printed citation for Mr. Valdez's service is being created and will be sent to him.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

2 - Non-Opioid Directive Circular

This agenda item will be deferred to the next meeting, as materials were not available.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

1- PA Schools: Licensing Presentations

Bay Path University: March 24, 2017

Northeastern University: April 14, 2017

Tufts University: September 1, 2017

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar would like to discuss FPAR/AAPA's push to change the statute and allow for independent practice by PAs.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VIII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:22 a.m., Ms. Patel-Junankar announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

4. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants.

5. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensees relevant to their petitions for license status change.
6. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the March 10, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to enter into Executive Session; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Dr. Robert Baginski: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Ms. Alithia Broderick: yes; Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

#### IX. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

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Date