

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

**250 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02108**

**MEETING MINUTES  
GENERAL SESSION  
(OPEN SESSION)  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Via WebEx**

Board Members

Present:

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

Board Members

Not Present:

None

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards  
Katie Goldrick, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards  
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards  
Sarah Constantino, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards  
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel

Staff Not

Present:

None

I. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording

Dr. Dipu Patel, Board Chair called to order the General Session of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants at 9:16 A.M. Members present via WebEx roll call: Dr. Dipu Patel: present; Dr. Robert Baginski: present; Dr. Richard Baum: present; Jaime Jaronko: present; Mary

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Kuzmeski: present; Hannah Nolan: present.  
Absent: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None.

II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Executive Session Agenda

DISCUSSION:

The General Session Agenda for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was reviewed for approval. Board members were asked to disclose any conflicts of interest with the agenda. Dr. Patel asked the board members to review the General Session Agenda for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and make a motion to approve when ready.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Agenda was made by Dr. Robert Baginski, seconded by Ms. Hannah Nolan and unanimously passed by roll-call as follows:  
Dr. Dipu Patel: present; Dr. Robert Baginski: present; Dr. Richard Baum: present; Jaime Jaronko: present; Mary Kuzmeski: present; Hannah Nolan: present.  
Absent: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None.

Document: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, General Session Minutes

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Patel asked the board members to review the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes and make a motion to approve when ready.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, General Session Minutes was made by Ms. Jamie Jaronko, seconded by Ms. Nolan and unanimously passed by roll-call as follows: Dr. Dipu Patel: present; Dr. Robert Baginski: present; Dr. Richard Baum: present; Jaime Jaronko: present; Mary Kuzmeski: present; Hannah Nolan: present.  
Absent: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None.

Document: January 12, 2023 General Session Minutes

IV. Investigations:

V. Flex Session

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A. Announcements:

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Patel asked Mr. Steven Joubert about the status of the Physician's Assistant Compact Licensure. Dr. Patel also asked Mr. Joubert about the federal name change from "Physician Assistant" to "Physician Associate." Mr. Joubert stated that the Bureau Director is still researching. Ms. Heather Engman stated that to talk about compact licensure, the topic should be added to next month's agenda. Dr. Patel stated that she would like telehealth regulations and the name change to be put on the agenda for next month in addition to compact licensure.

VI. Executive Session:

DISCUSSION:

Board Chair, Dr. Patel read the Executive Session Statement as follows: The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) 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. 1. Specifically, 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. 2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees. The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the closed session(s).

VII. 65C Session:

VIII. Adjudicatory Session:

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn and move to the Executive Session was made by Dr. Baginski, seconded by Dr. Baum and unanimously passed by roll-call as follows:

Dr. Dipu Patel: present; Dr. Robert Baginski: present; Dr. Richard Baum: present; Jaime Jaronko: present; Mary Kuzmeski: present; Hannah Nolan: present.

Absent: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None.

Let the record show that the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

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The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants is scheduled for Thursday March 9th at 9:30 A.M. remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted:

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