

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 14, 2018
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 Notice of Electronic Recording		Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda Conflict of Interest	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. April 12, 2018, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Inquiries A. Can PAs delegate to MAs? B. Are PAs excluded from the practice of ophthalmology in Massachusetts?	Inquires	Board Chair
	V	Scope of Practice Discussion A. Telemedicine: Regulatory Research B. Supervisory Physician Form	None	MS Board Chair
	VI	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda	None	Chair

	IX	<p>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.</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	Board Chair
12:00 p.m.	X	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for July 12, 2018.		

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BOARD MEETING

**April 12, 2018
239 Causeway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

MINUTES

Board Members

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

Staff Present: Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Investigations, MultiBoard, BHPL
Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Staff Not Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, D. 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.

Document: April 12, 2018 regular session agenda

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 8, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: February 8, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Alerts:

A. Ms. Strachan presented to the Board Members in which she explained the new alert on how Physician Assistant are now allowed to prescribe and provide Buprenorphine as long they fulfilled all the requirements.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve alert as presented; Mrs. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Document: Prescribing Practices Policy and Guidelines: Buprenorphine

B. Ms. Strachan presented to the Board Members for approval advising Physician Assistants to enroll with MassHealth as an ordering referring and prescribing non-billing provider under the law. Ms. Strachan wanted to make sure all the Physician Assistants to have an advance notice before renewing their license.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Baum inquired if this is something that can be done online? Ms. Strachan answered in the affirmative.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve alert as presented; Dr. Baum seconded the motion.

Document: MassHealth Order & Refer Process

V. Scope of Practice:

A. Ms. Strachan recommended the Board Members adopt the Federation of State Medical board's Model Policy on Telemedicine.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Patel-Junankar inquired how the Board of registration in Medicine handles telemedicine. She would prefer to read this article more. Dr. Baum also suggested that Board members review the memo and Policy detail before taking a vote.

ACTION: Deferred to next board meeting

Document: Draft Samples

VI. Board Inquiries:

A. Are PA's authorized to perform Z-joint and SI joint injections?

DISCUSSION: Dr. Patel-Junankar noted that the answer is yes but there was another concern whether the Physician Assistant was being supervised by a Chiropractor.

Mr. Baum also suggested answering the inquirer yes he/she can perform Z-joint if his/her supervising physician is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine.

ACTION: MultiBoard staff will respond in writing to the inquiry.

Document: Performing US-guided facet joint/SI joint injection with proper training.

B. Are PA's qualified to assist with gynecologic, ENT, neurosurgical, and orthopedic surgery?

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan explained to Board Members that this inquiry is actually composed of 2 questions: (1) the substantive question about the particular specialties and (2) the question of liability for PA practice. Ms. Strachan noted that the statute (M.G.L.c 112 section 9E) answers the question of liability and provides that "if a PA is employed by a physician or a group of physicians. The PA 'shall be the legal responsibility' of the employing physician or physicians". On the hand, if a PA "is employed by a health care facility, the legal responsibility for his actions and omissions shall be that of the employing facility." In addition, Board regulations at 263 CMR 5.8 mirror the statutory language. Ms. Patel-Junankar noted PA can perform these specific specialties as long the supervising physicians are certified in those specialties.

ACTION: MultiBoard staff will respond in writing to the inquiry.

Document: Physician Assistants qualified to assist with the above mentioned surgeries

C. How many supervising physicians can a PA have?

DISCUSSION: Dr. Patel-Junankar suggested there is no limit on how many supervising physician can a Physician Assistants have.

ACTION: MultiBoard Members will email

Document: How many supervising physician a PA can have.

VII CEU Approval Request

- A. Patient Safety Forum-Accelerated Improvement: Mr. Beattie presented to the Board Members for approval award PA's 5.5 hours of continuing medical education (CME) for a particular course.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar suggested calling the organization that posted the question to explain that the vendor must seek approval from the AMA or AAPA. She also mentioned that the Board does not approve individual courses for CME credit.

ACTION: None

Document: Course description submitted by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors.

VIII FLEX SESSION:

- 1- Mr. Beattie Explained to Board members that the Commissioner and the Governor signed certificates of recognition for former Board member Laura Hilf who is now retired and served for 12 years on the PA Board and other Boards within the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure.

ACTION: None

- 2- Mr. Beattie reminded Board Members to complete the Governor's survey about their training and or experience with Opioids.

Topics for next agenda: The Board will continue to discuss the inquiry regarding telemedicine/ updates on Supervisory Physician at the May 10 Board Meeting.

ACTION: None

Document: None

IX Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, P. Crehan made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; R. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Chair / Vice-Chair
Dipu Patel-Junankar / Shannon Sheridan-Geldart

Date