

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, March 10, 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. February 11, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Triage A. Thornson, William	None	TW
	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 April 14, 2016		
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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2016
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
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

Board Members

Not Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

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
Tracy Westgate, DHPL

Guests:

- I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Valdez, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: March 10, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: February 11, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Triage

A. Thornson, William

DISCUSSION: Ms. Westgate presents. A National Practitioner's Data Bank report shows a malpractice suit for failure to diagnose in 2010. The parties settled this year and it has been closed. Mr. Thornson was shown to have no liability.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to close at the triage level; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

V. Flex Session

A. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Board members asked if there were any updates on the Prescription Monitoring Program reports. The director of the program has asked for some time and will do a presentation in the future. Board members asked if there has been any progress approving PAs as Medicaid providers. Ms. Strachan responded that staff have been working to push that forward. MassHealth has independent billing requirements and the regulations state a PA may not bill independently. Have contacted MAPA.

ACTION: None

Document: None

9:46am Ms. Westgate leaves

VI. Executive Session (closed session)

At 9:47 a.m., Mr. Valdez 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 9:47 a.m.; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Mr. Miguel Valdez: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes, Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

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

VIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Miguel Valdez made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Brian Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date