

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
November 15, 2023**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, November 15, 2023 with the following members present:

**Panel B**

Harbhajan Ajrawat, Board Chair  
Julie Caffrey, D.O.  
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member  
Tyler Cymet, D.O.  
Vinu Ganti, M.D.  
Natalie Orbach, PA-C  
Carol E. Ritter, M.D.  
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member  
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member  
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**Panel A**

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.  
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.  
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.  
Kevin Pereira, M.D.  
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member  
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

**ABSENT:** Chika Logie, M.D.

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:** Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; David Wagner, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Rhonda Deanes, Lead Allied Health Analyst, Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Policy Manager; Michael EID, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Julie Gaskins, Health Policy Paralegal; Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis Jury, Allied Health, ND; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Brittany White, AH AT /Perfusionist Polysom; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 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 Ms. Connerney, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

### **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.

*On a motion made by Dr. Cymet, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the Athletic Trainers Evaluation and Treatment Protocols in attachment 2.*

### **Allied Health Committee Appointments for Approval**

#### **Perfusion Advisory Committee**

- Biswajit Ghosh, M.D.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the appointment to the PAC.*

#### **Polysomnography Professional Standards**

- Golfam Javanoskooei, RPSGT
- Jennifer Y. So, M.D.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the appointment to the PPSC.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 27, 2023

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

### **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

#### **Policy**

- FYI - FSMB Strategies for Prescribing Opioids for the Management of Pain Ms. Harris presented on behalf of Ms. Delgreco on an FYI of a current Report by the FSMB on the opioid epidemic and ensuring that patients have appropriate access to evidence-based pain care. Recommendations were made by an FSMB Workgroup on current opioid policies. FSMB has open comments on the Report until December 1, 2023. Board members were directed to submit any questions or comments on the Report to the FSMB.

- Foreign Medical Graduates for Discussion

Mr. Tran informed the Board of a potential 2024 Maryland Legislative Session bill that would explore alternative pathways to licensure for international medical graduates who did not complete an official residency program here in the United States.

- MHCC User Assessment Fees for Approval

"Mr. Dudzic discussed the Maryland Health Care Commission fee of \$26 assessed on all renewing health care practitioners. Mr. Dudzic informed the Board that the Board previously agreed to pay this fee on behalf of its licensees through fiscal year 2023 as part of an initiative to reduce licensing fees. The Board discussed whether the user assessment fee should resume being collected in fiscal year 2024 or if the Board should continue to waive this fee. The Board requested additional information from the Board's fiscal and operations units to be presented to the Board at its December meeting."

*On a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Ms. Connerney, the Board voted to unanimously **TABLE** for a future meeting to receive additional information concerning the FY24 and FY25 budget.*

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Dudzic informed the Board that the Administration officially approved both of the Board's legislative proposals and agreed to take on its Reorganizations and Revisions bill as a departmental bill.

### **OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY**

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2023
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Open Minutes – July 11, 2023 and Closed Minutes – June 13, 2023

### **VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Ms. Schaerr, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on November 15, 2023 at 9:35 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.

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### **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,

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Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.  
Board Chair