

**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, September 8, 2016  
9:30 a.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Floor ~ Room 417 A/B  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Staff Contact</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order Determination of Quorum</b>		
	<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Draft Agenda	
	<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> A. August 9, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	<b>IV.</b>	<b>Complaints</b> A. SA-INV-9061 K. Dovidio	Complaint Report	LW

	<b>V.</b>	<b>Inquiries</b> A. Professional Corporations B. Scope of Practice - Stroboscopy	Inquiry	MS/PB
	<b>VI.</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule B. Topics for next agenda	Memo	RC
10:00 a.m.	<b>VII.</b>	<b>Executive Session</b> 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.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the <u>Good Moral Character</u> provision of an application or applications as required for registration.</li> <li>2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the executive session.</b></p>	Closed Session	

12:00 p.m.	<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> - next Board meeting scheduled for October 13, 2016		
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**BOARD MEETING**

**September 8, 2016**  
**239 Causeway Street, Room 417**  
**Boston, MA 02114**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair  
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member 1  
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3, Vice-Chair  
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:**

Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

**Staff Present:**

Philip Beattie, Interim Executive Director, DHPL  
Rebecca Ferullo, Office Support Specialist, DHPL  
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH  
Cliff Pascarella, DHPL  
Lauren Woodward, Nurse Investigator

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 9:33 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Gorsuch 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 August 11, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

DISCUSSION: It was pointed out that on page three the minutes should say “Secretary of EHHOS” not “Secretary of State.”

ACTION: Mr. Valdez made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the above correction; Ms. Hilf 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. Complaints

A. SA-INV-9061 K. Dovidio

DISCUSSION: Ms. Woodward reports that this was a companion case with a registered nurse alleging the Licensee took a patient's private information and phone number and contacted the patient from the licensee's new practice. Ms. Woodward explained that her investigation showed that the Nurse Practitioner involved was friendly with the patient and he gave her his number upon learning she was leaving the practice and that the Licensee was not involved.

ACTION: Ms. Patel made a motion to dismiss the case. Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

V. Inquiries

A. Professional Corporations

DISCUSSION: Ms. Strachan presented the Board with an inquiry as to whether a Physician Assistant may practice as an owner of a professional corporation or limited liability company owned by one or more physician assistants and physicians. Ms. Strachan explained that there is no regulation prohibiting it. The Board members discussed and noted they had previously addressed and approved a similar inquiry and will respond with the same response.

ACTION: None

B. Scope of Practice—Stroboscopy

DISCUSSION: The Board was presented with the inquiry as to whether a PA may participate in this procedure. Mr. Valdez suggested a PA may if they have the proper training, physician supervision and it is added to the scope of practice agreement.

ACTION: None

VI. Flex Session

A. Ms. Cherfils presented the Board with the meeting dated for calendar year 2017

## B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Mr. Valdez would like to discuss restrictions imposed on Board. Ms. Strachan explained that the open meeting law requires quorum and prohibits discussions outside of the Board meeting. Ms. Strachan informed the Board members they are welcome to call her at any time. Mr. Valdez raised the issue of timeliness of cases presented to the Board. Ms. Cherfils said staff would have a list of open cases and a timeline for their presentation for the next meeting.

## VII. Executive Session (closed session)

At 9:54 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; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion; Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Board members present and voting in favor: Mr. Miguel Valdez: yes; Mr. Paul Crehan: yes; Ms. Dipu Patel-Junankar: yes, Ms. Laura Hilf: yes; Mr. Brian Gorsuch: yes; Shannon Sheridan Geldart yes; Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: None

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

IX. 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, October 13, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair

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Date