

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Public Health  
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure  
Board of Registration of Physician Assistants**

**MEETING MINUTES  
GENERAL SESSION  
(OPEN SESSION)**

**August 11 2022  
Via WebEx**

Board Members

Present:

Dipu Patel, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair  
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Secretary  
Robert Baginski, MD, Physician Member  
Richard Baum, MD, Physician Member  
Mary Kuzmeski PA-C, Physician Assistant 2  
Hannah Nolan, MPAS PAC, Physician Assistant 3

Board Members

Not Present:

Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant Educator,  
Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards  
Mary Strachan, Esq., Board Counsel, Office of the General  
Counsel  
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards

Staff Not

Present:

Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Board Investigator, Multi-Boards  
Patricia Young, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards

- I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording  
Ms. Dipu Patel, Board Chair, called to order the General Session of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants at 9:42AM. Members present via WebEx roll call: Dipu Patel: present; Robert Baginski; Present Paul Crehan: present; Richard Baum: present; Mary Kuzmeski: present; Hanna Nolan: present. Absent: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart
  
- II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of General Session Agenda:  
The General Session agenda for August 11, 2022 was reviewed for approval. Ms. Dipu Patel, Board Chair, asked for a motion since there were no items on the agenda for discussion.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022 agenda was made by Mr. Paul Crehan, seconded by Mr. Robert Baginski and unanimously passed by roll-call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: approve; Robert Baginski: approve; Paul Crehan: approve; Richard Baum: approve; Mary Kuzmeski: approve; Hanna Nolan: approve. Absent: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart

**Document:** August 11, 2022, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2022

The General Session minutes for July 14, 2022 was reviewed for approval. Ms. Dipu Patel asked for a motion after the review.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the April 14, 2022, General Session minutes was made by Mr. Paul Crehan, seconded by Ms. Hannah Nolan and unanimously passed by roll-call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: approve; Robert Baginski: approve; Paul Crehan: approve; Richard Baum: approve; Mary Kuzmeski: approve; Hanna Nolan: approve. Absent: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart Abstained: None; Recused: None

**Document:** July 14, 2022, General Session Minutes

IV. Policy regarding Expedited Processing of Reciprocal License Applications in response to disease outbreak or other critical Public Health concerns.

Ms. Strachan stated that the Reciprocal Application is so that if a licensee is in good standing elsewhere and waiting for all necessary documents to get to the board, the board can issue a temp license WITH a deadline to get all necessary documents in to the board.

Ms. Patel started off the conversation stating she was confused and would like clarification if this would be a full license to prescribe, because as of now the emergency temps do not have the ability to prescribe. Mr. Joubert stated that this is a conditional approval that can be submitted electronically and stated that this conditional approval licensure will expire if no additional documents are given to the board within the deadline for submittal. Ms. Patel asked are we trusting other states good standing? Considering each state is different. Ms. Strachan stated yes, we will honor the states definition of good standing. Ms. Kuzmeski stated she had concerns with if the licensee doesn't provide documents, how will pharmacies be aware? How will the license be null and void?

Mr. Joubert stated that it would automatically become null and void in the My Licensing Office software that the Multi-Boards use. Ms. Kuzmeski still expressed concern and asked if there was a way to notify the PA and Supervising Physician? She stated she believes that there needs to be another step of the action taken on our end. She believes if nobody is tracking people will still believe that the license is still active.

Ms. Strachan stated she understood her concern but operationally didn't know if there is a plan for that. Stated she would reach out to Heather Engman her supervisor for clarification. Ms. Patel asked Ms. Strachan how the Nursing Board does it? Ms. Strachan explained that there is a national nursing license data base (NURSYS) that allows nursing boards to communicate with each other and all jurisdictions, but no other health care profession has a comparable one.

Ms. Patel stated that she would like a motion to approve this policy with the expectation Ms. Strachan will reach out and provide us with more information next meeting.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the licensing policy was made by Mr. Paul Crehan, seconded by Ms. Mary Kuzmeski and unanimously passed by roll-call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: approve; Robert Baginski: approve; Paul Crehan: approve; Richard Baum: approve; Mary Kuzmeski: approve; Hanna Nolan: approve. Absent: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart; Abstained: None; Recused: None

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Mr. Joubert had no announcements at this time.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Patel went on to talk about the subcommittee. Ms. Patel stated that she and Ms. Kuzmeski were on board and asked if any other board members would like to join the subcommittee. Currently all other boards members are occupied and cannot make the time commitment to join the subcommittee. Mr. Joubert asked if the plan was still to meet after executive session? Ms. Patel stated yes once the Executive Session is adjourned the SubCommittee will meet.

Ms. Patel stated that Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart has given her notice, she believes that September's board meeting will be her last. Ms. Patel stated that it is a huge loss to the Board and asked Mr. Joubert if there is a certificate or plaque that we can present to her to acknowledge all the years to the board that she has given. Mr. Joubert stated that he will put in a request for a commissioner certificate.

VI. Adjournment

ACTION:

Motion to adjourn and move to Executive Session was made by Mr. Paul Crehan, seconded by Mr. Robert Baginski and unanimously passed by roll-call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: approve; Robert Baginski: approve; Paul Crehan: approve; Richard Baum: approve; Mary Kuzmeski: approve; Hannah Nolan: approve; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Absent; Abstained: None; Recused: None

Let the record show that the meeting adjourned at 10:04AM.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants is scheduled for **Thursday August 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.** remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted:

The Board of Registration of Physician Assistants