

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 13, 2018
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 Notice of Electronic Recording		Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda Conflict of Interest	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. August 9, 2018, Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Staff Action Policy A. Retirement Policy	Draft Policy	MS
	V	Operational Update A. Acts of 2014, Chapter 260, Section 9 Domestic & Sexual Violence Training	None	Board Chair
	VI	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda	None	Chair

	VII	<p>Executive Session The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the necessity of modifying probation conditions for a Licensee. 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 closed session(s).</p>	Closed Session	Board Chair
	VIII	65C Session	N/A	Board Counsel
	IX	Adjudicatory Session	N/A	Board Counsel
12:00 p.m.	X	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for October 11, 2018.		

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BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2018
239 Causeway Street Room 417
Boston, MA 02114
MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA, Physician Assistant 1, Chair
Alithia Broderick, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3
Robert Baginski, MD
Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society
Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4
Mary Kuzmeski, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

Board Members Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant, Educator
Not Present:

Staff Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Vita Berg, Office of General Counsel, DPH
Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Investigations, MultiBoard, BHPL
Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, DPH

Staff Not Present: Philip Beattie, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, Dr. Patel-Junankar, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Ms. Patel-Junankar asked Ms. Kuzmeski to introduce herself.

II. Conflict of Interest/Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and there was conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION: Item III was deferred to the September 13, 2018 agenda by Ms. Berg for not reflecting the executive minutes in the regular session agenda.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to approve agenda as amended; Ms. Kuzmeski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: August 09, 2018 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berg recommended that the executive minutes which were not reflected in the regular minutes be deferred for next month. Ms. Kuzmeski inquired about why her name was not listed with the Board members.

ACTION: defer for next month

June 14, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiries:

A. Can PAs be one-hundred percent owner of a medical practice in MA

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils informed the Board that staff had received an email inquiry asking if a PA could be the sole proprietor of a practice and hire a physician to the Director/Supervisor. Dr. Baum and Ms. Patel-Junankar noted that the Board has addressed this question before and the answer is yes. Ms. Cherfils pointed out that the person may want to check with the Secretary of State's corporation division. Ms. Berg also suggested they can contact the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM).

ACTION: MultiBoard staff will respond in writing to the inquiry

Document: Email: Can PAs be one-hundred percent owner of medical practice in

MA

V. Scope of Practice:

A. Telemedicine Regulatory Research

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berg informed the Board that Ms. Strachan had done some research and recommended the Board adopt the Federation of State Boards of Medicine's (FSMB) Telemedicine policy. However Ms. Berg pointed out that in many areas the FSMB policy does not offer clear guidance. Ms. Berg also noted that as far as she knows, BORIM does not have a policy addressing telemedicine. Ms. Berg suggested that the topic be reviewed by the bureau's policy director to possibly

come up with something that could be adopted across all BHPL boards. Ms. Patel-Junankar agreed with Ms. Berg and proposed that the Board take no action at this time.

ACTION: Deferred until further notice

Document: Telemedicine Regulatory Research

VI FLEX SESSION:

A. Announcement

Ms. Patel-Junankar inquired about a road show in February 2019 with mock cases for students.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils requested Board member availability for the next meeting on September 13, 2018. Board members confirmed their availability.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VII Executive Session (closed session)

At 9:49 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.

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 July 13, 2017 meeting.

IX Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 09:49 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Chair / Vice-Chair
Dipu Patel-Junankar / Shannon Sheridan-Geldart

Date