

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 9, 2021
9:30 a.m.

General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
<https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=m7f22c9f29f963537a2209a6e5a4b33c7>
Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)
Meeting Number/Access Code: 2429 554 3484
Meeting Password: pJndhDQp393

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 M.G.L.c. 30A § 21 A. October 14, 2021 General Session Meeting Minutes	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Investigations: <u>Triage: N/A</u> <u>Staff Assignment(s): N/A</u> <u>Complaint(s): N/A</u>	Verbal	Board Investigator

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	V	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for future agenda		ED
	VI	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
	VII	65C Session: See Agenda	Agenda	
	VIII	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	
12:00 p.m.	IX	Adjournment - Next Board meeting scheduled for January 13, 2022.		

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**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 9, 2021
Via WebEx**

Board Members

Present:

Dipu Patel, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant Educator,
Vice-Chair
Robert Baginski, MD, Physician
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Hannah Nolan, MPAS PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

Board Members

Not Present:

Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Secretary
Mary Kuzmeski PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards
Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Staff Not Present:

Eleanor Montgomery, Office Support Specialist, DHPL

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

Dr. Dipu Patel, Board Chair, called the Regular Session meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to order at 9:44 A.M. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Board members stated their names for the record. A quorum of the Board was determined with Board members present via WebEx: Dipu Patel: Present; Robert Baginski: Present; Richard Baum: Present; Hannah Nolan: Present; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Present.
Absent: Paul Crehan, Mary Kuzmeski.

As it was Ms. Hannah Nolan's first Board meeting, Board members introduced themselves to her.

II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda for December 9, 2021 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:

None.

Action:

Motion by Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Robert Baginski and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: yes; Robert Baginski: yes; Richard Baum: yes; Hannah Nolan: yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes. Absent: Paul Crehan, Mary Kuzmeski. Recused: None; Oppose: None

Document: December 9, 2021, Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the October 14, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion:

None.

Action:

Motion by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Baginski and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: yes; Robert Baginski: yes; Richard Baum: yes; Hannah Nolan: yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes. Absent: Paul Crehan, Mary Kuzmeski. Recused: None; Opposed: None

Document: October 14, 2021, Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

IV. Investigations:

Triage: N/A

Staff Assignment(s): N/A

Complaint(s): N/A

V. Flex Session:

1. Announcements:

Dr. Patel explained that she has been giving a presentation on the licensure process to Physician Assistant programs. Since beginning this, the number of programs has grown from two to nine. She explained the process for giving the presentations and asked Board members to volunteer to take on some presentations.

Dr. Patel asked Board Counsel, Ms. Mary Strachan for an update regarding the

regulations for where Physician Assistants could practice. Ms. Strachan explained that there have been no definitive changes at this time and none are planned.

2. Topics for the Next Agenda:
N/A

VI. Executive Session

At 9:56 A.M. Dr. 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 by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart, seconded by Dr. Baginski and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: yes; Robert Baginski: yes; Richard Baum: yes; Hannah Nolan: yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes. Absent: Paul Crehan, Mary Kuzmeski. Recused: None; Opposed: 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 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants