

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, May 12, 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. April 14, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Inquiry A. Section 12	None	
	V.	Reports A. Probation Monitor Report	None	

	VI.	Other Business/Announcements A. None		
	VII.	Flex Session A. Topics for next agenda		
10:00 a.m.	VIII.	<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.	IX.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Closed Session	

12:00 p.m.	X.	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for June 9, 2016		
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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
BOARD MEETING

May 12, 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
Brian Gorsuch, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4

Board Members

Not Present:

Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair

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
Karen Fishman, 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 9:53 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan 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: May 12, 2016 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

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

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Baum 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: April 14, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiry

A. Section 12

DISCUSSION: Physician assistants do not currently have the ability to section because of the way the statute is written. Ms. Strachan explained the process of trying to amend the statute; many groups are currently attempting to change this.

ACTION: None

Document: None

V. 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.

1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants.
2. 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.
3. 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. Crehan made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.; Mr. Gorsuch seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes, Ms. Shannon Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Dr. Richard Baum: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

VI. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Paul Crehan 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 10:33 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date