

**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, G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

Thursday, December 13, 2012
9:30 a.m.
239 Causeway Street – 4th floor, Room 417A
Boston, MA 02114

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. November 1, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - B. November 1, 2012 Adjudicatory Session
 - C. November 1, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
 - D. October 11, 2012, M.G.L. c112, § 65C session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None.
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
None.
- VI. License Application Review
None.
- VII. License Reactivation Application Review
None.
- VIII. Staff Assignments
 - A. SA-INV-2547 Macropoulos, John License No. PA1673 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Violation of standards of care

- IX. Complaints
None.
- X. Scope of Practice Inquiries
None.
- XI. Other Business/Announcements
A. Presentation to Tufts New England PA students: March 13, 2013

B. Board Member Resignation: Argyro Tsiaras, PA-C

C. Update: Proposed Regulatory Amendments at 263 CMR 5.04(3)(b) and 5.08: *Physician Assistants Authorized to Operate Fluoroscopic X-ray Systems and Perform Fluoroscopic Procedures*
Status of proposed regulatory amendments

D. Update: Board Regulation at 263 CMR 5.05(2): *Scope of Supervision Required*
Status of proposed regulatory amendments

E. Board Statute at M.G. L. c. 112, § 9K, and Board Regulations at 263 CMR 4.00: *Approval of Physician Assistant Training Programs*
Update: ARC-PA, notification to physician assistant training programs.
- XII. Adjourn

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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BOARD MEETING
November 1, 2012
239 Causeway Street, Room 421
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member
Edward Glinski, MD, Public Member
Frieda Cohen, Public Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member
(arrived 9:51 a.m.; exited 11:39 a.m.)

Board Members Not Present: Argyro Tsiaras, PA-C, Board Member
Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant

Curtis Jackson, MPRS Coordinator
Paul Moore, Esq., Prosecutor, Office of Public Protection (exited 10:04 a.m.)

I. Call to Order
Ms. Patel-Junankar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda
The meeting Agenda was reviewed. Ms. Cohen made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: November 1, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
A. Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
The Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Patel-Junankar, Mr. Valdez, Ms. Hilf, Dr. Glinski, and Ms. Meregian voting in favor. Ms. Cohen did not vote as she was not present at the October Board Meeting.

- B. Minutes of the October 11, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
[Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski recused themselves from participation in Item I/A, Docket No. PA-2012-005, and left the Meeting room.]

The Minutes of the October 11, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed.

Approval of Item I/A of the minutes of the October 11, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session was deferred as there was not quorum of members present.

[Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski returned to the Meeting room.]

Ms. Patel-Junankar noted that the Section 65C Minutes do not reflect that she and Dr. Glinski returned to the Meeting room following review of Item I/A.

Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve Item I/B, Docket No. PA-2010-001, and to correct the Minutes as noted by Ms. Patel-Junankar; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Hilf, Ms. Meregian, Dr. Glinski, Mr. Valdez and Ms. Patel-Junankar voting in favor. Ms. Cohen did not vote as she was not present at the October Meeting.

Documents: Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the October 11, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

[Ms. Hilf made a motion to go into Adjudicatory Session at 9:45 a.m.; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

A. PA-2011-003 Connolly, Mary PA36 (expires 3-1-2013)

[The Board exited the Adjudicatory Session and returned to open session at 10:05 a.m.]

[Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski recused themselves from participation in Item V/A of the Section 65C Session, PA-2012-005, and exited the Meeting room at 10:05 a.m.]

[Ms. Meregian made a motion to go into M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 10:06 a.m.; Ms. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

A. PA-2012-005 Pladel, Scott PA1003 (expires 3-1-2013)
Review of licensee's response to complaint

[Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski returned to the Section 65C Session at 10:30 a.m.]

B. PA-2010-001 Duarte, Lyndsay PA3786 (VSA - expired 3-1-2011)
Request for license reinstatement following voluntary surrender

[The Board exited the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session and returned to open session at 11:00 a.m.]

VI. License Application Review

None.

VII. License Reactivation Application Review

None.

VIII. Staff Assignments

None.

IX. Complaints

None.

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

None.

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Board Statute at M.G. L. c. 112, § 9K, and Board Regulations at 263 CMR 4.00:

Approval of Physician Assistant Training Programs

Discussion of existing statutory and regulatory requirements

After a discussion of existing statutory and regulatory requirements governing Massachusetts physician assistant training programs, the Board determined that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to established physician assistant training programs in Massachusetts that are accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA); that new programs notify the Board by letter when ARC-PA accreditation is received and when the program's accreditation status is changed; and that the Board's website be updated with the inclusion of this information. Board staff will draft a letter for Board review at the December meeting.

Documents: M.G. L. c. 112, § 9K (handout)

263 CMR 4.00: *Approval of Physician Assistant Training Programs* (handout)

PA Program Accreditation History (handout)

B. Update: Proposed Regulatory Amendments at 263 CMR 5.04(3)(b) and 5.08:

Physician Assistants Authorized to Operate Fluoroscopic X-ray Systems and Perform Fluoroscopic Procedures

Status of proposed regulatory amendments

Ms. Stein informed the Board that final approval of the proposed amendments at 263 CMR 5.00 governing PAs' performance of fluoroscopic procedures was requested in September 2012 and she is waiting for approval to file final regulations. She will continue to monitor the progress of the request.

C. Update: Proposed Regulatory Amendment at 263 CMR 5.05(2): Scope of Supervision Required

Status of proposed regulatory amendment

Ms. Stein reported that the request for the approval to promulgate an emergency regulation repealing the Board's regulation at 263 CMR 5.05(2) governing the number of physician assistants who may be supervised by a physician was submitted for DHPL review. The repeal is necessary so as to comply with Section 111 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, which amended M.G.L. c. 112, s. 9E and was effective on November 4, 2012. Board staff will post the statutory amendment on the Board's website, along with applications and forms reflecting the change.

D. Recognition of Board Member Service

Barbara Webster, PA-C (14 years); Richard Murphy, PA-C (11 years); and Anne Chiavegato, PA-C (4.5 years)

Ms. Graham noted the years of service of Ms. Webster, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Chiavegato. The Board will recognize them for their service at the February 14, 2013 Board Meeting.

XII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Cohen made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

Date