

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
June 18, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, June 18, 2025 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member

Panel A

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

ABSENT: Natalie Orbach, PA-C; Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.; Mark D. Baganz, M.D.; Esteban Schabelman, M.D.; Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, 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; Madelyn Estrella, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Elizabeth Kuhn, Compliance Analyst; Breana Ragin, AH Analyst Associate-PAs; Melissa Schober, Policy Manager; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

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

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

POLICY

Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models Draft Guidance Document (2nd) - Discussion

Mr. Tran informed the Board that the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models (the Commission) released its second set of recommendations on the alternative licensure pathway for internationally trained physicians (FTPs). The second set of recommendations focused on the supervision of FTPs rather than the previous recommendation's focus on applicant qualifications.

PAs performing organ procurement for Discussion

Mr. Tran informed the Board that a Maryland hospital has inquired about a Physician Assistant's ability to perform organ procurement and sternotomy as an advanced duty. Mr. Tran and Ms. Wright reviewed and discussed the documentation submitted to the Board. The Board voted not to add organ procurement and sternotomy to the list of advanced procedures performed by a physician assistant.

*On a motion made by Ms. Schaerr, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **DECLINE** adding the above request to the list of advanced procedures performed by a physician assistant.*

FYI - Letter from RFK Jr. to State Medical Boards

Ms. Farrelly informed the Board of the letter from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., to all State Medical Boards advising them of the dangers and long-term effects of the treatments for Pediatric Gender Dysphoria.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 28, 2025

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE - Ms. Farrelly mentioned to the Board members that the Governor's office has sent letters and emails to current Board members letting them know their term has ended; however, members must stay until their replacement is sworn in.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - May 7, 2025
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks

ADJOURNMENT (The Board will adjourn to exercise its quasi-judicial and administrative functions.)

Submitted by,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Panel B Chair