

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
April 30, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, April 30, 2025 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Natalie Orbach, PA-C
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member
Alden Littlewood, M.D.
Djinge Lindsay, M.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member

ABSENT: Mark D. Baganz, M.D.; Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member; Chika Logie, M.D.; Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.; Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member; Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Michael Eid, Compliance Analyst Associate; Madelyn Estrella, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Troy Garland, Compliance Analyst; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Eunice Onwuchekwa, Intake Manager; Breana Ragin, AH Analyst Assoc. - PAs; Michael Sachse, Licensure Analyst Associate; Melissa Schober, Policy Manager; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor; Brittney White, AH Analyst Assoc. AT/Perfusionist/Polysom

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

2024 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILINGS – Dr. Ajrawat reminded Board members to submit their 2024 Financial Disclosure Filings on or before April 30, 2025.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Ajrawat mentioned that he and Dr. Ganti attended a conference with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).

NEW BUSINESS

Allied Health Advisory Committee Reappointments for Approval

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Reappointment

- Stephanie Guzzo, MS, LAT, ATC

Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Reappointments

- Katharine A. Bisordi, MS, MGC, CGC
- Denise R. Gooch, M.D., MHA
- Amy Feldman Lewanda, M.D.

Perfusion Advisory Committee Reappointment

- Marihelen A. Owens, CCP

Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiologist Assistance Committee Reappointments

- Olive Peart, MS, RT(R)(M)
- Aaron T. Scott, DHA, CNMT, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS

*On a motion made by Dr. Caffrey, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all of the above Allied Health Advisory Committee reappointments.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 26, 2025

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION

Regulations

Proposed Regulations - COMAR 10.32.21.05 & .10 for Approval

Ms. DelGreco presented proposed amendments to COMAR 10.32.21.05 & .10. The Board voted to approve posting the amendments to the website to solicit public comment, and, if no public comments are received, to proceed to the next step of the promulgation process.

*On a motion made by Ms. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Cymet, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** posting these proposed amendments to the Board's website for public review and comments, if no comments are received, to proceed with the promulgation process.*

Proposed Regulations - COMAR 10.32.03 (Physician Assistants) Update and Approval

Mr. Tran informed the Board that the draft of COMAR 10.32.03 will complete its posting on the Board's website for solicitation of public comment on 05/01/25. He also mentioned that the Board did not receive any public comments. The Board discussed and approved the regulations to proceed with the regulation promulgation process if no public comments are received by 05/01/2025.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Hann, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** proceeding with the promulgation process if no comments are received.*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. DelGreco informed the Board that SB 423/HB 776, the Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physicians Assistants Act - Revision, had successfully passed the 2025 legislative session, and that the subsequent regulation amendments would be forthcoming.

Mr. Tran informed the Board that several bills passed during the session that the Board's legislative committee tracked. These included SB 67 (Health Occupations Boards - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits) and HB 482 (Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Predetermination Review Process). Mr. Tran also reported that HB 1199 (Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians) did not pass.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2024
- Initial Licensure List from 1st Quarter - (January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025)
- Reinstatement Licensure List from 1st Quarter - (January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025)

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 Ms. Schaerr, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on April 30, 2025 at 9:34 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