

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Meeting held via Zoom

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., John Klune, M.D., MBA, FACS., Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C, Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:

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, Shawneka Freeman, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Ellis Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

STAFF ABSENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

COMMITTEE
MEMBER(S)
ABSENT:

Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers, and seconded by Ms. Dunn the Committee unanimously approved the November 5, 2025 Open meeting minutes via email on November 26, 2025.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran informed the Committee that the 2026 Legislative Session will start in one week and that the Board will not be bringing any proposed legislation this year.

Mr. Tran also informed the Committee that the updates to COMAR 10.32.03, which reflect the PA Modernization Act, took effect on January 5, 2026. Additionally, Board staff have been working on updates to COMAR 10.32.03 again to reflect the passage of the Board's General Revisions bill during the 2025 Legislative Session.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its meeting on November 26, 2025, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its November 5, 2025, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Parisa Zolfagharian, PA-C/John Keeling, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intra-Articular Steroid Injections*
- *Joint Aspiration*

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

Jason Albanese, PA-C/Salman Mufti, M.D., request to perform:

- *Radiofrequency*
- *Venaseal Veins*
- *Sclerotherapy of Veins*

On a motion made by Dr. Klune seconded by Ms. Dune, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

WALK-IN ADDENDUMS

Valerie Jean Fitton, PA-C/Hyland Cronin, M.D., request to perform:

- Ablative and Non-Ablative Laser Surgery
- Chemical Peels
- Dermaplaning
- Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions
- Skin Excisions
- Botox Injections
- Collagen Injections
- Intralesional Injections
- Microneedling

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum with the specification that both “Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions” and “Skin Excisions” be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Unit