

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Board of Registration of Physician Assistants
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108**

Public Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants (the Board) was held remotely with video and audio conference as an alternate means of public access.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

Dr. Julie Hurley, Chair, noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Hurley, DSc PAS, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Stephanie Lahaise, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4
Ryan Lapham, Public Member 1
Guerline Menard, MMS, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice Chair
Jessica Spissinger, PA-C, PA Educator, Secretary
Kenneth Wakwe, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Simon, MD, MMS Physician Member
Melissa Sundberg, MD, Physician Member
Stephen Wood, DMSc, ACNP-BC, Public Member 2

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director
Rebecca Barros, Esq., Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigations Supervisor
Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Investigator
Jacob Edwards, Investigator
Suna Mungee, Investigations Intern
Mark Waksmonski, URAMP Director
Julie Showalter, URAMP Supervisor

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Julie Hurley, Chair, took attendance by roll call and a quorum of board members was recorded with the following members present via video conference: *Hurley, Lahaise, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Wakwe*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Thereafter Guerline Menard made a motion, seconded by Jessica Spissinger and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the February 12, 2026 agenda as drafted.**

in-favor: Hurley, Lahaise, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Wakwe
opposed: none

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the draft public meeting minutes of January 8, 2026. Thereafter a motion was made by Ken Wakwe, seconded by Guerline Menard and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the public meeting minutes of January 8, 2026 as drafted.**

in-favor: Hurley, Lahaise, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Wakwe
opposed: none

AFFIRMATION OF THE REVISIONS TO URAMP OPERATIONAL POLICY 24-08

Mark Waksmonski, Director of the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP), presented the proposed revisions to the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) Operational Policy 24-08. Julie Showalter, URAMP Supervisor, also attended the meeting. URAMP has been operating for a year. The Board was being asked to affirm the revisions to the operational policy to allow for the adjustments. The changes further advance operational proficiencies and offer the program more flexibility to address common participant matters and a higher level of ongoing discussions of policy approaches for evaluations. Consideration is being given whether to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to conduct URAMP admission evaluations. Currently, psychiatrists and/or clinical psychologists are authorized to perform these assessments. Jessica Spissinger asked that the program consider allowing psychiatric PAs who have a Certificate of Advanced Qualifications in psychiatry to conduct evaluations. Thereafter a motion was made by Guerline Menard, seconded by Dr. Julie Hurley and VOTED (roll call); **to affirm the revisions to URAMP Operational Policy 24-08.**

in-favor: Hurley, Lahaise, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Wakwe
opposed: none

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Julie Hurley, seconded by Jessica Spissinger and VOTED (roll call); **to end the public session and go into closed executive session per G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1)** 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. Specifically, to evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for a pending applicant.

in-favor: Hurley, Lahaise, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Wakwe
opposed: none

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Guglietta, Executive Director
Board of Registration of Physician Assistants

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Posted agenda 2/12/2026*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 1/8/2026*
- *Memo: Affirmation of the revisions to URAMP Operational Policy, 24-08*