

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
4th Floor, Conference Room 1**

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA

ZOOM: Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

VIA ZOOM: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead PA Analyst, John (Jack) Shock, Allied Health Analyst, Breana Ragin, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

STAFF ABSENT: Shawneka Freeman, Allied Health Analyst Associate

COMMITTEE

MEMBER(S)

ABSENT: Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., John Klune, M.D., MBA, FACS,

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Reikers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Kuruppu, the Committee unanimously approved the July 2, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Nothing to report

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

In the absence of Ms. Cossis, Committee Chair, Ms. Reikers informed the Committee that at its meeting on July 23, 2025, the Board approved the addendums the Committee recommended for approval at its July 2, 2025, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Stefie Tokpah, PA-C/Ian Rutkofsky, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
- *Supportive Psychotherapy*

On a motion made by Ms. Kuruppu and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, on a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on August 6, 2025, at 4:11 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with counsel to obtain legal advice under Section 3-305(b)(7).

Melissa Emory Koczman, PA-C/Esteban Schabelman, M.D., request to perform:

- *X-rays of the extremities*

On a motion made by Dr. Kuruppu and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board disapprove this addendum due to Ms. Koczman and Dr. Schableman's failure to provide evidence of Ms. Koczman's completion of a course on non-fluoroscopic X-ray procedures using a mini C-arm or similar low-level radiation machine, including the requirement specified in COMAR 10.32.03.05(F)(1) and (2).

WALK-INS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Unit