

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Thursday, September 12, 2013
9:30 a.m.

239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 417A
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Agenda

Time	Item #	Item	Exhibits	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I.	Call to Order		
	II.	Approval of Agenda	Agenda	
	III.	Approval of Minutes A. July 11, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting B. August 1, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Minutes	
	IV.	Adjudicatory Session	None	
9:35 a.m.	V.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Yes	
	VI.	License Application Review 1. Deschrijver, Antoin, PA4804 (Expires 3/1/15) Approved on 7/29/13 Needs ratification from Board		
	VII.	License Reactivation Application Review 1. Badalamenti, Jennifer, PA1810 (Expired 3/1/13) Disclosure on working on an expired license 2. Caruso, Kathleen - PA33		

	VIII.	Staff Assignments		
	IX.	Complaints		
	X.	Scope of Practice Inquiries		
	XI.	Other Business/Announcements 1. Fluoroscopy Regulations and Application Forms 2. Board Seats, Appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair	Forms	
12:00 p.m.	XII.	Adjournment		

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2013
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members
Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Edward Glinski, MD, Board Member
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Board Member
Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member

Staff Present: Annette O'Brien, Interim Executive Director
Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant, Multi-Boards, DHPL
Marjorie Campbell, Nursing Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Philip Beattie, Nursing Home Administrator Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Carey Lambert, Nursing Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Madeline Piper, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Staff Not Present: Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

I. Call to Order

Ms. Patel-Junankar, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Ms. Hilf made a motion to amend item III, Approval of Minutes, to indicate that the minutes to be approved were from July 11, 2013 and August 1, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting and to approve the Agenda as amended; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: September 12, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. Dr. Baum and Ms. Sheridan-Geldart did not vote as they were not present at the July meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

Dr. Glinski noted that he has never been listed as a “Public Member” but as a “Board Member”. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. Dr. Baum and Ms. Hilf did not vote as they were not present at the August meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

None.

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

[Ms. Hilf made a motion to go into the Section 65C Session at 10:20 a.m.; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

- A. Approval of the Minutes: August 1, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- B. Approval of Signed Consent Agreement: Docket No. PA-2013-003
- C. License Application: None
- D. License Reactivation Request: Practice after license expired
- E. Complaints: Status of pending complaint - Docket No. PA-2012-012
- F. Staff Assignments: None
- G. Other items

[The Board adjourned the Section 65C Session at 11:09 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The Board made a motion to go back into Section 65C Session at 11:43 a.m. for an update on Docket No. PA-2013-003 and adjourned the Section 65C Session at 11:57 a.m.]

VI. License Application Review

- A. Deschrijver, Antoin, PA4804 (Expires 3/1/15), Approved on 7/29/13, ratification from the Board

Ms. O’Brien reviewed the documentation submitted by Mr. Deschrijver for full licensure application. Licensee disclosed a criminal history in his Temporary Practice Certificate license application. Licensee is now applying for the full licensure as a Physician Assistant. Ms. Hilf made a motion to ratify the Board Staff action to approve the

application for licensure; Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: License Application and Related Documents

VII. License Reactivation Application Review

- A. Badalamenti, Jennifer, PA1810 (Expired 3/1/13)
Disclosed practice on and expired license

Ms. O'Brien reviewed the documents submitted by Ms. Badalamenti with her reactivation application. Ms. Badalamenti disclosed that she practiced after her license expired. She reports being unaware that her license had expired, because she had moved several times. She may not have received the renewal notice.

After Board's discussion, Dr. Glinski made a motion to reactivate her license and open a complaint against her license; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Valdez then made a motion to dismiss the complaint with an advisory letter; the advisory letter will not result in a discipline. Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Baum also noted that this is the third time recently that the Board has reviewed a reactivation application based on a lapse license from a Licensee practicing at St. Vincent Hospital. After a discussion, the Board decided that St. Vincent should be notified of the issue.

- B. Caruso, Kathleen, PA33
Disclosed practice on an expired license

Ms. Herbu reviewed the documents submitted by Ms. Caruso with her reactivation application. Ms. Patel-Junankar, Board Chair, disclosed that she had spoken to the Licensee's employer, but she did not know Ms. Caruso personally or professionally. Ms. Patel-Junankar remained in the room for the discussion and vote.

After the Board's discussion, Mr. Valdez made a motion to reactivate her license and open a complaint; to resolve the complaint with an offer of a consent agreement for a reprimand for practice on an expired license. Dr. Baum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: License Reactivation Applications and Related Documents

VIII. Staff Assignments

None.

IX. Complaints

See Item I/B and E: complaint status update in M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Email inquiry to the Board

Does Massachusetts laws prohibit a general limited liability company from employing a physician assistant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

After discussion, the Board deferred a response pending additional information and requests that the company submit the company's name and purpose; examples of other states and laws; copy of the limited liability agreement between the PA and the company; and type services provided by the PA.

Document: Email Inquiry

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Fluoroscopy Regulations and Application Forms

Ms. O'Brien briefly updated the Board regarding the fluoroscopy application forms and website submitted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's (MDPH) Radiation Control Program (RCP)

After discussion, Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to post the RCP website to the Board's website. Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board request that Board staff clarify with RCP the timeline of when the fluoroscopy forms and information will be available to PAs waiting to take the certification exam.

Document: Fluoroscopy Application Form and Related Documents

B. Board Seats, Appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair

The Board decided to defer this matter until the next scheduled Board meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Valdez made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

Date