

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Thursday, October 10, 2013
9:30 a.m.

239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 417A
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Agenda

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I.	Call to Order		
	II.	Approval of Agenda	Agenda	
	III.	Approval of Minutes September 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Minutes	
	IV.	Adjudicatory Session	Closed Session	
	V.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Closed Session	
	VI.	License Application Review None	None	None
	VII.	Reactivation License Application Review None	None	None
	VIII.	Staff Assignments None	None	None
	IX.	Complaints None	None	None

	X.	Scope of Practice Inquiries A. Can a Physician Assistant be part owner of a Dermatology Medical Practice? B. Can a Physician Assistants work as a “Medical Administrator” for a laser therapy business?	Email Inquiry Email inquiry	
	XI.	Other Business/Announcements A. Board Seats, Appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair B. <u>Update</u> : Radiation Control Program, PAs seeking authorization to perform fluoroscopic procedures C. Delegation of Authority to Assistant Executive Director, Ichelle Herbu	Verbal Report	IH
12:00 p.m.	XII.	Adjournment		

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BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES

Board Members
Present: Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Edward Glinski, MD, Board Member
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Board Member
Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member

Board Member
Not Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Staff Present: Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, DHPL
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant, Multi-Boards, DHPL
Madeline Piper, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
Jim Lavery, Division Director, DHPL (left at 10:25 a.m.)
Timothy St. Laurent, Director of Enforcement, Office of Public, DHPL
Protection, DHPL (left at 10:34 a.m.)
Anne McLaughlin, Board Prosecutor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
(left at 10:02 a.m.)
Marjorie Campbell, Nursing Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public
Protection, DHPL
Philip Beattie, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
(left at 10:34 a.m.)
Carey Lambert, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
(left at 10:34 a.m.)
Ellen Sandler, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
(left at 10:34 a.m.)

Staff Not Present: Annette O'Brien, Interim Executive Director, Multi-Boards, DHPL
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

Guest: Phil Bort, Public Member
Suzanne Condon (left at 9:47 a.m.), Associate Commissioner, Director,
Bureau of Environmental Health

Beverly Anderson (left at 9:47 a.m.) Interim Director, Radiation Control Program, Bureau of Environmental Health, DPH

I. Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair, Mr. Valdez, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Ms. Herbu informed the Board that item XI/B will be changed to item IV as Ms. Condon and Ms. Anderson had to leave immediately after the discussion. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: October 10, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Valdez informed the Board of a typo on the Minutes that indicates Ms. Valdez instead of Mr. Valdez. Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

[Dr. Baum made a motion to go into the Adjudicatory Session at 9:51 a.m.; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Adjudicatory Session at 10:04 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

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

[Ms. Meregian made a motion to go into the § 65C Session at 10:05 a.m.; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Section 65C Session at 10:32 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. License Application Review

None.

VII. License Reactivation Application Review

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None.

VIII. Staff Assignments

None.

IX. Complaints

None.

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

C. Can a Physician Assistant be part owner of a Dermatology Medical Practice? Email inquiry from Elizabeth Easton

The Board reviewed the email inquiry of whether a Physician's Assistant can have 50/50 ownership of a Dermatology Medical Practice with a Physician?

After discussion, the Board determined that the Board regulations or policy does not prohibit a PA from opening his or her own practice or have ownership interest shared with one or more physicians. However, the Board directed that PAs entering into business arrangements with physicians be advised that they must comply with current Board regulations governing PA practice, 263 CMR 2.00 et seq., including 5.00, *Scope of Practice and Employment of Physician Assistants*.

D. Can a Physician Assistant work as a "Medical Administrator" for a laser therapy business? Email inquiry from Elizabeth Gemba?

The Board reviewed the list of assigned duties as enumerated in the email inquiry.

After discussion, the Board determined that the assigned duties were administrative in nature, and the Board statutes and regulations do not prohibit a PA from providing the services described while employed in a laser therapy business. However, if at any time, Ms. Gemba's position should involve the provision of any medical services, the Board cautions her that she must be in compliance with Board regulations at 263 CMR 2.00 et seq., including 263 CMR 5.00, *Scope of Practice and Employment of Physician Assistants*.

Document: Email Inquiry

XI. Other Business/Announcements

D. Board Seats, Appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair

Deferred to the next scheduled Board Meeting when all current Board Chair is present.

E. Update: Radiation Control Program, PAs seeking authorization to perform fluoroscopic procedures

Ms. Herbu informed the Board that the PA Board's website has been updated to include the Radiation Control Program's website, *New Regulations Authorize Physician Assistants to Perform Fluoroscopy Procedure*. As by Board member request, Ms. Condon and Ms. Anderson accepted the Board's invitation to attend the

meeting to answer any questions that Board members may have regarding RCP's procedures in authorizing PAs to perform fluoroscopic procedures.

Ms. Anderson informed the Board that currently, applicants are able to apply for the examination with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), and must obtain a score of 70% to pass the examination. ARRT is responsible for providing applicants with examination instructions; scoring the examination; and forwarding the score to RCP. RCP will send the score to the Board.

F. Delegation of Authority to Assistant Executive Director, Ichelle Herbu

Ms. Herbu discussed with the Board the delegation of Board authority to the Assistant Executive Director to perform specific actions and to sign documents on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Dr. Baum to delegate the authority delegated to the former Executive Director to Ms. Herbu, Assistant to the Executive Director; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Valdez made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Miguel Valdez, PA-C
Vice-Chair

Date