

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
July 22, 2026**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, July 22, 2026 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.; Panel B Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Dallas Lea, II
Tara Mahan, P.A.
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member

Panel A

Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.
Dina El Metwally, M.D.
Alden Littlewood, M.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member
Charles W. Simmons, M.D.
Scott G. Slater, Consumer Member
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.

ABSENT: Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member; Tyler Cymet, D.O.; TraShawn N. Thornton-Davis, M.D.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Andromeda Bacchus, Administrative Specialist, III, Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Elizabeth Carver, Compliance Analyst Associate; Augustine Chen, Compliance Analyst Associate; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Manager, Policy/Legislation; Angela Foglestad, AH Analyst Associate AT/Perfusionist/Polysom; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Brooks Whigham, Intake Manager; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Oriell Harris, Policy Analyst

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Wendy Riekers, DMSc, MSPAS, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

NEW BUSINESS

Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Approval

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) determined that the physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendums to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Lea, II, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties. (attachment 1)*

Allied Health Advisory Committee Appointment for Approval

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Appointment

- Nicholas A. Pitruzzella, LAT, ATC,

*On a motion made by Dr. Hann, and seconded by Dr. Lea, II, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the above Allied Health Advisory Committee Appointment.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 24, 2026

*On a motion made by Dr. Hann, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the full Board and Panel minutes.*

POLICY/LEGISLATION REGULATIONS

For Approval - Draft Proposed Regulations - COMAR 10.31.03 – General Continuing Education Requirements

Ms. Harris presented draft proposed regulations for COMAR 10.31.03 regarding General Continuing Education Requirements for approval. These regulations are the result of joint collaboration between the Health Occupations Boards and the Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination following inter-board collaborative meetings on May 6th and June 16th, 2026. The regulatory updates address state mandates for four training programs, including implicit bias and structural racism, human trafficking awareness, menopause and menopause-associated symptoms, and perinatal behavioral health conditions. These programs aim to comply with recent legislative acts passed by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions, and to promote new training opportunities to raise healthcare practitioners' awareness.

Board staff recommended that the Board approve the draft proposed regulations for COMAR 10.31.03 so they can be sent to the Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination to continue in the formal promulgation process.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Lea II, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the draft proposed regulations for COMAR 10.31.03.*

For Approval - Proposed Regulations - COMAR 10.31.04 Predetermination Review

Michael Tran presented the Board with the proposed COMAR 10.31.04 (Predetermination Review Process) regulations. These regulations are proposed updates to the COMAR Health Occupation subtitle, and all boards will need individual Board approval before further promulgation. The Regulations will be sent to the Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination for online posting.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Lea II, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the proposed regulations for COMAR 10.31.04.*

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Ajrawat also thanked Ms. Turnipseed, Ms. Schaerr, and Dr. Scholz on their last day of service with the Board and wished them well.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting Minutes June 3, 2026
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols with Previously Approved Specialized Tasks and or Dry Needling Specialized Tasks
- Perfusion Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2026
- Initial Licensure List from 2nd Quarter - (April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026)
- Reinstatement Licensure List from 2nd Quarter - (April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026)

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Hann, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on July 22, 2026 at 9:25 a.m., in room 100, to comply with the statutory requirement under Health Occ. §1-401 that prevents public disclosure of medical review committee proceedings. Panel A was dismissed.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

Panel B consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(13) to review confidential licensure and investigative application information.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Submitted by,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Panel B Chair



Board of Physicians

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair

TO: The Board
 FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst
 DATE: July 22, 2026
 SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Board Approval

This is to confirm that the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) has reviewed the attached Collaboration Agreement Addendums and is recommending the following actions.

The Committee determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in Health Occupations Article, §15-302, COMAR 10.32.03.06 Collaboration Agreements – Approval, COMAR 10.32.09 Delegation and Assignment of Performance of Cosmetic Medical Procedures and Use of Cosmetic Medical Devices, and other criteria established by the Board.

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

Physician Assistant		Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Date of Approval of DA/Notification of CA
1.	Mary Choe, PA-C	Robert Liddell, M.D.	1. MediPort Placement 2. MediPort Removal 3. Tunneled Central Vascular Access 4. Non-Tunneled Central Vascular Access	NCA received on 12/04/2025
2.	Alexander Matthew Conjelko, PA-C	Sammy Seung Woo Kang, M.D.	1. Skin Excisions* 2. Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions* <i>*Approve as "Skin Excisions" limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck and "Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions" limited 2.5 cm or less above the neck.</i>	NCA received on 01/04/2025
3.	Meghan Dale Landymore, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the	NCA received on 10/03/2024

			extremities, not including the head.	
4.	Anajulia Vitoria Molina, PA-C	Kanaiyalal J. Patel, M.D.	1. Laryngoscopy 2. Nasal Endoscopy	NCA received on 11/02/2025