

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 8, 2015
9:30 a.m.**

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

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I.	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		
	II.	Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	
	III.	Approval of Minutes A. November 13, 2014 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Inquiries A. Essex Orthopaedics & Optima Sports Medicine –A Massachusetts pharmacist cannot fill a Schedule 2 narcotic prescription written by an out-of-state-mid level practioner.	Inquiry Statement	

	V.	Other Business/Announcements A. <u>Ratification</u> : Policy Non PA-09-01, Management of Pain B. <u>Election of Board Officers</u> : Chair, Vice-Chair	Copy of Policy PA-09-01	VB
	VI.	Flex Session A. Topic for next agenda		
09:45 a.m.	VII.	Executive Session 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 discuss and evaluate the <u>Good Moral Character</u> provision of an application or applications as required for registration. 2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees. 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. The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	VIII.	Adjournment		

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BOARD MEETING

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Minutes

Board Members Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Edward Glinski, MD, Physician
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

Board Members Not Present: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator

Staff Present: Mary Phillips, Executive Director, DHPL
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, DHPL
Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
David Murphy, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Marjorie Campbell, Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Philip Beattie, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL

Staff Not Present: Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director, 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 9:46 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: January 8, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: November 13, 2014 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiries

A. Essex Orthopedics & Optima Sports Medicine – A Massachusetts pharmacist cannot fill a Schedule 2 narcotic prescription written by an out-of-state med level practitioner.

DISCUSSION: The Board believes there should be no issue writing a prescription to be filled in another state. There has not been a problem in the past if the licensee has a valid DEA number. Mr. Murphy believes it is a matter for Drug Control and Pharmacy Boards; will confer with them and let PA Board know the outcome.

ACTION: Staff will respond to inquiry

Document: Inquiry Statement

V. Other Business/Announcements

A. Ratification: Policy PA-09-01, Management of Pain

DISCUSSION: Mr. Murphy reviewed the policy and discussed the option of changing it or keeping it as is.

ACTION: Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to re-adopt the policy as presented; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Copy of Policy PA-09-01

B. Election of Board Officers: Chair, Vice Chair

DISCUSSION: Board members discuss the Vice Chair position; it is not required by regulations, but they have always had one. The Board decided they will continue to do so.

9:55 a.m. Mr. Valdez enters the room.

ACTION: Dr. Glinski nominated Ms. Patel-Junankar for the seat of Board Chair; Ms. Meregian seconded the nomination. The nomination passed with Board Members present and voting in favor unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Patel-Junankar nominated Mr. Valdez for the seat of Vice Chair; Mr. Crehan seconded the nomination. The nomination passed with Board Members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

VI. Flex Session

Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Board Staff have received several inquiries regarding the CME requirements for newly licensed PAs.

ACTION: The topic will be added to the February 12, 2015 meeting agenda.

VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 9:57 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 June 12, 2014.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m.; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Mr. Miguel Valdez: yes, Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Dr. Edward Glinski: yes; Dr. Richard Baum: yes; Ms. Nicole Meregian: yes; and Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

VIII. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

None

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

None

X. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date