

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
March 26, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, March 26, 2025 with the following members present:

Panel B

Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D., Acting, 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.
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member

Panel A

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

ABSENT: Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.; Djinge Lindsay, M.D.; Natalie Orbach, PA-C

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, 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; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Breana Ragin, AH Analyst Assoc. - PAs; Melissa Schober, Policy Manager; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate; Leslie Taylor, Director of Operations

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Wiesenberger, Acting Panel B Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

2024 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILINGS – Dr. Wiesenberger reminded Board members to submit their 2024 Financial Disclosure Filings on or before April 30, 2025.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE - Ms. Farrelly advised the Board members that the April 23, 2025, Board meeting was moved to April 30, 2025, and they should notify her if they cannot attend. She also introduced Ms. Melissa Schober as the new Policy Manager.

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. Cymet, and seconded by Ms. Connerney, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 26, 2025

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION

Regulations

Proposed Regulations – Licensure of Genetic Counselors – Update

Ms. DelGreco presented amendments to draft regulations COMAR 10.32.24 Licensure of Genetic Counselors and sought approval from the Board to re-post the draft regulations with the amendments to the website to solicit public comment and, if no public comments are received, to proceed with the promulgation process. The Board voted to approve.

*On a motion made by Ms. Schaerr, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** re-posting these proposed regulations to the Board's website for public review and comments and if no comments are received to proceed with the promulgation process.*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Farrelly mentioned that Board staff are working on/monitoring the following bills:

Senate Bill 423/House Bill 776 - Maryland Medical Practice Act – Revisions (“General Revisions”)

Summary: General Revisions standardizes language, codifies existing Board practices, removes duplicative, unclear, or outdated language, and authorizes certain substantial changes.

Senate Bill 458/House Bill 783 - Health Occupations - Implicit Bias and Structural Racism Training

Summary: Requires applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; authorizes certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations allowing applicants renewing licenses to receive continuing education credits for completing certain training.

Senate Bill 72/House Bill 367 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Summary: This bill would establish requirements for health occupations boards that require evidence of English proficiency.

Senate Bill 67 - Health Occupations Boards - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Summary: This bill would require a health occupations board to notate a veteran's status on a license and to assist in determining eligibility for state and federal veterans benefits. No position, but worked with the sponsor on amendments.

House Bill 482 - Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Predetermination Review Process

Summary: Establishes a predetermination review process for occupational licenses and certificates in certain departments of State government; authorizes a department to charge a criminal history review fee of not more than \$100; and authorizes the fee to be waived if the individual's income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

House Bill 1199 - Physicians – Licensing – Internationally Trained Physicians

Summary: Authorizes the State Board of Physicians, beginning October 1, 2027, to issue a license to practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain circumstances; requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications and application fees and to provide a pathway to full licensure.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2025
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024
- Athletic Trainer - Previously Approved Specialized and or Dry Needling Specialized Tasks
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks

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

Submitted by,

Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.
Acting Panel B Chair



Board of Physicians

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair

TO: The Board
FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst
DATE: March 26, 2025
SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Board Approval

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
1.	Matthew William Green, PA-C	Robert Thomas Chasse, M.D.	1. Sedation	DA Approved on 05/23/2012
2.	Philip Henry Michel, PA-C	Craig Howard Bennett, M.D.	1. Knee Injections	DA Approved on 08/19/2024
3.	Molly Rose Peterschmidt, PA-C	Tristan Julian Shockley, M.D.	1. Knee Arthrogram 2. Fluoroscopic-guided Hyaluronic acid Knee Injections 3. X-ray of the Knee Utilizing Fluoroscope <i>* The PAAC recommends that the Board approve "Knee Arthrogram" and inform Dr. Shockley and Ms. Peterschmidt that the statute prohibits PAs from performing X-rays and Fluoroscopy, therefore their request for approval to perform "Fluoroscopic-guided Hyaluronic Acid Knee Injections" and "X-Ray of the Knee Utilizing Fluoroscope" cannot be approved.</i>	NCA acknowledged on 01/18/2025