

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, May 7, 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, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, 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, Lead Allied Health Analyst

STAFF ABSENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

**COMMITTEE
MEMBER(S)
ABSENT:**

Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously approved the March 5, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran informed the PAAC that on April 30, 2025, the Board approved the following amendments to the proposed physician assistant regulations (COMAR 10.32.03), which require that:

- All PAs keep a copy of the Collaboration Agreement (CA) for 5 years after terminating it.
- All Patient Care Team Physicians listed on a CA officially acknowledge their understanding of the collaborative relationship with the PA.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that since the April 2, 2025, PAAC meeting was cancelled, there was nothing to report to the Board at its April 23, 2025, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Maria Belen Abuawad Oropeza, PA-C/Pantea Tamjidi, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laser Hair Removal*
- *IPL Photofacial*

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

Danielle Marie Auth, PA-C/ Benjamin David Bernstein, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intralesional Kenalog Injections*
- *Narrowband UVB Phototherapy*
- *Photodynamic Therapy*
- *Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions*
- *Intensified Pulsed Light Laser Therapy (Cosmetic Procedure)*
- *Electrodesiccation and Curettage of Malignant Lesions*
- *Skin Excisions*

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 with the specification that “Excision & Repair of Malignant Lesions” be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the Neck, and that “Skin Excisions should be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the Neck.

Varvara Coronado, PA-C/ Oscar Enrique Galvis, M.D., request to perform:

- *Advanced Psychopharmacologic Treatment*
- *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy*
- *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation*
- *Supportive Psychotherapy*
- *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)*

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

Ernest Gregory Eckenrode, IV, PA-C/Deborah A. Englert, M. D., request to perform:

- *Swift Microwave Therapy for Treatment of Warts*

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

Brooke Anne Jennings, PA-C/ Sameer Sofat, M.D., request to perform:

- *Exercise Stress Test*

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.

Caitlyn Marie Oates, PA-C/ Kanaiyalal Patel, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laryngoscopy*
- *Nasal Endoscopy*

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

Hillary Winkler, PA-C/ Jennifer Gamber, M.D., request to perform:

- *Surgical Excisions of Benign Skin Lesions*

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 with the specification that “Surgical Excisions of Benign Skin Lesions” should be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.

WALK IN ADDENDUMS

Maria Belen Abuawad Oropeza, PA-C/Pantea Tamjidi, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox Injections for Hyperhidrosis*
- *Botox Injections (Cosmetic)*

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.

Meghan Rose Ronan, PA-C/ Robert Baxter Meek, III, M.D., request to perform:

- *Laryngoscopy*
- *Nasal Endoscopy*
- *Tympanic Injections*

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

Hillary Winkler, PA-C/ Jennifer Gamber, M.D., request to perform:

- *Botox Injections*
- *ILK Injections (Intralesional Kenalog Injections)*

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

FYI

Ms. Wright advised the Committee Members that Ms. Cossis's position as Chairperson will end on June 30, 2025. Therefore, the June agenda will include an additional item titled "*Election of New Chair.*" Ms. Wright added that the Committee should be prepared to nominate, discuss, and vote on who will fill the Chairperson position, beginning July 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst