

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
April 26, 2023**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, April 26, 2023 with the following members present **via conference call**:

Panel B

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Natalie Orbach, PA-C
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.
Scott R. Sauvageot, Consumer Member
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member
Kevin Pereira, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.
Lisa Burgess, M.D.
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.
Chika Logie, M.D.
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

ABSENT: Victor M. Plavner, M.D.; Mark D. Baganz, M.D.

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

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Zach Spivey, Probation Supervisor; Maxine Anderson, Compliance Analyst; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Eric Jarkowski, Compliance Analyst Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Tamika Davis, Licensure Analyst; Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, PA; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Policy Manager; Donita Hardee, Allied Health PA; Oriell Harris, Compliance Analyst Associate; Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health PA; Leelyn Parker, Licensure Analyst; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Freas, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

NEW BUSINESS

Physician Assistants Delegation Agreement Addendum for Advanced Duties

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

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Matthew John Arnold, PA-C	Dheeraj Gandhi, M.D.	1. Lumbar Puncture w/Intrathecal Chemotherapy 2. Epidural Steroid Injection 3. Spinal Biopsy w/Imaging Guidance 4. Blood Patch 5. Myelogram <i>*Approved with the clarification that PAs are prohibited from performing Fluoroscopy under Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. ("Health Occ") §§ 14-306€, whether as an independent act or in conjunction with any medical procedure</i>	Hospital	Approved on 12/15/2021
Sheera Alyesh, PA-C	Levan Atanelov, M.D.	1. Joint Steroid Injections	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/29/22
Elizabeth Atkinson, PA-C	Kinjal Nayin Sheth, M.D.	1. Adding Central Venous Catheter	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 07/07/2022
Page Renee Burns, PA-C	Harpal Singh Khanuja, M.D.	1. Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Fractures 2. Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Dislocations 3. Arthrocentesis 4. Joint Injections	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 05/09/2022
Junnan Chen, PA-C	Steven B. Snyder, M.D.	1. Hair Removal by Zenith Laser 2. Excision of Malignant Skin Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck 3. Intralesional Injections	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 03/02/2022

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Avery V. Cross, PA-C	Janak A. Vidyarthi, M.D.	1. Trigger Point Injections	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 01/24/2023
Vanessa de Assis, PA-C	Blaine Kristo, M.D.	1. Cystoscopy	Hospital	Approved on 11/20/2019
Danielle Dobbins, PA-C	Christopher Clark, M.D.	1. Gluteal Tendon Injections 2. Greater Trochanteric Bursa Injections 3. Subacromial Bursa Injections 4. Arthrocentesis	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 01/21/2021
Jessica Marie Dunn, PA-C	Jason T. Arrington, M.D.	1. Injecting Dermal Fillers 2. Injecting Neurotoxin Modulators (Botulinum Toxin) 3. Performing Intense Pulse Laser Machines	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/07/2022
Caitlin M. Lutz, PA-C	Juris P. Germanas, M.D.	1. Excision and Repair – Benign Lesions 2. Excision and Repair -Malignant Lesions 3. Intralesional Injections 4. Botulinum Toxin Injections <i>*Approved as “Excision and Repair of Benign and Malignant Lesions be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck”</i>	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 07/21/2022
Kimberley A. Mangus, PA-C	David Dong Keun Kim, M.D.	1. Stress Testing (Pharmacologic and Exercise)	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 10/05/2022
Janelle Shah, PA-C	Ehsan Abdeslahian, M.D.	1. Bursa Injections	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 08/25/2021
Matthew C. Widmeyer, PA-C	Bao M. Vo, D.O.	1. Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment 2. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders 3. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 4. Supportive Psychotherapy	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 08/19/2022

*On a motion made by Ms. Orbach, and seconded by Mr. Sauvageot, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the aforementioned advanced duties.*

Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols for Approval

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee reviewed the Evaluation and Treatment Protocols, determined that the athletic trainers meet the criteria established in statute, and voted to recommend approval to the Board.

Athletic Trainer	License Number	Supervising Physician	License Number
Tori Atencio, ATC	A01529	Sean Curtin, M.D.	D52578
Sara Brenner, ATC	A01356	Hugh House, M.D.	D58826
Robert Livezey, ATC	A00825	Kari Kindschi, M.D.	D71307
Stacy Paper, ATC	A00882	Ralph Henn, M.D.	D70821
Sequoyah Portee, ATC	A01526	Lucas Wymore, M.D.	D78163
Lauren, Szerencsits, ATC	A01528	Samuel Matz, M.D.	D26827
Kelsey Tanler, ATC	A01214	Charles Yarborough III, M.D.	D65820
Abigail Weiland, ATC	A01333	Robert Waltz, M.D.	D81136

*On a motion made by Dr. Pereira, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the aforementioned Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 22, 2023

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION

Policy

Office for the Attorney General – Concerns with Health Occupations Article §14-410 as it relates to SB 161 and HB 241 (State Board of Physicians – Dispensing Permits)

Senate Bill 161 and House Bill 241 (State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits) sought to consolidate disciplinary authority, issuing dispensing permits, and inspection authority within the Board, which we support. The Office of the Attorney General, specifically the Health Education and Advocacy Unit and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, expressed concerns over such

consolidation and identified §14-410 as a concern. The §14-410 states that except in specific circumstances or in the case that express stipulation and consent of all parties is given, all proceedings from the Board, a disciplinary panel, or any of its other investigatory bodies, including files, records, or any orders passed by the Board, are not discoverable and are not admissible as evidence in criminal and civil court. The Board resists making any changes to §14-410, and did agree to hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss further. The stakeholder meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

Legislation

H.R. 7939 – Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022

Mr. Tran provided an FYI for the Board regarding federal legislation called the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022, which would require the Maryland Board of Physicians to provide licensure exemptions to qualified Military Members and their Spouse.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Dudzic provided a review of the 2023 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Dudzic informed the Board that its physician emeritus proposal had passed and been signed into law, and that Board staff had begun developing applications and procedures to implement it in advance of its effective date of October 1, 2023. Mr. Dudzic also provided updates regarding the Board's other two legislative proposals, inspection of dispensing permits and general provisions, both of which passed in the House but ran out of time in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Farrelly, updated the Board regarding the following:

1. FSMB will cover the Uniform Application's cost starting May 1, 2023 for the pilot program. Ms. Farrelly explained that anyone coming to the Board's website who wants to start an initial medical license will be directed to the Uniform Application page through the Federation's Application website. The licensure application costs between \$60.00 to \$65.00 and can be used in almost every state in the US. The pilot project with FSMB is importing application data, which will speed up the licensure process.

2. MBP staff watched the confirmation hearings and discovered the board would obtain some new members. The Governor's Appointment Office has not communicated with our MDH Health Occupations Boards and Commissions Office, so we are still awaiting an official notice. Ms. Farrelly mentioned that Mr. Sauvageot's last board meeting was today and thanked him for his service. If a board member's term expires, the Governor's Office replaces them with a new appointee. She informed the board members to continue their terms until they heard differently. Dr. Plavner and Ms. Senft received letters from the Governor's Office stating they would be replaced effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Farrelly will inform the board members of any updates as she receives them. To maintain the proper balance of our Board, Ms. Farrelly will ask some of the Panel A members to switch to Panel B. Dr. Freas also thanked the Board members for their service.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2023
- Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2023

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(13), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Mr. Sauvageot, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on April 26, 2023 at 9:37 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.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

The Panel 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,

Damean W. E. Freas, D.O.
Board Chair