

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20

Thursday, December 10, 2020
9:30 a.m.

General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
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Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)

Meeting Number/Access Code: 178 890 8923

Meeting Password: esBut8Rca34

AGENDA

All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording		Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda Conflict of Interest	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. October 8, 2020 General Session Meeting Minutes	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	2021 Board Meeting Calendar	Memo	ED
	V	Request for Advisory Opinion- Physician's Assistant Prescriptive Power	Memo	Board Counsel
	VI	Investigations: N/A <i>Triage: None</i> <i>Staff Assignment(s): None</i> <i>Complaint(s): None</i>	N/A	

	VII	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for future agenda		ED
	VIII	Executive Session: 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).		Board Chair
	IX	65C Session: N/A	N/A	
	X	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	
12:00 p.m.	XI	Adjournment - Next Board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2021.		

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

MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR SESSION
(OPEN SESSION)**

**December 10, 2020
Via WebEx**

Board Members

Present:

Dipu Patel, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant

Educator,

Vice-Chair
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Secretary
Mary Kuzmeski PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Robert Baginski, MD, Physician

Board Members

Not Present:

Alithia C. Monroe, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards
Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-

Boards

Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General

Counsel

James Neal, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards
Walens Noel, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards

Staff Not Present:

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

Ms. Dipu Patel, Board Chair, called the Regular Session meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to order at 9:32 a.m.

Board members stated their names for the record. A quorum of the Board was determined. Ms. Patel announced that the meeting will be recorded.

Roll call vote was taken with Board members present via WebEx: Robert Baginski: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Richard Baum, Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda for December 10, 2020 was reviewed for approval. Board members were asked to disclose any conflicts of interest with the present agenda there were no conflicts of interest.

Discussion:

Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert let the Board know that Item V – Request for Advisory Opinion had been withdrawn.

Action:

Motion by Mr. Paul Crehan to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Robert Baginski and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Robert Baginski: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Richard Baum, Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

Document: December 10, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the October 8, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion:

None

Action:

Motion by Mr. Crehan to approve the October 8, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Robert Baginski: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Richard Baum, Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

Document: October 8, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

IV. 2021 Board Meeting Calendar

DISCUSSION:

The Board noted that 9:30am - 1:00pm was a little long for the duration of the meeting. Ms. Patel stated that meetings had historically ended at 12:00pm.

V. Investigations:

N/A

VI. Flex Session:

1. Announcements:

N/A

2. Topics for the Next Agenda:

Ms. Patel asked Board Counsel if there had been any changes to the statutes pertaining to Telehealth since the Board had last discussed this topic. Ms. Mary Strachan responded that there were no updates.

VII. Executive Session

At 9:38 a.m. Ms. Patel announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1) and (3) 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, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as a public discussion may have a detrimental effect on the Board's position.

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 and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants.
3. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees.

ACTION:

Motion to move to Executive Session at 9:38am by Mr. Crehan, seconded by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Robert Baginski: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Richard Baum, Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None.

The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the closed session(s).

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.** remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted By the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants on:

Date