

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 22, 2017
4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 100
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Katherine Buki, M.D., Chair, Norman Schubert, RPGST, Angela Dawson, RPSGT, Jacob Collen, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Stacy Darin, Esq., Staff Counsel, Sandi Van Horn, Policy Analyst, Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Theresa Banks, RRT, RPSGT, Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member, Ashura Williams Buckley, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Buki called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Schubert and seconded by Dr. Collen, the Committee approved the February 23, 2017 Open Meeting Minutes

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Van Horn discussed Sunset legislation (Senate Bill 549 / House Bill 1265), which went into effect on April 18, 2017 upon the signature of the Governor. She noted various changes to statute under Health Occupations Article, Title 14, Subtitle 5C.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of New Committee Members

Dr. Buki introduced LTC Jacob F. Collen, MD to the Committee.

Inquiries

1. Is using the Itamar WatchPat Home Testing Sleep Study Device the practice of Polysomnography?

The Committee determined that using the Itamar WatchPat Home Testing Sleep Study Device is the practice of Polysomnography. The patient may place the device on him/herself and administer the test to themselves. If a third party administers the test, the administration is considered the practice of polysomnography and the device should be administered by a licensed polysomnographic technologist or other licensed professional that is permitted to administer this test as part of their scope of practice.

2. "Do I have to obtain a license from the state of Maryland or is my RPSGT the only credential I need to score Home Sleep Test in Maryland? I reside in Ohio and need to score sleep studies from Maryland patients. I hold an RPSGT, RST credential."

The Committee determined that in order to score a Home Sleep Test in Maryland, the individual must obtain a Maryland license to practice polysomnography.

On a motion made by Dr. Collen and seconded by Mr. Schubert, the Committee unanimously voted to go into closed session at 4:51 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Linda Monroe

Allied Health Analyst