

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
February 26, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, February 26, 2025 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Natalie Orbach, PA-C
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

Panel A

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

ABSENT: Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member; Michael Hann, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Molly Dicken, Compliance Analyst; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Elizabeth Kuhn, Compliance Analyst; Cecelia Marshall, License Analyst Associate; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Eunice Onwuchekwa, Intake Manager; Breana Ragin, AH Analyst Assoc. - PAs; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Christa Sutton, AH Analyst-RCP/RAD Tech.; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Margaret VanVranken, Compliance Analyst Associate; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Kara Crosis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions; Richard Bloch, Executive Director at Maryland Podiatric Medical Association

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Ms. Farrelly reminded Board members to submit their 2024 Financial Disclosure Filings on or before April 30, 2025. The link below will be sent to the board members via email after the meeting.

**Ethics Commission office at the following website:
(<https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov>)**

Ms. Farrelly informed the Board members that the April 23, 2025, Board meeting was moved to April 30, 2025, and that they should notify her if they cannot attend. An email notification of this change will follow.

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 addendum to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 29, 2025

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION

Regulations

Proposed Regulations – COMAR 10.32.14 Unlicensed Limited X-Ray Machine Operator - Amendments for Discussion

Ms. DelGreco presented amendments to draft regulations COMAR 10.32.14 Unlicensed Limited X-Ray Machine Operator and sought approval from the Board to re-post the draft regulations with the amendments to the website to solicit public comment. The Board voted to approve.

*On a motion made by Dr. Cymet, and seconded by Dr. Saluja, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** re-posting these proposed regulations to the Board's website for public review and comments.*

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks

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. Caffrey, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on February 26, 2025 at 9:12 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.

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Submitted by,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Board 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: February 26, 2025
 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.	Kristina A. Reid, PA-C	Daniel P. Hexter, M.D.	1. Botox for Cervical Dystonia	DA Approved on 08/30/2024