**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Bureau of Health Professions Licensure**

**Board of Registration of Physician Assistants**

**250 Washington Street**

**Boston, MA 02108**

**Public Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2025**

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 pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, signed into law on July 16, 2022.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

Jaime Jaronko, Chair, noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jaime Jaronko, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Chair

Ryan Lapham, Public Member 1

Guerline Menard, MMS, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Secretary

Jessica Spissinger, PA-C, PA Educator

Melissa Sundberg, MD, Physician Member

Kenneth Wakwe, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Julie Hurley, DSc PAS, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Vice Chair

Kevin Simon, MD, MMS Physician Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director

Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director

Rebecca Barros, Esq., Board Counsel

Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor

Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Investigator

Lauren Nelson, Esq., Deputy Director

Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy

Gillian Coffey, Manager of Health Communications

Mark Waksmonski, Director of URAMP

Ed Taglieri, URAMP

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chair Jaime Jaronko took attendance by roll call and a quorum of board members was recorded with the following members present via video conference: *Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chair Jaime Jaronko made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Dr. Melissa Sundberg and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the March 13, 2025 agenda as drafted.**

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Jaime Jaronko asked for a motion to approve the draft public meeting minutes of February 13, 2025. Thereafter a motion was made by Ryan Lapham, seconded by Ken Wakwe, but not voted on. The vote was deferred to the next meeting due to three board members abstaining and a majority being needed for the vote.

**VOTE TO AUTHORIZE REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS**

Board Executive Director Lisa Guglietta explained that the deadline to extend remote board meetings was March 31, 2025. Prior to the pandemic, Open Meeting Law required a quorum of board members, including the Chair or acting Chair, to be physically present in the same room. The Board needed to vote to allow other members to participate remotely if needed should the extension of remote board meetings not pass. Thereafter a motion was made by Guerline Menard, seconded by Jessica Spissinger, and VOTED (roll call); **to authorize remote participation in future meetings.**

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

**EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SHIELD LAW**

Deputy Director Lauren Nelson, Esq. informed the Board that the proposed emergency amendments were unchanged after the open public comment session. She requested that the Board vote to approve the emergency amendments post comment period. Thereafter a motion was made by Ken Wakwe, seconded by Guerline Menard, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the amendments to 263 CMR 3.00: *Licensure of Individual Physician Assistants and* 263 CMR 6.00: *Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions.***

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

**UNIFIED RECOVERY AND MONITORING PROGRAM (URAMP)**

URAMP Director Mark Waksmonski, Ed Taglieri, and Jonathon Dillon introduced themselves. They were attending the meeting to ask the Board to approve the URAMP operational policy and practice restrictions. Member Jessica Spissinger asked for clarification on what types of providers were doing evaluations for the program. Thereafter, a motion made by Guerline Menard, seconded by Dr. Melissa Sundberg and VOTED (roll call); **to authorize and approve the URAMP Operational Policy 24-08.**

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

Member Ken Wakwe asked for clarification on how long PAs would be unable to practice. PAs may resume practice under supervision after six months. Ed Taglieri informed Board members that they could customize the URAMP practice restrictions for physician assistants at a future board meeting and vote to approve the changes. Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Melissa Sundberg, seconded by Guerline Menard and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the generic practice restrictions inclusive of supervisor qualifications.**

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:31 a.m. a motion was made by Guerline Menard, seconded by Jessica Spissinger and VOTED (roll call); **to end the public session and go into closed session per *G.L. c. 112, § 65C.***

*in-favor: Jaronko, Lapham, Menard, Spissinger, Sundberg, Wakwe*

*opposed: none*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa M. Guglietta, Executive Director

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**Documents used by the Board during open session:**

* *Posted agenda 3/13/2025*
* *Draft public meeting minutes of 2/13/2025*
* *URAMP Generic Practice and Supervision Criteria*
* *URAMP Operational Policy 24-08 Staff Action Policy*