

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 14, 2017
9:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 417 A/B
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		Board Chair
	II	Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. October 12, 2017, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Staff Action Policies A. Retirement Policy	Draft Policy & Form	MS
	V	Alerts A. Alert to PAs Regarding Physician Supervision at Satellite Locations B. Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines	Draft Alerts	MS
	VI	Licensing Update A. MassHealth Order & Refer License Requirement Implementation	Draft Process	RC/VB
	VII	Flex Session A. Announcements 1. Chap 260 Updates 2. 2018 Meeting dates B. Topics for next agenda	List of Dates	Board Chair

10:00 a.m.	VIII	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the necessity of modifying probation conditions for a Licensee. 2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees. 3. Finally, 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. <p>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.</p>	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	IX	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018.		Board Chair

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BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2017
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Robert Baginski, MD
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4

Board Members

Not Present: Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1

Staff Present:

Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, BHPL
Vita Berg, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, Ms. Patel-Junankar, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

9:31am Dr. Baum entered

II. Conflict of Interest/Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: October 12, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: September 14, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Licensing Application

A. AAPA & FSMB's alert on Uniform Application for PA's (UAPA)

Ms. Cherfils informed Board members that AAPA is launching a uniform application which they hope all individual PA boards will use. The Board would need to review it and understand how it works before deciding to adopt it.

DISCUSSION: Board members asked if this was done to make applying in multiple states easier and what kind of CORI is done. Ms. Cherfils responded that such information is not yet available and she will inform the Board if any updates come in.

ACTION: None

Document: Alert

9:37 am, Ms. Strachan entered, Ms. Berg left.

V. Staff Action Policies

A. Education Alerts

Ms. Strachan presented the proposed policy to the Board, explaining that it would allow staff to post CME/Education alerts to the website.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve and post the proposed alert; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Policy

VI. Flex Session

A. Announcements

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar stated that the NCCPA just announced a new PANRE pilot, which may affect the regulations in the future. She will work with Ms. Strachan and come back with more information when available.

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Dr. Baum stated he would like to discuss terminology for a covering supervising physician. Ms. Patel-Junankar stated she believed it had been discussed before and decided the facility should make that decision and have it in writing. Dr. Baum responded that this was a liability concern. Ms. Patel-Junankar replied that the liability would be for both the PA and physician either way. Ms. Broderick stated that in her work, they are called “collaborating physicians.” Ms. Patel-Junankar expressed concern that defining the position too much could limit the flexibility to use PAs where they are needed. It will be further discussed.

Ms. Patel-Junankar reminded Board members that the February meeting will be held at Northeastern University; a room has been booked and she is working on the required setup.

ACTION: None

Document: None.

VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 9:49 a.m., Ms. Patel-Junankar announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) 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.

4. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants.
5. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensees relevant to their petitions for license status change.
6. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the July 13, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Crehan made a motion to enter into Executive Session; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Dr. Richard Baum: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Dr. Robert Baginski: yes; Ms. Alithia Broderick: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

VIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date