

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, February 11, 2016
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. January 14, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Inquiries A. Reporting Supervising Physician	Email Inquiry	PB
	V.	Application for Temporary Licensure A. Quill, Jenelle	Application & Supporting Documents	PB

	VI.	Reports A. Probation Monitor Report	None	
	VII.	Other Business/Announcements A. None		
	VIII.	Flex Session A. Topics for next agenda		
10:00 a.m.	IX.	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.</p>	Closed Session	

11:00 a.m.	X.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	XI.	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for March 10, 2016		

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BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2016
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

Guests: Anita Young, ACPE

- 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 9:35 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: February 11, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: January 14, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiries

A. Reporting Supervising Physician

DISCUSSION: When working in another country, with a supervising physician other than the one the PA normally works with in Massachusetts, does a supervising physician form need to be submitted to the Board? Ms. Strachan states that by regulation, a temporary supervising physician does not need to be reported to the Board, but the information (name, agreement) should be kept in the PA's personal records.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

V. Application for Temporary Licensure

A. Quill, Jenelle

DISCUSSION: Ms. Quill submitted her application for temporary licensure just days over the deadline of two years since graduating from her PA program. The Board does that the ability to waive this deadline. Board members would like to know why this applicant would like the temporary license instead of full and why she had waited for so long after graduating to apply. Will discuss again after they have these answers.

ACTION: None

Document: Application & Supporting Documents

VI. Flex Session

A. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: A pharmacy question was presented to the Board; was expected to be on this agenda but did not make it. Can PA's receive CME credit for pharmacy conferences? This was turned down in 2010, but it was unclear why. The regulations state the Board may approve "AMA, AAPA, or like accrediting body." Anita Young of ACPE presents the facts regarding the situation. CPE's are not currently accepted, but would allow for interprofessional learning and cooperation. The standards for these conferences are higher than those for CMEs. They did not first go through approval process from AMA because of the cost and complicated process, but instead are appealing to the Board directly. Board members have concerns about this; will discuss in April Meeting.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:14 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.

Mr. Paul Crehan made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m.; Dr. Richard Baum 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

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

IX. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Paul Crehan made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Miguel Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date