

**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, January 14, 2016  
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>		
	<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Draft Agenda	
	<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> A. November 12, 2015, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	<b>IV.</b>	<b>Inquiries</b> A. Supervising Physician location B. Supervising Physician report approval C. Medspa locations D. Scope of Practice: Psychotherapy	Email Inquiry Email Inquiry Email Inquiry Email Inquiry	PB

	<b>V.</b>	<b>Policy</b> A. Probation Monitor Report		
	<b>VI.</b>	<b>Regulations</b> A. Review 263 CMR 3.00	Copy of Draft Regulations	MS VB
	<b>VII.</b>	<b>Other Business/Announcements</b> A. Discussion: 2016 Meeting Dates	Meeting Dates	
	<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. Topic for next agenda		

10:00 a.m.	<b>IX.</b>	<p><b>Executive Session</b> 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	
11:00 a.m.	<b>X.</b>	<b>M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session</b>	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	<b>XI.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> - next Board meeting scheduled for February 11, 2016		

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**BOARD MEETING**

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**239 Causeway Street, Room 417**  
**Boston, MA 02114**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair  
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1  
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society  
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator  
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair  
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4  
Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

**Staff Present:** Philip Beattie, Interim Executive Director, DHPL  
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, DHPL  
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH  
Marjorie Campbell, Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL

- 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 9:29 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda  
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: January 14, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

- III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: November 12, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

#### IV. Inquiries

##### A. Supervising Physician Location

DISCUSSION: If the supervising physician is out of the country but still available by phone and email, is a temporary SP still needed? The regulations are silent on this issue. Board members recommend having a temporary SP available, as this is in the best interest of the physician assistant.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

##### B. Supervising Physician Report Approval

DISCUSSION: Can a foreign board certified physician sign off on physician assistant student rotations? As students are not licensed, this would be a decision made by the hospital/accrediting body.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

##### C. Medspa Locations

DISCUSSION: Is a physician assistant allowed to administer injections in multiple locations if requested by her employer? If the supervising physician approves, this is okay. The PA will need to submit a work setting form for each location. The Board would like to discourage working at home as there is likely no emergency response kit available in the case of an allergic reaction. Also discourages working on family members; if the PA does work on family members, she must make sure to keep the proper charts. The Board would also like to remind the PA that a collaborative agreement must be in place with her supervising physician.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

D. Scope of Practice: Psychotherapy

DISCUSSION: Can a physician assistant practice psychotherapy? Board members stated this is okay as long as the supervising physician is trained in psychotherapy and it is included in the scope of practice agreement; the same as any other specialty practice.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

V. Regulations

A. Review 263 CMR 3.00

DISCUSSION: Mary Strachan presents. A change was made to include a retirement status option after multiple requests from licensees. This status would not allow renewal/reinstatement except for special circumstances, and is being implemented division-wide. Language was changed to waive fees for active military in accordance with the Valor Act. 3.02(b) should be updated to accredited PA program. The section on Domestic & Sexual Violence training includes standard language used for all boards; programs are being developed by DPH. The section on CMEs should be updated to include the pharmacology requirement. Wording order should be changed to be more coherent.

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

Document: Copy of Draft Regulations

VI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Discussion: 2016 Meeting Dates

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: Meeting Dates

VII. Flex Session

A. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Norfolk County DA Office has started collecting report regarding drug overdoses and arrests. “Red flags” are sent to this office. Ms. Campbell can get more information regarding this so the board may decide what to do with the reports.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VIII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 09:41 a.m., Ms. Dipu 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 November 12, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.; Ms. Laura Hilf seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes, Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Dr. Richard Baum: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

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

X. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Paul Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016, 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