

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, October 8, 2020
9:30 a.m.

General Session is open to the public and will be held via Webex at
<https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=m483a2387fad08b6198ca22338d2595f5>

Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free)

Meeting Number/Access Code: 171 864 2795

Meeting Password: P6YiZ9M9BJF

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. September 10, 2020 General Session Meeting Minutes	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Discussion A. Link to Dementia Training		ED
	V	Investigations: N/A <i>Triage: None</i> <i>Staff Assignment(s): None</i> <i>Complaint(s): None</i>	N/A	
	VI	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for future agenda		ED

	VII	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees.</p> <p>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the closed session(s).</p>		Board Chair
	VIII	65C Session: N/A	N/A	
	IX	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	
12:00 p.m.	X	Adjournment - Next Board meeting scheduled for November 12, 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)**

**October 8, 2020
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
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Mary Kuzmeski PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Robert Baginski, MD, Physician

Board Members

Not Present:

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

Staff Present:

Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General

Counsel

James Neal, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards
Walens Noel, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards

Staff Not Present:

- 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 9:44 a.m.

Board members stated their names for the record. A quorum of the Board was determined. Ms. Patel announced that the meeting will be recorded.

Roll call vote was taken with Board members present via WebEx. : Robert Baginski: Yes; Richard Baum: Yes Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

Conflict of Interest | Approval of Agenda

The regular meeting agenda for October 8, 2020 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, seconded by Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows:
Robert Baginski: Yes; Richard Baum: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

Document: October 8, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed the September 10, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes for approval.

Discussion:

None

Action:

Motion by Mr. Crehan to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Mary Kuzmeski and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Robert Baginski: Yes; Richard Baum: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; Absent: Alithia C. Monroe; Recused: None

Document: September 10, 2020 Physician Assistant Regular Session Draft Meeting Minutes

III. Discussion:

1. Link to Dementia Training

Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert summarized the issue for the Board. In the application for Physicians Assistants, there is an embedded link to dementia training that is either broken or no longer valid. Licensees have reached out to Board Staff in frustration about this issue and, as the site is managed by an outside entity (PatientCareLink), Board Staff has no control over the links. The question is, should Board staff continue having this link associated with the application or should they note that the training is a requirement and ask Licensees to find their own provider for the required dementia training.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Patel stated that, since the application provides links to the other required

trainings, she recommends that Board Staff find an acceptable alternative that meets state requirements. Dr. Richard Baum remarked that other Boards likely have acceptable alternatives and Board staff could consult with them.

IV. Investigations: N/A

V. Flex Session:

1. Announcements:

Mr. Joubert introduced himself and told the Board a little bit about his background. He also noted that Eleanor Montgomery, Office Support Specialist, would also be supporting Board meetings.

VI. Executive Session

At 9:55 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 9:55 by Ms. Sheridan-Geldart, seconded by Mr. Crehan and passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Robert Baginski: Yes; Richard Baum: Yes; Mary Kuzmeski: Yes; Paul Crehan: Yes; Dipu Patel: Yes; Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: Yes; Abstained: None; 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, November 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** remotely on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted By the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants