

**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

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BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2012
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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
Nicole Merejian, PA-C, Board Member
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member

Board Members Not Present: Frieda Cohen, Public Member
Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant

Marsha Bird, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH
Joel Kanter, DPH

Staff Not Present: Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH

I. Call to Order

Ms. Patel-Junankar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting Agenda was reviewed. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: December 13, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
The Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Adjudicatory Session were reviewed.

Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
The Minutes of the November 1, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed.

Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Hilf, Ms. Meregian, Mr. Valdez and Ms. Sheridan-Geldart voting in favor. Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski did not vote as they recused from the November 1, 2012 M.G.L. c.112, § 65C Meeting.

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

Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve Item I/A, Docket No. PA-2012-005, as presented; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Hilf, Ms. Sheridan-Geldart, Mr. Valdez and Ms. Meregian voting in favor. Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski did not vote as they recused from Item IA of the October 11, 2012 M.G. L. c. 112, § 65C Meeting.

Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve Item I/B, Docket No. PA-2009-001, as presented; Ms. Patel-Junankar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Adjudicatory Session
Minutes of the November 1, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
Minutes of the October 11, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 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 PA1673 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Violation of standards of care

Following Board discussion, Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to close the investigation as there is no evidence that the licensee practiced beyond the scope of practice, that the care provided by the licensee was provided as instructed by his supervising physician, the x-ray protocols followed by the licensee are standard and there is no evidence to substantiate that the licensee acted in an unprofessional manner; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Staff Assignment investigation-related materials

IX. Complaints
None.

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries
None.

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Presentation to Tufts New England PA students: March 13, 2013

Ms. Graham informed the Board that Tufts University's Physician Assistant Program has invited representatives of the Board to speak to students about the Board and responsibilities of licensure. The date has been rescheduled to April 10, 2013.

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

Ms. Graham informed the Board that Argyro Tsiaras, PA-C, has resigned her position on the Board.

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

Ms. Graham informed the Board that the proposed regulatory amendments will be forwarded to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for review.

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

Ms. Graham informed the Board that the proposed regulatory amendment deleting language governing the PA/supervising ratio has been forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, for review as an emergency regulation.

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

Approval of Physician Assistant Training Programs

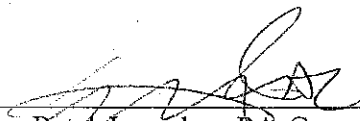
Ms. Graham informed the Board that she has contacted the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. ("ARC-PA") regarding the PA education program accrediting process and that letters will be sent to all ARC-PA accredited programs in Massachusetts.

XII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:



Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

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Date