

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 9, 2014
9:30 a.m.

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

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Document(s)	Staff Contact(s)
9:30 a.m.	I.	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		
	II.	Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	
	III.	Approval of Minutes A. December 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Adjudicatory Session None	None	
	V.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Closed Session	PB/IH
	VI.	Executive Session (Roll call vote)	Closed Session	IH
	VII.	Initial License Application Review None		
	VIII.	License Reactivation Application Review None		

	IX.	Staff Assignments None		
	X.	Complaints None		
	XI.	Scope of Practice Inquiries None		
	XII.	Other Business/Announcements A. <u>Discussion</u> : Review of sample of facility Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants; proposed Fluoroscopic Guidelines Checklist for use by authorized PAs, facilities, and Radiation Control Program B. <u>Update</u> : ARRT Fluoroscopy Examination C. <u>Update</u> : MAPA Action Alert: Proposed EHS regulations exclude PAs as Primary Care Providers	Handouts	IH
12:00 p.m.	XIII.	Adjournment		

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BOARD MEETING

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Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Vice-Chair
Edward Glinski, MD, Physician
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator

Board Members Not Present: Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Physician Assistant
Jessica Britnell, PA-C, Physician Assistant

Staff Present: Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director, DHPL
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant, DHPL
Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Marjorie Campbell, Nursing Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Philip Beattie, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
A quorum of the Board was present. Ms. Patel-Junankar, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 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; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: January 9, 2014 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Board Meeting
Board of Registration of Physician Assistants
(to be approved at the February 13, 2014 Board meeting)

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

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Patel-Junankar, Mr. Valdez, Ms. Hilf and Dr. Baum voting in favor.

Document: December 12, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
[Ms. Hilf made a motion to go into the § 65C Session at 9:36 a.m.; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Section 65C Session at 9:53 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. Executive Session (closed session)
[At 09:55, Ms. Patel-Junankar announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the 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. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate pending disciplinary complaints that involve patient records and treatment of patients. The Board will also review a petition for license reinstatement.

[Mr. Valdez made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Section Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VII. Initial License Application Review
None

VIII. License Reactivation Application Review
None

IX. Staff Assignments
None

X. Complaints
None

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries
None

XII. Other Business/Announcements

- A. Review of a Sample Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants; proposed Fluoroscopic Guidelines Checklist for use by authorized PAs, facilities, and Radiation Control Program (“RCP”).

DISCUSSION: Ms. Herbu informed the Board that Ms. Beverly Anderson, Interim Director, RCP, requested that the Board review a Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines (“Facility Guidelines”) submitted to RCP from PAs applying for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (“ARRT”) examination to determine compliance with the Board’s regulation at *263 CMR 5.08 (4), Development, approval, Review of Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for a Physician Assistant Authorized to Operate fluoroscopic X-Ray Systems*. In response to RCP’s concerns, Ms. Stein drafted a checklist for the Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines (“Checklist”) in accordance with the Board’s regulations for the Board to review. Board members noted that the checklist may not be necessary, because all the criteria for the guidelines could be found in the Board’s regulation. However, the checklist simplifies the Board’s regulation requirements, and it could be helpful for authorized PAs, facilities, and RCP. Further, the Board determined that the facility’s guidelines met the requirements of the Board’s regulations.

ACTION: Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve the proposed checklist to be distributed for use by authorized PAs, facilities, and RCP; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Facility Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines and proposed Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines Checklist

B. Update: ARRT Fluoroscopy Examination

Ms. Herbu informed the Board that RCP continues to report that (17) PAs have applied to take the ARRT examination, but RCP have not received any test scores from ARRT. Further, Board staff has forwarded a statement to Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (“MAPA”) to post on MAPA’s website and newsletter.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

C. Update: The Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (“MAPA”) Action Alert: Proposed EHS regulations exclude PAs as Primary Care Providers

DISCUSSION: Ms. Herbu informed the Board that MAPA was unable to provide an update regarding the proposed EHS regulations excluding PAs as Primary Care

Providers hearing held on December 3, 2013. However, Board staff will follow-up with Ms. Heather Trafton, MAPA's Legislative Chair.

ACTION: None

Documents: Email Alert from MAPA regarding proposed EHS regulations; Copy of proposed regulations, 130 CMR 450.118; and Copy of Memorandum to the Board from Ms. Stein regarding Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012: Changes in Massachusetts General Laws Affecting Physician Assistants dated September 7, 2012.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Baum made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

Date