

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 8, 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. May 11, 2017, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Board Solicitation A. Federation of State PA Regulators (FSPAR)	Board Memo	RC
	V	Open Investigations A. SA-INV-10987: Richard Renner (PA633) School: Northeastern University Employer: Community Health Center of Cape Cod B. SA-INV-11226: James Lewis (PA686) School: Salve Regina Employer: Retired		
	VI	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda		Board Chair

<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>VII</p>	<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>	<p>Closed Session</p>	
<p>12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VIII</p>	<p>Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for July 13, 2017</p>		<p>Board Chair</p>

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

BOARD MEETING

**May 11, 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
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

Board Members

Not Present:

Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator

Staff Present:

Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, BHPL
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 9:30 a.m.

II. Conflict of Interest/Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: May 11, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 13, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: Board members noted that the date should be corrected and Ms. Broderick should be removed, as she was not present.

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: April 13, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Regulatory

A. Active Retired Status vs. Retired Status

Ms. Strachan sent a survey to 49 states asking for information regarding “active retired status” for their licenses. Out of the 30 answers she received, only Michigan offers a “medical volunteer” option for those licensees who have retired. This option allows licensees to volunteer for no pay in emergency situations only.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Baum stated that his intention for an active retired status would allow licensees to hold positions in consulting, teaching, etc. Ms. Patel-Junankar agreed and would like to create a status like this. Ms. Strachan responded that the difficult part would be how to police practice, but she will discuss with the Bureau.

ACTION: None

Document: Board Memo

V. Staff Action Policy

A. Referrals to the Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Strachan presented a policy which would authorize staff to contact the Attorney General’s office for cases which go beyond the Board i.e. a person with a revoked license who is still writing scripts.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: Draft Policy

VI. Flex Session

A. Announcements

Regarding a previous issue, MassPAT does have 24/7 IT help and the information is on their website, for those situations licensees have had trouble logging in on the weekends. Otherwise, a licensee could have another person on the care team log in to the system.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar expressed that this is not ideal, as it could risk a HIPPA violation. Ms. Broderick asked if IT help documents the calls if the issue is not resolved. Inquiries will be transferred to PMP if needed. Mr. Beattie asked that Board members inform staff if there are continued problems.

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar informed Board members that the AAPA is pushing to change the statute requiring physician assistants to have supervision. Ms. Strachan reviewed the process of changing legislation. Ms. Patel-Junankar also added that she received a letter from APA stating that they would like to create a new organization create new certification (distinct from NCCPA). Board members discussed concerns regarding whether or not the APA has the data and research to do this, and that as a Board they will be unable to decide if that certification should be accepted until the APA makes that information available.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:22 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. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to enter into Executive Session; Mr. Gorsuch 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; Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

VIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Hilf 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 11, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date