**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 14, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**General Session is open to the public and may be heard via Webex Conference Call.**

**Webex Information: Call-in Number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)**

**Access Code: 611 641 548**

#### **AGENDA**

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| **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**   1. Regularly Scheduled Meeting:   February 13, 2020 | Draft Minutes | Board Chair |
|  | **IV** | **Investigations: N/A**  *Triage:* *None*  *Staff Assignment(s):None*  *Complaint(s): None* | N/A |  |
|  | **V** | **Flex Session**   1. Announcements 2. Topics for future agenda | N/A | KG |
|  | **VI** | **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 and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants. 3. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the necessity of modifying probation conditions for a Licensee.   **The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the closed session(s).** |  | Board Chair |
|  | **VII** | **65C Session: N/A** | N/A |  |
|  | **VIII** | **Adjudicatory Session: N/A** | N/A |  |
| 12:00 p.m. | **IX** | **Adjournment -** Next Board meeting scheduled for June 11, 2020. |  |  |

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**

**Department Of Public Health**

**Bureau of Health Professions Licensure**

**Board of Registration of Physician Assistants**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**(OPEN SESSION)**

**May 14, 2020**

**Via WebEx**

**Webex Information: Call-in Number 1866-692-3580 (toll-free)**

**Access Code: 617 983-533**

Board Members

Present: Dipu Patel, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair

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

Vice-Chair

Mary Kuzmeski PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

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

Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Secretary

Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

Robert Baginski, MD, Physician

Staff Present: Timothy St. Laurent, Deputy Director, BHPL

Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Compliance Officer, Multi-Boards

Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards

Walens Noel, Office Support Specialist (Temp), Multi-Boards

Ryan Walker, Director of Mass Controlled Substance

Kendal Connor, Mass Controlled Substance

Staff Not Present: Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards

**Guest(s): Elliot Derricotte; Patrick Barrett**

1. Call to Order | Determination of Quorum | Notice of Electronic Recording

Ms. Patel, Board Chair, called the Regular Session meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants to order at 9:32 a.m. Board members stated their names for the record. A quorum of the Board was determined. Ms. Patel noted that the meeting will not be recorded but a note taker is present.

1. Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda was reviewed for approval. Board members were asked to disclose any conflicts of interested with the present agenda there was no conflict of interest.

Discussion:

NONE

Action:

Dr. Baum made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Document:** May 14, 2020 PA Regular Session Draft Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the February 13, 2020 PA Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion: None

Action:

Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 PA Regular Session Minutes. Ms. Monroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Document:** February 13, 2020 PA Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Investigations: N/A
2. Flex Session

A. Announcements

Discussion:

Ms. Patel inquired about Telehealth if there will be any possible approval due to the COVID-19. Ms. Strachan stated that there has not been any change in the law on Telehealth, but it has been addressed in a very limited way in the Governor’s Emergency Order.

B. Topics for Next Agenda

Review Emergency Orders

1. Executive Session

At 09:39 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 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. Specifically, the Board will discuss pending litigation: Williams vs. Board of Registration of Physician Assistants, Suffolk Superior Court, C.A. No. 2019-02764-D.
4. 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.

**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, June 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m**. remotely on WebEx