

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, April 14, 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. March 10, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Presentation A. Prescription Monitoring Program	PowerPoint Presentation	ES
	V.	Inquiry A. Request for CE Approval	None	

	VI.	Policy A. Division Staff Action Policy 16 – 01	Draft Policy	VB
	VII.	Regulatory Review	Draft Regulations	VB
	VIII.	Reports A. Probation Monitor Report	None	
	IX.	Other Business/Announcements A. None		
	X.	Flex Session A. Topics for next agenda		

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

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BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2016
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair
Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

Board Members

Not Present: Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4

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
James Lavery, DHPL
Cliff Pascarella, DHPL

Guests:

Eric Sheehan, DPH
John Mundy
Anita Young

- 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 9:38 a.m.

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: April 14, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

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

Document: March 10, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Presentation

A. Prescription Monitoring Program

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sheehan presents with print outs and PowerPoint. The presentation included the changes and improvements to the program and processes. The new system will eliminate the need for paper, have the ability to check other states using the program, save user preferences. They are currently working to get the VA connected. Not connected with the DOD at this time, but may check with VA contacts to see what can be done. Targeting to be fully operational this summer. Ended at 10:10

ACTION: None

Document: PMP PowerPoint

V. Inquiry

A. Request for CE Approval

DISCUSSION: Anita Young, Director of Continuing Pharmacy Education at Northeastern University, requested that the Board accept CPEs for those PAs who take them to satisfy the PA CEU requirement for license renewal.. This was originally requested in 2010, but denied. As her school teaches inter-professional

teams, she feels the Boards should too. If the Board chooses to approve, it would only affect Massachusetts licensees. NCCPA and other states would still not accept CPEs. Ms. Young believes that if the Board accepts, that it could start a change amongst other organizations. Ms. Patel-Junankar feels Ms. Young should start with MPA for help changing at the AAPA level. Dr. Baum noted that unless the AMA or APA approves the course, it makes no difference what the MA Board does. PAs are required to complete 100 hours of CE from AM and APA-approved programs. So, even if the MA Board approved of the Northeastern programs, PAs would still need to complete an additional 100 hours to satisfy the license renewal requirement. The Board could possibly write a letter of support.

ACTION: Dr. Baum made a motion to deny the request but write a letter in support of Ms. Young for the AAPA; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

VI. Policy

A. Division Staff Action Policy 16 – 01

DISCUSSION: This policy would allow staff to grant extensions in the case of a complaint where a licensee would like a hearing. It is a standard policy being added division-wide.

ACTION: Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to approve the policy as proposed; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Draft Policy

VII. Regulatory Review

DISCUSSION: The changes previously made by the Board were sent to the Commissioner's and the Governor's offices and returned with their additional changes. Changes include definitions, Opioid training, section 4 removed, standards of conduct, regulation to respond to the Board. The Board must adjust and/or approve the regulation changes to go to public hearing (projected July). This is the time to make any final changes. Board members would like to add Section 12 and signing death certificates; Ms. Strachan will check the statute. Add "continued practice with a lapsed license may lead to disciplinary action." Will review again at next meeting.

ACTION: None

Document: Draft Regulations

VIII. Flex Session

A. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

IX. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:53 a.m., Ms. 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 March 10, 2016 meeting.

Mr. ?? made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.; Ms. ?? seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Mr. Miguel Valdez: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Dr. Richard Baum: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

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

XI. 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 11:10 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