

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
November 17, 2021**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, November 17, 2021 with the following members present **via conference call**:

Panel B

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair
Natalie Orbach, PA-C
Victor M. Plavner, M.D.
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.
Scott R. Sauvageot, Consumer Member
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.
Matthew T. Wallace, M.D.

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.
Lisa Burgess, M.D.
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.
Chika Logie, M.D.
Kevin Pereira, M.D.
Louise Phipps Senft, Consumer Member
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT: David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General;

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:
David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Zach Spivey, Probation Supervisor; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor; Brittany Winborne, Compliance Analyst Associate

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Tamika Davis, License Analyst; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Analyst-Lead; Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst; Elizabeth Gantt, Medical Consultant; Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst; Philip Thomas, Licensure Analyst; Nicole Thompson, Licensure Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jennifer Norris, Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Freas, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

NEW BUSINESS

Physician Assistants Delegation Agreement Addendum for Advanced Duties

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendum to the Board.

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Agron Belaj, PA-C	Brent Bauer, M.D.	1. Fracture Reduction 2. Steinman Pin 3. Joint Reduction	Hospital	8/25/21
Lindsey Taylor Blankenship, PA-C	Ryan M. Jander, M.D.	1. Tendon Sheath Injections – Finger 2. Joint Injections – Knee Insertion	Private Practice/ Other	8/28/19
Jason R. Brody, PA-C	Yarelis Guzman Quinones, M.D.	1. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions (which is inclusive of Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting, Advanced Pharmacological Treatment, Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Psychotherapy 2. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)	Private Practice/ Other	10/20/21
Abimbola O. Fasusi, PA-C	Anthony Tannous, M.D.	1. Insertion of Central Venous Catheter 2. Insertion of Chest Tubes	Hospital	9/25/21
Jeffrey Frattali, PA-C	Jane Chew, M.D.	1. Intralesional Injections 2. Microneedling	Private Practice/ Other	9/28/05

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Rachael Friedel, PA-C	Anthony Tannous, M.D.	1. Insertion of Central Venous Catheter 2. Insertion of Chest Tubes	Hospital	8/25/21
Adanna Hackett, PA-C	Anthony Tannous, M.D.	1. Placement and Removal of Central Venous Lines 2. *Placement and Removal of Chest Tubes (Thoracostomy) *Approve “Placement of Chest Tubes (Thoracostomy)” and inform PA and PSP that “Removal of Chest Tubes” is a core duty.	Hospital	8/25/21
Kerri Leigh McDonald, PA-C	Benjamin D. Bernstein, M.D.	1. Photodynamic Therapy 2. D&C Malignant Neoplasm	Private Practice/ Other	7/28/21
Kerri Leigh McDonald, PA-C	Benjamin D. Bernstein, M.D.	1. *Excision (Benign and Low Malignancy) – Basal and Squamous *Approve with the limitation of 2.5 cm or less above the neck	Private Practice/ Other	7/28/21
Maria Teresa Mercado, PA-C	Marvin Feldman, M.D.	1. Bone Marrow Aspiration and Biopsy	Hospital	3/24/20
Ivan Mikhailau, PA-C	Thomas Lewis Matthew, M.D.	1. Endoscopic Saphenous Vein Harves	Hospital	3/24/21
Jade N. Naylor, PA-C	Jude Alexander, M.D.	1. Advanced Pharmacological Treatment 2. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Pharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 3. Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting with Psychiatric	Hospital	1/27/21

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Jade N. Naylor, PA-C	Gloria Osuruaka, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Pharmacological Treatment 2. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Pharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 3. Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting 	Hospital	Scheduled to be on 11/17/21
Anna Reznikova, PA-C	Jane Chew, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GentleLase Hair Laser 2. Intense Pulse Light 3. Microneedling 4. Botulinum Toxin Injections 5. Intralesional Injections 6. *Skin Excisions 7. *Excision and Repair of Malignant Skin Lesions <p>*Approve with the limitation of 2.5 cm or less above the neck</p>	Private Practice/ Other	10/29/14
Nelia A. Sarmiento, PA-C	Oscar Galvis, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacologic Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 2. Administration of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation 	Private Practice/ Other	Scheduled to be on 11/17/21
Nelia A. Sarmiento, PA-C	Candis Grace-Lee, M.D.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacologic Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 2. Administration of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation 	Private Practice/ Other	Scheduled to be on 11/17/21

Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure	Practice Setting	Date of Approval of Core Duties DA
Tiffany A. Whitehead, PA-C	James Phillip Oberman, M.D.	1. Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngoscopy 2. Nasal Endoscopy	Private Practice/ Other	8/25/21
Lauren Nicole Wood, PA-C	Shannon Roy Ginnan, M.D.	1. Trigger Point Injections 2. Joint Injections (with Guided Ultrasound)	Private Practice/ Other	10/20/21

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk, and seconded by Dr. Pereira, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the aforementioned advanced duties.*

Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols for Approval

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee reviewed the Evaluation and Treatment Protocols, determined that the athletic trainers meet the criteria established in statute, and voted to recommend approval to the Board.

Athletic Trainer	License Number	Supervising Physician	License Number
Brenna Allen, ATC	A0001431	Jeffrey Gilsdorf, M.D.	D0050604
Jennifer Graf, ATC	A0000119	Brian DeMuth, M.D.	D0050790
Cole Greenspan, ATC	A0001428	Yvette Rooks, M.D.	D0050588
Kathleen Madden, ATC	A0001426	Yatin Patel, M.D.	D0069160
Cearrah Sherman, ATC	A0001429	Kyle Yost, M.D.	H0084988
Alexis Smith, ATC	A0001427	Louis Kovacs, M.D.	D0074315
Donita Valentine, ATC	A0000474	Christian Glaser, M.D.	H0076339

*On a motion made by Dr. Pereira, and seconded by Dr. Olszyk, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the aforementioned Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols.*

POLICY/LEGISLATION

Military Exceptions to Licensure

Board staff updated the Board on previous legislative efforts to reduce licensure requirements for military members, military spouses and honorably discharged veterans, as well as steps the Board currently takes to expedite military licenses and a brief summary of how other states address this issue. Board staff recommended drafting regulations to further ease licensure requirements for military members and spouses, included reduced or waived fees, deferment of continuing

education requirements for individuals on deployment, the ability to substitute service as a general medical officer or flight surgeon for up to one year of required post-graduate training and the consideration of substantively similar military training toward licensure requirements.

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk, and seconded by Dr. Wiesenberg, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to proceed with drafting regulations and posting to the Board's website to solicit public comment.*

Background and Overview of Ex Vivo Perfusion

Board staff presented an overview and timeline of the Board's rulings on Ex-Vivo Lung Perfusion ("EVLP") services, including the Board's ruling in 2014 that EVLP services were not considered the practice of perfusion and the status of an ongoing clinical study by Lung Bioengineering, Inc. The Board was also informed that Board staff had been contacted both by members of Lung Bioengineering, Inc. and the Maryland State Perfusion Society, both of which expressed interest in presenting before the Board in a future meeting. The Board voted to invite members of both groups to its December 15, 2021 Board meeting, offering each group 15 minutes to present, and to discuss whether EVLP services could be delegated to unlicensed individuals under the supervision of a physician after the conclusion of the clinical study.

MLARP Meeting Update

Board staff provided an update on the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants ("MLARP") Workgroup, which held its final meeting on November 12, 2021. The Board was given a brief history of its participation with MLARP and a summary of the MLARP Workgroup's final recommendations, which would be submitted to the General Assembly on December 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 20, 2021

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

OTHER BUSINESS – FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2021
- b. Physician Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- c. Physician Assistant Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- d. Physician Assistant Delegation Agreement List
- e. Respiratory Care Practitioners Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- f. Radiation Therapists, Radiographers, Radiologist Assistants and Nuclear Medicine Technologists, Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- g. Athletic Trainers Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- h. Perfusionist Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- i. Naturopathic Doctors Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7)(8), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Dr. Wallace, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on November 17, 2021 at 9:23 a.m., in room 100, to comply with the statutory requirement under Health Occ. §1-401 that prevents public disclosure of medical review committee proceedings.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

The full Board in its role as a medical review committee under Health Occ. §1-401(d), reviews the board's confidential proceedings and administrative materials to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(13), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Dr. Wallace, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on November 17, 2021 at 10:08 a.m., in room 100, to comply with the statutory requirement under Health Occ. §1-401 that prevents public disclosure of medical review committee proceedings.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

The Panel consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(13) to review confidential licensure and investigative application information.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Submitted by,

Damean W. E. Freas, D.O.
Board Chair