

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
May 28, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, May 28, 2025 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member
Djinge Lindsay, M.D.
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

ABSENT: Tyler Cymet, D.O.; Natalie Orbach, PA-C; Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member; Alden Littlewood, M.D.; Chika Logie, M.D.; Lydia McCargo-Redd

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: David Finkler, 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; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Madelyn Estrella, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Elizabeth Kuhn, Compliance Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Melissa Schober, Policy Manager; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor

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

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

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Ajrawat reminded the Board that he and Dr. Ganti attended a conference with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and added that the by law requiring a physician as the director of FSMB was not changed.

The 2026 FSMB conference will be in Baltimore City. Since this is a local meeting, other Board members may be able attend.

Dr. Ajrawat presented Dr. Wiesenberger a certificate for his 8 years of service as a valued Board member.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE - Ms. Farrelly advised the Board members that staff are working with MDH Procurement on a one year no-cost modification for the Center for Healthy Maryland Program to continue the Maryland Program of Rehabilitation Program (MPRP) contract.

*On a motion made by Dr. Hann, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to support the no-cost contract modification for the MPRP contract.*

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. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Dr. Scholz, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

Allied Health Advisory Committee Reappointments for Approval

Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee Appointment

- Dino T. Gaetani, MS-HIA, RRT, RPFT

*On a motion made by Dr. Saluja, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the appointment to the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee.*

Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee Reappointment

- Tracy L. Cutler, MPH, RAC-Drugs, Consumer Member

*On a motion made by Dr. Caffrey, and seconded by Dr. Hann, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the reappointment to the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 30, 2025

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Farrelly updated the Board on SB 423/ HB 776, the Maryland Medical Practice Act, and the Maryland Physician Assistants Act that the Governor signed the bill on May 20, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2025
- 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,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
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: May 28, 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.	Maria Belen Abuawad Oropeza, PA-C	Pantea Tamjidi, M.D.	1. Laser Hair Removal 2. IPL Photofacial	DA Approved on 10/25/2021
2.	Maria Belen Abuawad Oropeza, PA-C	Pantea Tamjidi, M.D.	1. Botox Injection for Hyperhidrosis 2. Botox Injections (Cosmetic)	DA Approved on 10/25/2021
3.	Danielle Marie Auth, PA-C	Benjamin David Bernstein, M.D.	1. Intralesional Kenalog Injections 2. Narrowband UVB Phototherapy 3. Photodynamic Therapy 4. Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions* 5. Intensified Pulse Light Laser Therapy (Cosmetic Procedure) 6. Electrodesiccation and Curettage of Malignant Lesions 7. Skin Excisions*	DA Approved on 09/20/2024

ATTACHMENT 1

			<i>*Approve as “Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions” limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.” and “Skin Excisions” limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”</i>	
4.	Varvara Coronado, PA-C	Oscar Enrique Galvis, M.D.	1. Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment 2. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy 3. Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 4. Supportive Psychotherapy 5. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)	DA approved on 7/23/2024
5.	Ernest Gregory Eckenrode, PA-C	Deborah A. Englert, M.D.	1. Swift Microwave Therapy for Treatment of Warts	DA Approved on 11/17/2021
6.	Brooke Anne Jennings, PA-C	Sameer Sofat, M.D.	1. Exercise Stress Test	DA Approved on 05/01/2023
7.	Caitlyn Marie Oates, PA-C	Kanaiyalal Patel, M.D.	1. Laryngoscopy 2. Nasal Endoscopy	DA approved on 07/24/2024
8.	Meghan Rose Ronan, PA-C	Robert Baxter Meek, III, M.D.	1. Laryngoscopy 2. Nasal Endoscopy 3. Tympanic Injections	DA Approved on 09/16/2024
9.	Hillary Winkler, PA-C	Jennifer Gamber, M.D.	1. Surgical Excisions of Benign Lesions* <i>*Approve as “Surgical Excision of Benign Lesions” limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”</i>	DA Approved on 01/30/2024
10.	Hillary Winkler, PA-C	Jennifer Gamber, M.D.	1. Botox Injections 2. ILK Injections (Intralesional Kenalog Injections)	DA Approved on 01/30/2024