

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, July 2, 2025
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:**

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., John Klune, M.D., MBA, FACS, Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, John Shock, Allied Health Analyst, Breana Ragin, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Ellis Jury, Allied Health Lead Analyst

STAFF ABSENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel

**COMMITTEE
MEMBER(S)
ABSENT:**

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously approved the May 7, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran informed the Committee that at the June Panel B Board meeting, the Board decided not to approve adding “Sternotomy” and “Organ Procurement” to the list of advanced procedures.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its May 28, 2025, meeting, the Board approved the addendums the Committee recommended for approval at its May 7, 2025, meeting. The June 4,

2025, PAAC meeting was canceled, so there was nothing to report to the Board at its June 25, 2025, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Monica Abraham Braland, PA-C/Fady Sinno, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botulinum Toxin Injections*

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

Taj My'Isa Richardson, PA-C/ Lacartia Vellegra Best, M.D., request to perform:

- *Skin Excisions*
- *Intralesional Injections*
- *Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions*

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

Melissa Liesl Tsang, PA-C/ Oscar Enrique Galvis, M.D., request to perform:

- *Conduct Diagnostic Assessments*
- *Basic Pharmacologic Treatment*
- *Supportive Therapy*
- *Advanced Psychopharmacology*
- *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy*

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Dr. Kuruppu, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board, except for “Basic Pharmacologic Treatment,” which is considered a core duty, and does not require Board approval.

Dildeep Ghallon, PA-C/Bao Vo, D.O., request to perform:

- *Advanced Pharmacological Treatments*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*

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

WALK IN ADDENDUMS

Jane Oh, PA-C/Kanaiyalal Patel, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laryngoscopy*

- *Nasal Endoscopy*

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

Jada Brown, PA-C/Kirby Scott, D.O. request to perform;

- *Flexible Nasolaryngoscopy*
- *Rigid Nasal Endoscopy*

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

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR

On a motion made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Kuruppu, the Committee members unanimously re-elected Kara Cossis as Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst