

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
July 23, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, July 23, 2025 with the following members present:

**Panel B**

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair  
Julie Caffrey, D.O.  
Vinu Ganti, M.D.  
Michael Hann, M.D.  
Dallas Lea, II, M.D.  
Tara Mahan, P.A.  
Supneet Saluja, M.D.  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member

**Panel A**

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

**ABSENT:** Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member; Tyler Cymet, D.O.; Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member; Mark D. Baganz, 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; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Patricia Brown, AH Analyst Associate, PAs; Augustine Chen, Compliance Analyst Associate; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Madelyn Estrella, Compliance Analyst Associate; Shawneka Freeman, AH Licensure Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech. /Support /Specialist 1; Eunice Onwuchekwa, Intake Manager; Breana Ragin, AH Analyst Associate-PAs; Michael Sachse, Licensure Analyst Associate; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Jestine Smith, Licensure Analyst Associate; Christa Sutton, AH Analyst-RCP/RAD Tech.; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Meriah Welch, Licensure Analyst Associate; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

**STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst

**GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Kara Cossis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members**

## 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 Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

### Allied Health Advisory Committee Appointments for Approval

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Appointments

- Mohammed Emam, M.D.
- Kenneth Michael Fine, M.D.

*On a motion made by Dr. Caffrey, and seconded by Dr. Hann, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the appointments to the Athletic Trainer.*

### Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Request Applications for Approval

- Richard Neil Southard, M.D., and Jason K. Lee, Radiologist Assistant
- Emily Ann Dunn, M.D., and Jason K. Lee, Radiologist Assistant
- Peter Anthony Salazar, M.D., and Jason K. Lee, Radiologist

**To perform the following advanced procedures:**

- Fistulogram
- Swallowing Study
- Intussusception Reduction

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the Radiologist Assistant – Advanced Procedures Request Application.*

## POLICY

For Approval – Fee for Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Requests

Ms. DelGreco sought approval from the Board to charge a \$100.00 fee for the Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Request applications. The Board voted to approve charging the fee.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Hann, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the charging fee for the Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Requests.*

Proposed Regulations Change - COMAR 10.32.02

Ms. Harris presented an update on the proposed COMAR 10.32.02 regulations, which were initially shared as an FYI during the January 2025 Full Board meeting. Since June 2024, Board staff, in collaboration with Board counsel and the Attorney General's office, have been updating the Hearings regulations (COMAR 10.32.02). These revisions aim to align the regulations with current best practices, remove outdated language, and refine disciplinary processes. After an initial

draft was presented to the Board in January, stakeholder comments were collected and incorporated. This led to revisions that clarified terms like "expert review" and "charging document," and a new section on the service of documents was added. Board staff recommended approving these revised regulations so they can be posted publicly, asking for more comments before going to the next stage of the promulgation process.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Saluja, 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 10.32.05 (Telehealth) Update and Approval

Mr. Tran informed the Board that the proposed COMAR 10.32.05 (Telehealth) regulations have completed their online posting for the solicitation of public comments and that the Board received no comments. Mr. Tran also reminded the Board that this iteration of updates was to match the regulations to legislation that passed earlier this year.

*On a motion made by Dr. Caffrey, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the above request proposed revisions to the Telehealth Update.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 18, 2025

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

**BOARD CHAIR UPDATE** – Dr. Ajrawat welcomed the new Board members and asked Dr. Lea and Ms. Mahan, P.A., to introduce themselves to the Board. He also presented Dr. Olszyk, Panel A Chair, with certificates for his 12 years of service and added that the following Board members, Ms. Orbach, Dr. Baganz, Dr. Logie, and Mr. Helfenbein, would receive certificates by mail for their years of service as valued Board members.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY**

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - May 7, 2025
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2025
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Initial Licensure List from 2nd Quarter - (April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025)
- Reinstatement Licensure List from 2nd Quarter - (April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025)

#### **VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13)(8), on a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on July 23, 2025 at 9:22 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.

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#### **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.

Panel B consulted with staff, consultants, or other individuals in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(8) about pending or potential litigation.

**CONVENE TO CLOSE**

Submitted by,

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Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.

Panel B Chair



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

TO: The Board  
 FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst  
 DATE: July 23, 2025  
 SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Board Approval

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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 |
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| 1. | Monica Abraham Braland , PA-C | Fady Sinno, M.D.           | 1. Botulinum Toxin Injections                                                                                                                    | NCA received on 10/23/2024                |
| 2. | Jada Bown, PA-C               | Kirby Scott, D.O.          | 1. Flexible Nasolaryngoscopy<br>2. Rigid Nasal Endoscopy                                                                                         | NCA received on 10/01/2024                |
| 3. | Dildeep Ghallon, PA-C         | Bao Vo, D.O.               | 1. Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatments<br>2. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders<br>3. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation | DA Approved on 05/26/2023                 |
| 4. | Jane Oh, PA-C                 | Kanaiyalal Patel, M.D.     | 1. Laryngoscopy<br>2. Nasal Endoscopy                                                                                                            | NCA received on 02/07/2025                |
| 5. | Melissa Liesl Tsang, PA-C     | Oscar Enrique Galvis, M.D. | 1. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments<br>2. Basic Pharmacologic Treatment*                                                                           | DA Approved on 02/21/2024                 |

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|    |                             |                               | 3. Supportive Therapy<br>4. Advanced Psychopharmacology<br>5. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy<br><br><i>* “Basic Pharmacologic Treatment,” is considered a core duty, and does not require Board approval.</i>                                                                      |                           |
| 6. | Taj My’Isa Richardson, PA-C | Lacartia Vellegra Best , M.D. | 1. Skin Excisions*<br>2. Intralesional Injections<br>3. Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions*<br><br><i>*Approve as “ Skin Excisions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck,” and “Excision &amp; Repair of Malignant Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”</i> | DA Approved on 09/18/2024 |