**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, June 10, 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=m2d49b24258afec96a7469a13101ee9aa**

**Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free) Meeting Number/Access Code: 161 161 0814 Meeting Password: A5xn72Gfu8g**

**AGENDA**

**All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call**

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| **Time** | | **Item #** | **Item** | **Documents** | **Staff Contact** |
| 9:30 a.m. | | **I** | **Call to Order**  **Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording** |  | Board Chair |
|  |  | **II** | **Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda** | Draft Agenda | Board Chair |
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|  | | **III** | **Approval of Minutes**  M.G.L.c. 30A § 21  A. May 13, 2021 General Session Meeting Minutes | Draft Minutes | Board Chair |
|  | | **IV** | **Investigations: N/A**  *Triage: None*  *Staff Assignment(s):None Complaint(s): None* | N/A |  |

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|  | **V** | **Flex Session**   1. Announcements 2. 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: N/A** | N/A |  |
|  | **VIII** | **Adjudicatory Session: N/A** | N/A |  |
| 12:00  p.m. | **IX** | **Adjournment -** Next Board meeting scheduled for July 8, 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)**

Board Members

**June 10, 2021**

**Via WebEx**

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

Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards

Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel Sondra Hardy, Office Support Specialist, DHPL

Staff Not Present: None.

1. 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 9:35 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; Paul Crehan: Present; Mary Kuzmeski: Present; Robert Baginski: Present; Richard Baum: Present; Shannon Sheridan- Geldart: Present; Absent: Mary Kuzmeski.

1. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda for June 10, 2021 was reviewed for approval. Board members were asked to disclose any conflicts of interested with the present agenda; there were no conflicts of interest.

Discussion:

None.

Action:

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

**Document:** June 10, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the May 13, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion:

None.

Action:

Motion by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart to approve the May 13, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Crehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: yes; Paul Crehan: yes; Robert Baginski: yes; Richard Baum: yes; Shannon Sheridan- Geldart: yes Recused: None; Abstained: None; Absent: Mary Kuzmeski.

**Document:** May 13, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Flex Session:
   1. Announcements:

Ms. Patel announced that the American Academy of Physician Assistants had officially voted for a title change from Physician Assistant to Physician Associate. She stated that she anticipated additional changes in the next few years.

Ms. Patel asked Board Counsel if there were plans to make any of the PA practice changes related to the COVID-19 emergency order permanent. Ms. Mary Strachan replied that she was not aware of any proposed changes but would keep the Board posted of any proposed changes.

* 1. Topics for the Next Agenda: N/A

*At 9:40 Ms. Mary Kuzmeski joined the WebEx.*

1. Executive Session

At 9:47 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. by Mr. Crehan, seconded by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Dipu Patel: yes; Paul Crehan: yes; Mary Kuzmeski: yes; Robert Baginski: yes; Richard Baum: yes; Shannon Sheridan- Geldart: yes Recused: None; Abstained: None; Absent: 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, July 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m**. remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants