

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, March 11, 2021
9:30 a.m.

General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at:
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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 A. February 11, 2021 General Session Meeting Minutes	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Physician Assistants Name Change Proposal	Email	Board Chair/ED
	V	Inquiry from Licensee: PA Licensee submitted a business proposal seeking to open a Botox Spa- Can PA own spa; bill consumers privately; will receive clinical supervision for any clinical work performed?	Business Proposal	ED & Board Counsel

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	VI	Investigations: N/A <i><u>Triage: None</u></i> <i><u>Staff Assignment(s):None</u></i> <i><u>Complaint(s): None</u></i>	N/A	
	VII	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for future agenda		ED
	VIII	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
	IX	65C Session: N/A	N/A	
	X	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	
12:00 p.m.	XI	Adjournment - Next Board meeting scheduled for April 8, 2021.		

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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)**

**March 11, 2021
Via WebEx**

Board Members

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:

Alithia C. Monroe, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

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:

None.

I. 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 9:36 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: Alithia C. Monroe.

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II. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda for March 11, 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 Mr. Paul Crehan to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Richard Baum 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; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None.

Document: March 11, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the February 11, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion:

None

Action:

Motion by Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Crehan 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; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None.

Document: February 11, 2021 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

IV. Physician Assistant Name Change Proposal

Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert followed up with MAPA regarding the potential title changes for Physician Assistants. The current contenders for the title change are Physician Associate and Medical Care Practitioner. At this time, no change is planned and these are preliminary discussions. The PA who submitted the inquiry wanted to ensure that her business is within the PA scope of practice.

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V. Inquiry from Licensee

A Physician Assistant is looking to open a Botox MedSpa and has submitted a proposal. The PA owns the entity and has a supervising physician. She would be billing and clients would pay privately.

Ms. Sheridan-Geldart pointed out that the PA's supervising physician did not appear to do any medical esthetics. Per the regulations, a PA must practice under the scope of their supervising physician. Board members agreed and determined that they would remind her of the regulations as it was possible that the physician had not updated his CV to reflect his esthetic practice. Board Counsel, Ms. Mary Strachan noted that she typically recommends that the Licensee consults an attorney who is familiar with setting up a business and reminds the Licensee of what they need to do to remain in compliance.

Dr. Baum stated that it seemed like a good business and that he was familiar with Nurse Practitioners starting similar ones.

VI. Flex Session:

1. Announcements:

Ms. Patel asked if there as an end-date for the COVID-19 emergency order which relaxed some of the regulations for PAs. Board members also indicated that MAPA was pushing for some of these changes to become permanent. Ms. Strachan stated that there is no end-date as of yet and that there were no legislative updates at this time. Additionally, there is a staff member at BHPL who monitors legislative changes that affect the Bureau. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart stated that Maine had made some changes permanent, including that any PA with over 4000 hours of supervised practice no longer needed a supervising physician. The Board anticipated additional changes in other states.

2. Topics for the Next Agenda:

Ms. Strachan stated that she had received an email from a PA who wondered if they needed a supervising physician if they were not working in patient care. She told this person that they must comply with all aspects of the law given that there is only one kind of PA license. Board members discussed whether a collaboration agreement should be necessary for a PA who works in an administrative role. PAs need to inform the Board of a change in supervising physician within 30 days but they do not need a supervising physician for licensure or renewal. Ms. Strachan stated that PAs must have a supervising physician but that she would do some research on this topic and see what other states have done.

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VII. Executive Session

At 10:03 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 at 10:07 A.M. 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; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe. Recused: 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, April 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.** remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants

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