

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 14, 2015
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 9, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Policies A. <u>Discussion</u> : Development of Policies for staff action on pending investigation	Board of Registration in Nursing Policy 99-03	MS

	V.	Inquiries: A. <u>Follow up:</u> PA use of Tc99m sulfur colloid (pre-op mapping of lymph nodes in breast CA cases)	Email Inquiry	MS
	VI.	Regulations A. <u>Discussion:</u> Select regulation sections for revision	Copy of 263 CMR 3.0 and 4.0	MS
	VII.	Other Business/Announcements A. MassHealth Enrollment Licensure Requirement B. Opioid use-Prescription Monitoring Program Awareness	None None	VB MP
	VIII.	Flex Session A. Topic for next agenda		

10:30 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.	Adjudicatory Session	Closed Session	
11:30 a.m.	XI.	M.G.L.c. 112 § 65C Session	Closed Session	
12:00 p.m.	XII.	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for June 11, 2015		

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BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2015
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members
Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4

Staff Present: Mary Phillips, Executive Director, DHPL
Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director, DHPL
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, DHPL
Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Marjorie Campbell, 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. The Board Chair, Ms. Patel-Junankar, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

DISCUSSION: The Board will review Item VII A (as “Item III B”) first, or when Ms. Berg enters.

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

Document: May 14, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the April 9, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Ms. Patel-Junankar 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 9, 2015 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Policies

A. Discussion: Development of Policies for staff action on pending investigation

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented an example of a staff action policy to Board members. Board members were asked to consider which types of cases they would like to see policies developed for. Board members will consider lapsed licenses, guidelines on diversion, and traffic violations, and return to discuss next month.

ACTION: None

Document: Board of Registration in Nursing Policy 99-03

09:36 a.m. Ms. Berg enters

V. Other Business/Announcements

C. MassHealth Enrollment Licensure Requirement

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berg informed the Board that last year new legislation was proposed by MassHealth to ensure compliance with provisions of the Affordable Care Act. The relevant provisions provided that in order for an individual to be reimbursed for services or prescriptions they had to be enrolled for at least the Order and Refer level with MassHealth during initial or renewal for licensure. The initial legislation did not include PAs. However, a correction was made, and the recent language included PAs. In order for the language to be consistent, regulatory language is currently being developed by all Boards affected by the legislation. This requirement is expected to be finished by the end of the summer although because of the current regulatory “pause” it may be delayed.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VI. Inquiries

A. Follow up: PA use of Tc99m sulfur colloid (pre-op mapping of lymph nodes in breast CA cases)

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan informed the Board that she spoke with someone from the Radiation Control Program. The use of radioactive materials is regulated on the state level by the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program within the Department of Public Health and on the federal level by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). It is beyond the Board’s power to authorize physician assistants to administer radioactive substances.

ACTION: None

Document: Email Inquiry

VII. Regulations

A. Discussion: Select regulation sections for revision

DISCUSSION: The Board will consider 263 CMR 3.0 and 4.0 first, as they are the oldest regulations. The Board can create a subcommittee of just Board members, or create an advisory board with other non-members who sign a conflict of interest document. Both would need to follow open meeting law. Board members were told that they cannot participate by a conference call. The number of members would be decided by the Board. Meetings can be held in another

location, as long as it is posted and accessible to the public. The meetings can be on a separate date or before/after a Board meeting. Non-Massachusetts residents cannot not participate. It may be difficult to get a group together. The Board will start reviewing regulations without an advisory group and invite interested parties to attend the meeting and participate. Some Board members expressed interest in adding ability to section someone to a psychiatric hospital; Board Counsel will confirm if this is a regulatory or statutory issue. Ms. Campbell suggests that the Board consider adding standards of conduct, similar to other boards. The Board will review 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03 first.

ACTION: Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to discuss 3.01-3.03 at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and invite members of the public to participate; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.
Document: None

VIII. Other Business/Announcements (cont.)

B. Opioid use-Prescription Monitoring Program Awareness

DISCUSSION: Administration is requesting that Board members use the Prescription Monitoring Program. PMP is a useful tool to track opioid abuse and the Board was encouraged to utilize the program.

ACTION: None

Document: None

IX. Executive Session (closed session)

At 10:09 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 June 12, 2014.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes; Mr. Miguel Valdez: yes, Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Ms. Nicole Meregian: yes; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart: yes; Dr. Richard Baum: yes; and Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

X. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

None

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

None

XII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Hilf made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

Date