

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
February 22, 2023**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, February 22, 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  
Victor M. Plavner, M.D.  
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.  
Scott R. Sauvageot, Consumer Member  
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member  
Matthew T. Wallace, M.D.  
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**Panel A**

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.  
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.  
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.  
Kevin Pereira, M.D.  
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member  
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

**ABSENT**: Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member; Lisa Burgess, M.D.; Chika Logie, M.D.

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

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL** : David  
Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT**: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance  
Manager; Zach Spivey, Probation Supervisor; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Eric  
Jarkowski, Compliance Analyst Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Maureen  
Sammons, Intake Manager; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor; Brooks Whigham, Compliance  
Analyst

**STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL**: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director;  
Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, PA; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Matthew  
Dudzic, Policy Manager; Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst; Dierdra Rufus, Lead AH Analyst-  
RCP/RAD Tech; Philip Thomas, Licensure Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

**GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL**: Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant  
Advisory Committee (PAAC)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Freas, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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:**

<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>	<b>Requested Procedure(s)</b>	<b>Practice Setting</b>	<b>Date of Approval of Core Duties DA</b>
Michael Adera, PA-C	Christian D. Cain, M.D.	1. Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 8/21/22
Virginia M. Bialick, PA-C	Savyasachi C. Thakkar, M.D.	1. Arthrocentesis 2. Closed Reduction of Vascularly Stable Fractures 3. Joint Injections	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 11/13/2022
John Patrick Fermin Ceunca, PA-C	Christian D. Cain, M.D.	1. Thoracostomy/Chest Tube Insertion	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 08/23/2022
Melencia Helwig-Henson, PA-C	Aderonke O. Omotade, M.D.	1. Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment 2. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 3. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 8/02/2022
Mary Elizabeth Holthaus (Formerly "Furda"), PA-C	Daniel P. Hexter, M.D.	1. Cosmetic Botulinum Injections	Private Practice/ Other	10/20/2021
Juan Lui, PA-C	Cheryl D. Bansal, M.D.	1. Morpheus 8 (Microneedling plus Radio Frequency)  <i>*Approved as "Microneedling plus Radio Frequency"</i>	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/09/2022
Katherine S. Mathias, PA-C	Thomas W. Heckman, D.O.	1. Intra-Articular (Joint) Aspirations & Injections	Private Practice/ Other	11/23/2021

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Reza Moghaddasnia, PA-C	Leo Rotello, M.D.	1. Intubation 2. Bronchoscopy	Hospital	08/26/2020
Scott D. Morsberger, PA-C	Radhika V. Kuna, M.D.	1. Exercise and Pharmacologic Stress Testing	Hospital, Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 10/31/2022
Carly J. Moss, PA-C	Christian D. Cain, M.D.	1. Thoracostomy/chest Tube Insertion	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/23/2022
Amanda Smith, PA-C	Kelvin K. Hong, M.D.	1. Non-Tunneled Central Venous Access 2. Tunneled Central Venous Access 3. MediPort Placement	Hospital	Acknowledged Receipt on 09/23/2022
Kevin A. Woodard, PA-C	Savyasachi Thakkar, M.D.	1. Intra-Articular Knee Injections	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 02/23/2022
Henry Yan, PA-C	Ronald B. Prussick, M.D.	1. Phototherapy (UVB Light Therapy) 2. Xtrac-Laser 3. Photo Dynamic Therapy	Private Practice/ Other	Acknowledged Receipt on 4/27/22

*On a motion made by Dr. Scholz, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, 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
Ashanti Crawford, ATC	A01317	Kari Kindschi, MD	D71307
Anna Fagan, ATC	A01366	Christopher Raffo, MD	D62605
Shawn Farmer, ATC	A00754	Louis Kovacs, MD	D74315
Romi Nachman, ATC	A01522	Kirsten Poehling-Monaghan, MD	D82089

<b>Athletic Trainer</b>	<b>License Number</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>	<b>License Number</b>
Caitlyn Slingluff, ATC	A01523	John Antoniadis, MD	D58226
Kohei Takada, ATC	A01424	Louis Kovacs, MD	D74315
Julie Tucker, ATC	A00040	David Higgins, MD	D42000

*On a motion made by Mr. Sauvageot, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the aforementioned Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 25, 2022

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

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Dudzic provided the Board with an update on the legislative session, including the status of the Board's three legislative proposals and all pending legislation. Mr. Dudzic informed the Board of relevant upcoming bill hearings, and answered questions regarding proposed legislation.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. The first Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting was held on February 21, 2023. As a reminder, licensure for GCs will begin on January 1, 2024. The first meeting was an orientation to the Committee and Board and a review of housekeeping issues such as expense reports. The Committee will begin work on regulations which will come to the Board for review.

#### 2. IMLCC Update:

- a. RFP Process for "Enhanced Physician Portal." In response to our letter expressing concerns with the RFP process, the IMLCC Executive Committee (EC) created an Ad hoc Committee that investigated some, but not all, of the issues we raised. Although the Ad hoc Committee recommends issuing a new RFP will be issued, many concerns remain unaddressed.
- b. Although not an agenda item, so there was no advance notice that it would be discussed, the EC discussed the PA Compact at its January meeting. The EC then held a subsequent special meeting complaining about the PA privilege compact model even though State Medical Boards had several opportunities to offer input when it was being developed. The PA Compact is not within the purpose or authority of the Compact.

3. Dr. Wallace is leaving Maryland for a position in Texas and will leave the Board on March 31, 2023. Ms. Farrelly thanked him for his service and wished him success in his new position.

4. Network Reconnection Update: At a recent Workforce Meeting, the other Health Occupation Boards reported that they are not yet connected to the network even though they signed Statements

of Work (SOWs) as far back as October of 2022. Ms. Farrelly emailed the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) requesting the dates the other Boards signed the SOWs, but DoIT has yet to respond. To remind you, the Board is keeping its options open regarding reconnecting to the network. Ms. Farrelly reported this at the same Workforce Meeting. We are holding off signing the SOW with DoIT until after the other boards have reconnected so that we can make an informed decision on timeframes and customer service.

**OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY**

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2022

**VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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***CLOSED SESSION:*** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(7), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on February 22, 2023 at 9:20 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.

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**SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:**

The Panel consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

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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,

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