

**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,

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

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*