

**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, G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

Thursday, September 13, 2012
9:30 a.m.
239 Causeway Street – 4th floor, Room 417A
Boston, MA 02114

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. July 12, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
 - A. PA-2012-004 Davidson, Elana PA1031 (expires 3-1-2013)
Request for reconsideration
 - B. PA-2011-004 Stall, Jennifer PA4095 (expires 3-1-2013)
Voluntarily surrendered 1-19-2012
Request for reconsideration
 - C. PA-2012-007 Martin, Richard PA172 (expires 3-1-2013)
Voluntarily surrendered 8-17-2012
Adoption of Consent Agreement for voluntary license surrender.
- VI. License Application Review
None
- VII. License Reactivation Application Review
None
- VIII. Staff Assignments
 - A. SA-INV-2379 Gobeille, Stephen License No. PA2143 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegations: Unprofessional conduct, patient abandonment/neglect, failure to meet
standards of care

- IX. Complaints
A. PA-2011-001 Bartoszek, Joseph License No. PA1347 (expires 3-1-2013)
Voluntarily surrendered 3-30-2012
Action by NCCPA
- X. Scope of Practice Inquiries
None
- XI. Other Business/Announcements
A. Board Member Appointment: Shannon M. Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C

B. Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory Amendments at 263 CMR 5.04(3)(b) and 5.08:
*Physician Assistants Authorized to Operate Fluoroscopic X-ray Systems and Perform
Fluoroscopic Procedures*: September 10, 2012. Review and discussion of written comments.

C. Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, Sections 111 and 112: Regulatory and practice changes

D. Renew Executive Director's authority to sign documents

E. Board Elections:
Chair: Vacant
Vice-Chair: Dipu Patel-Junankar (current)

F. Recognition of Board member service: Barbara Webster, PA-C (14 years), Richard
Murphy, PA-C (11 years), Anne Chiavegato, PA-C, 4.5 years

G. *Clinical Advisory: Routine HIV Screening in Massachusetts* (handout)
- XII. Adjourn

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BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Frieda Cohen, Public Member
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member
Edward Glinski, MD, Public Member
Argyro Tsiaras, PA-C, Board Member
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Board Member (left at 12:05 p.m.)
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member

Board Members Not Present: Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant

Jean Pontikas, Director, DHPL (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)
Curtis Jackson, MPRS Coordinator (left at 10:50 a.m.)
Samuel Penta, OPP Investigator Supervisor (left at 10:25 a.m.)

Guests: Julie Purcell, MAPA (left at 10:30 a.m.)
Heather Trafton, MAPA (arrived at 12 p.m.)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Ms. Patel-Junankar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: September 13, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. July 12, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the July 12, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cohen made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Patel-Junankar seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Patel-Junankar, Ms. Cohen, Ms.

Tsiaras, and Mr. Valdez voting in favor. Ms. Hilf and Dr. Glinski did not vote as they were not present at the July Board Meeting and Ms. Sheriden-Geldart had not been appointed to the Board.

Documents: Minutes of the July 12, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None.

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

A. PA-2012-004 Davidson, Elana PA1031 (expires 3-1-2013)
Request for reconsideration

B. PA-2011-004 Stall, Jennifer M. PA4095 (VSA 1-19-12)
Request for reconsideration

C. PA-2012-007 Martin, Richard D. PA172 (VSA 8-17-2012)
Adoption of signed Voluntary License Surrender Agreement

Ms. Tsiaras made a motion to go into the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 9:42 a.m.; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[The Board exited the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session and returned to open session at 10:35 a.m.]

VI. License Application Review
None.

VII. License Reactivation Application Review
None.

VIII. Staff Assignments

A. SA-INV-2379 Gobeille, Stephen PA2143 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegations: Unprofessional conduct, patient abandonment/neglect, failure to meet standards of care

Ms. Cohen made a motion to close the investigation, pending receipt of documentation of completion of CEUs for pharmacology, as well as a copy of the licensee's prescriptive practice guidelines that are in compliance with Board regulations, as there is insufficient evidence of a violation of the standards of care; Mr. Tsiaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Staff Assignment investigation documents and related materials

IX. Complaints

A. Update: PA-2011-001 Bartoszek, Jr., Joseph PA1347 (VSA 3-30-2012)
Action by National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Ms. Graham informed the Board that the Board received notification from the NCCPA that the licensee's NCCPA certification has been revoked effective June 25, 2012, based on the VSA he entered into with the Board.

Document: NCCPA letter of notification

X. Scope of Practice Inquiries

None.

XI. Other Business/Announcements

A. Board Member Appointment: Shannon M. Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C

Ms. Graham welcomed and introduced Ms. Sheridan-Geldart.

B. September 10, 2012 Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory Amendments at 263 CMR 5.04(3)(b) and 5.08, *Physician Assistants Authorized to Operate Fluoroscopic X-ray Systems and Perform Fluoroscopic Procedures*: Board review and discussion of testimony

The Board reviewed and discussed the testimony received during the public comment period on the Board's proposed regulatory amendments governing PA fluoroscopic practice.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to revise 263 CMR 5.08(7) to read, "At least four (4) hours of the continuing education required as a condition for license renewal pursuant to 263 CMR 3.05(3) shall be directly related to fluoroscopic imaging **and radiation safety.**" Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Proposed Regulatory Amendments at 263 CMR 5.04 (3)(b) and 5.08
Testimony on the Proposed Regulatory Amendments
Radiation Control Program Regulations 120 CMR 405 (K)

C. Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, Sections 111 and 112: Changes in Massachusetts General Laws Affecting Physician Assistants

Ms. Stein provided an overview of the statutory amendments dictated by Sections 111 and 112 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, approved August 6, 2012, that affect physician assistant practice. The amendments to M.G.L. c. 112, § 9E, remove the provision that a physician may supervise no more than 4 physician assistants at any one time. As Board regulations at 263 CMR 5.05(2) contain the same language as the statute, this regulation will need to be deleted. Other provisions in Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 related to physician assistant practice do not require Board regulatory amendments.

Document: Board Counsel's Memorandum, Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012: Changes in Massachusetts General Laws Affecting Physician Assistants

D. Renewal of Executive Director's authority to sign documents

Ms. Tsiaras made a motion to renew the authority of the Executive Director to sign Board documents; Ms. Patel-Junankar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Board Elections:

1. Chair: Vacant
2. Vice-Chair: Dipu Patel-Junankar (current)

Dr. Glinski made a motion to nominate Ms. Patel-Junankar as the Chair; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Patel-Junankar made a motion to nominate Mr. Valdez as the Vice-Chair; Ms. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Recognition of Board member service: Barbara Webster, PA-C (14 years), Richard Murphy, PA-C (11 years), and Anne Chiavegato, PA-C (4.5 years)

Ms. Graham noted the years of service of Ms. Webster, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Chiavegato. The Board will plan a recognition for them in the near future.

G. Clinical Advisory: Routine HIV Screening in Massachusetts (handout)

Ms. Graham distributed the handout to Board members.

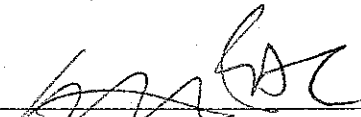
Document: Clinical Advisory: Routine HIV Screening in Massachusetts, DPH

XII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:



Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Vice-Chair

10-11-12

Date