

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 14, 2019
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. Regularly Scheduled Meeting: February 14, 2019	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Continuing Education Approval A. Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors From: Amelia DeFelice, Program Manager	Letter & Attachments	Board Chair
	V	Operational Update A. 2019 PA Renewals	Verbal Update	RC
	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>	Investigative Report	LS

	VII	Probation Monitoring A. Probation 4 th Quarter 2018 Staff Action Report	Report	KF
	VIII	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda	Verbal	ED
	IX	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. <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 closed session(s).</p>		Board Chair
	X	65C Session: N/A	N/A	Board Counsel
	XI	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	Board Counsel
12:00 p.m.	XII	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019.		

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BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2019
Northeastern University Student Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Vita Berg Chief Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, DPH
Emily Dure, Office Support Specialist, DPH
Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Investigations, MultiBoard, BHPL

I. Call to Order- Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, Ms. Patel-Junankar, called the Regular Session meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Crehan entered the room at 9:13 a.m.

II. Conflict of interest/Approval of the General Session Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no conflicts of interest.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: February 14, 2019 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Baginski made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: December 13, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiries

A. PA Practice Guidelines From: Caroline M. Hewitt

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan reviewed the following statutes and regulations applicable to practice guideline 263 CMR 5:03 (1) (a) (b) and (2) (3), 263 CMR 5:04 (1)

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the inquiry. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Inquiries

V. Board Education

A. Overview of Board's Creation & Authority

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan reviewed the Board's creation and relationship to State Agencies: (1) Creation, Powers and Duties - The Boards of Registration are public bodies created by statute, Boards have authority to set practice standards and license requirement through regulations and advisory rulings. (2) Changes effective January 1, 2003 - Prior to January 1, 2003, all Boards of Registration were organized under the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) in 2002, M.G.L c. 13, section 9 was amended to provide that eight Boards "shall serve" within the Department of Public Health (DPH) and all others shall serve in DPL. The eight Boards were: Medicine (BORIM), Nursing (BORN), Pharmacy (BORIP), Physician Assistants (BORPA), Community Health Workers (BORCHW), Perfusionist (BORPF), Nursing Home Administrators (BORNHA), Dentistry (BORID), and Respiratory Care (BORRC). In September of 2017, the Board of Registration in Naturopathy (BORND) was added by statute. (3) Relationship of Boards to State Agencies after January 1, 2003 - Governor, EO HHS, DPHB, BORIM, BHCSQ, OGC, EHPL, EOCABR, DPL, and All other Boards. (4) The Bureau of Health Professions Licensure - BHPL, oversees General Operations, Licensing, Board Meetings, Enforcement, Investigations, and Inspections.

ACTION: None

Document: Memo

VI. Staff Action Policy

A. Licensing Retirement

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented the petitions for Retirement Status. The purpose of this petition is to allow the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure to adopt this policy in order to facilitate timely responses to petitions for “Retired” license status in routine cases. The policy was amended to remove minimum age criteria.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the staff action policy. Ms. Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Memo

VII. Investigations:

Triage: None

Staff Assignment(s): None

Complaint(s): None

VIII. Flex Session

A. Announcements

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils discussed the option of renewing licenses online. She also reminded those that have not yet renewed to do so, and suggested that renewing online was the quickest option. Ms. Cherfils talked about the mandatory trainings such as Pain Management and Domestic Violence, which must be completed before the renewal process this year. Alzheimer Dementia training will be an additional training for all PAs effective March 13, 2019.

ACTION: None

Document: None

Break at 9:41 a.m.

Back from Break at 9:50 a.m.

IX. Executive Session

