

**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, May 11, 2017  
9:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Floor ~ Room 417 A/B  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Staff Contact</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>I</b>	<b>Call to Order Determination of Quorum</b>		Board Chair
	<b>II</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Approval of Agenda</b>	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	<b>III</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> A. April 3, 2017, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	<b>IV</b>	<b>Regulatory</b> A. Active Retired Status vs. Retired Status	Board Memo	MS
	<b>V</b>	<b>Staff Action Policy</b> A. Referrals to the Office of the Attorney General	Draft Policy	MS
	<b>VI</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda		Board Chair

10:00 a.m.	<b>VII</b>	<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p>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"> <li>1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the <u>Good Moral Character</u> provision of an application or applications as required for registration.</li> <li>2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.</b></p>	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	<b>VIII</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> - next Board meeting scheduled for June 8, 2017		Board Chair

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**BOARD MEETING**

**April 13, 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  
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator  
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4  
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society  
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1

Board Members

Not Present:

Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

Staff Present:

Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL  
Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL  
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, BHPL  
Vita Berg, 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: Board members agreed to move item IV to the end of the agenda.

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

Document: April 13, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hilf noted she was not present and on page 6 she is listed as seconding a motion. Mr. Crehan should have been listed as the second.

ACTION: Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Dr. Baginski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: March 9, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

9:39am Ms. Berg entered.

IV. Six Sigma Project Approval

A. Recommendations

Ms. Cherfils reviewed the recommendations developed by the Six Sigma project to improve the licensing application process, including the elimination of unnecessary documents and acceptance of certain online documentation.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to adopt the recommended changes; Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Board Memo

B. Northeastern Pilot

Ms. Cherfils explained a pilot being launched with the August Northeastern University graduating PA class, where students who have met the requirements and graduated the program will be on an “approved list” which will be sent directly from Northeastern to the board staff. Any students on that list will not be required to submit transcripts.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements

1 – Non-Opioid Directive Circular

Ms. Cherfils reviewed the circular which was posted to the Board's website.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

2 – FPAR

DISCUSSION: Ms. Patel-Junankar stated that the AAPA conducted a full practice authority and responsibility (FPAR) survey, the results of which has led them to push for legislation changes allowing PAs to have full practice authority and eliminate supervising physicians. She also stated that she has heard it will likely pass. While this will probably not be a concern for a few years, she wanted to make Board members aware as it could affect the regulations. Ms. Patel-Junankar stated she will keep the Board posted as she receives updates.

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

VI. 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

## VII. 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:

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Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

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Date