

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, July 13, 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. June 8, 2017, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Open Investigations A. SA-INV-11220: Isaiah Williams (PA3713) School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Employer: U.S. Army		
	V	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda		Board Chair

10:00 a.m.	VI	<p>Executive Session 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the <u>Good Moral Character</u> provision of an application or applications as required for registration. 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.	VII	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for September 14, 2017		Board Chair

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BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2017
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Robert Baginski, MD
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4
Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

Board Members

Not Present: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
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

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 9:40 a.m.

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; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: June 8, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Mr. Gorsuch

seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: May 11, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Board Solicitation

A. Federation of State PA Regulators (FSPAR)

Ms. Cherfils informed Board members that a letter was received from the AAPA and new organization Federation of State PA Regulators. She explained the letter was vague and did not explain what was being asked of the Board. Ms. Cherfils and Mr. Beattie spoke with Jeffrey Hoffa who authored the letter. Currently, five state PA Boards are separate from their state Boards of Medicine (MA included), and when they joined the FSMB the goal was transition to allow full voting rights, which has not happened. This new organization is asking to pull out of FSMB and if Board members would like to join them in this venture.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gorsuch stated that the letter was ambiguous for a reason and the language on their website will add to the confusion PAs currently face. Ms. Patel-Junankar added that this information seems to go against what the AAPA had previously said, and she believes they should be supporting the state chapters in creating independent boards. Board members agree there is a conflict of interest and do not wish to participate in this new organization. Ms. Cherfils will notify Mr. Hoffa and attempt to gather more information.

ACTION: None

Document: Board Memo

V. Open Investigations

A. SA-INV-10987: Richard Renner (PA633)

Mr. Beattie presented. Mr. Renner had sent an email containing an inappropriate joke to a staff member. It was also sent to many other people and there was a concern that it was sent to other professionals or patients. Mr. Renner stated it did not go to any patients, that it was a mistake and meant only for friends and family.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to dismiss with an advisory letter containing language about professional standards and conduct; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Email

B. SA-INV-11226: James Lewis (PA686)

Mr. Beattie presented. An insurance company reported Mr. Lewis settled after a malpractice suit. The patient was seen by the licensee in July 2010 for penial swelling, the licensee changed the antibiotic but failed to diagnose gangrene and the patient died two dies later from septic shock. The settlement was reported to the NPDB and the licensee has since retired.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to dismiss because there was no violation; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

VI. Flex Session

A. Announcements

Ms. Cherfils asked Board members if they will be available for an August meeting or if it should be cancelled.

DISCUSSION: Board members agreed to cancel the August meeting.

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar asked that OTP be added to the next agenda.

ACTION: None

Document: None

10:03am Ms. Berg entered.

VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:04 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 March 10, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to enter into Executive Session; Mr. Crehan seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Dr. Robert Baginski: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: 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, Mr. Crehan made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date