

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
October 20, 2021**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, October 20, 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
Matthew T. Wallace, M.D.
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

Panel A

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.
Mark D. Baganz, 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.

ABSENT: Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.

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

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

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

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Analyst; Matthew Dudzic, Health Policy Analyst; Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst; Marcus Pottillo, License 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 9:06 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 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Peter J. Andrews, PA-C | Teresa Muns, D.O. | 1. Reduction of Closed Fractures and Dislocations | Hospital | 11/18/20 |
| Jordan M. Bebber, PA-C | Scott R. DeBoer, M.D. | 1. Internal Jugular Triple Lumen Catheter Insertion 2. Arterial Line Insertion | Hospital | 4/28/21 |
| Junnan Chen, PA-C | Steven Snyder, M.D. | 1. Chemical Peel 2. *Aerolase Laser *Approve as “Medical Aesthetic Laser for Acne, Skin Rejuvenation, Permanent Hair Reduction, Vascular Lesions & Other Applications for the Face and Body” | Private Practice/ Other | 11/28/18 |
| Charlotte Lanphear, PA-C | Sanjiv Saini, M.D. | 1. *Cosmetic Procedures – Neurotoxin Injections, such as Botox *Approve as “Neurotoxin Injections, such as Botox (for cosmetic purposes)” | Private Practice/ Other | 11/28/18 |
| Joshua A. May, PA-C | Brian Neuman, M.D. | 1. Arthrocentesis (Hip, Knee, Shoulder) 2. Joint Injections (Hip, Knee, Shoulder) 3. Myofascial/Trigger Point Injections | Hospital & Ambulatory Surgical Facility | 3/24/21 |

| Physician Assistant | Supervising Physician | Requested Procedure | Practice Setting | Date of Approval of Core Duties DA |
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| Kimberly Lillian Pomerantz, PA-C | Jeanne E. O'Brien, M.D. | 1. Hysterosalpingogram 2. Saline Sonogram/Mock Embryo Transfer 3. Intrauterine Insemination 4. Obstetrical Ultrasound 5. Transvaginal Ultrasound | Ambulatory Surgical Facility & Private Practice/ Other | 8/25/21 |
| Amy E. Schwartzbaum, PA-C | Joshua Sussal, M.D. | 1. *Advanced Psychopharmacological Treatment 2. *Behavioral Therapy of Psychiatric Disorders 3. *Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Pharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions 4. *Evaluation and Basic Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Psychiatric Disorders in a Psychiatric Setting 5. *Psychotherapy *Approve all of the above as "Conduct Diagnostic Assessments, Psychopharmacological Interventions, and Behavioral Interventions" | Private Practice/ Other | 7/28/21 |
| Grace Nicole Schwartz, PA-C | Teresa Muns, D.O. | 1. Endotracheal Intubations | Hospital | 12/19/18 |
| Asaf Singerman, PA-C | Stephen M. Schenkel, M.D. | 1. Limited OB Ultrasound – Early Pregnancy | Hospital | 4/25/18 |
| Penny J. Smith Baker, PA-C | John L. Flowers, M.D. | 1. Conscious Sedation | Hospital | 2/23/11 |

| Physician Assistant | Supervising Physician | Requested Procedure | Practice Setting | Date of Approval of Core Duties DA |
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| Lauren Elizabeth Teter, PA-C | Charles Brandon Mitchell, M.D. | 1. Botox 2. Filler Injections 3. Excision and Repair of Malignant/Benign/Lesions (less than 2.5 cm above the neck) | Private Practice/ Other | Scheduled to be on 10/20/21 |
| Ili E. Wathen, PA-C | Terence R. Bertele, M.D. | 1. Stress Testing – Pharmacologic and Exercise | Private Practice/ Other | 2/24/21 |

*On a motion made by Dr. Scholz, and seconded by Ms. Orbach, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the aforementioned advanced duties with the exception of Kimberly Lillian Pomerantz, PA-C and Jeanne E. O'Brien, M.D. for Obstetrical Ultrasound.*

The Board discussed Ms. Pomerantz and Dr. O'Brien's request for the approval of Obstetrical Ultrasound. Board members decided to include the first trimester only for this request.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ritter, and seconded by Dr. Stitt, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the additional request limits to Obstetrical Ultrasound during the first trimester for Kimberly Lillian Pomerantz, PA-C, and Jeanne E. O'Brien, M.D.*

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 |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Gretchen Benz, ATC | A0000332 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Bryan Costello, ATC | A0000812 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Alicia Cuthbertson, ATC | A0001423 | David Tuel, M.D. | D0042016 |
| Joseph English, ATC | A0000090 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Joshua Evans, ATC | A0001296 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Patrick Evans, ATC | A0001069 | Vikram Sodhi, M.D. | D0080127 |
| Maiya Gibson, ATC | A0001359 | Ralph Henn, III, M.D. | D0070821 |
| Maiya Gibson, ATC | A0001359 | Brian Shiu, M.D. | D0083312 |
| Lindsey Hulbert, ATC | A0001420 | Kirsten Poehling-Monaghan, M.D. | D0082089 |
| Hannah Jaussen, ATC | A0001057 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |

| Athletic Trainer | License Number | Supervising Physician | License Number |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nicole Kolodziejski, ATC | A0000532 | Craig Bennett, M.D. | D0060491 |
| Michelle Krenzke, ATC | A0001118 | David Buchalter, M.D. | D0063065 |
| Cara Lewis-Roy, ATC | A0001017 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Frances Mejia, ATC | A0001410 | Matthew Thompson, M.D. | D0080587 |
| Meghan Melinchak, ATC | A0001242 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Heather Mohler, ATC | A0000929 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Zachary Nahmias, ATC | A0001369 | Craig Bennett, M.D. | D0060491 |
| Sean Nelson, Jr., ATC | A0001076 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Rachel O'Brien, ATC | A0000508 | Mark Slabaugh, M.D. | D0063555 |
| Laura Richards, ATC | A0000405 | Kenneth Fine, M.D. | D00J7027 |
| Loren Shipley, ATC | A0000230 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Victoria Simonetti, ATC | A0000602 | Norman Godwin, III, M.D. | D0086201 |
| Kohei Takada, ATC | A0001424 | Teri McCambridge, M.D. | D0054909 |
| Emily Teson, ATC | A0000813 | Robert Waltz, M.D. | D0081136 |
| Robert Wessells, ATC | A0001246 | Lawrence Goren, M.D. | D0063875 |
| Hollyann Wettstein, ATC | A0001409 | Samuel Matz, MD | D0026827 |

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 25, 2021

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

- September 15, 2021

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

POLICY

Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Farrelly has been attending ongoing meetings between the Executive Directors of Virginia and D.C., regarding establishing reciprocity agreements between the three jurisdictions to increase licensure portability for physicians.

*On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk and seconded by Ms. Schaerr, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to enter into license by reciprocity agreements for the American Medical Graduates in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland jurisdictions. Foreign Medical Graduates in Virginia are only required to have one year of post-graduate training so will not be eligible for licensure by reciprocity.*

The Board members discussed Oral English language competency requirement for Foreign Medical Graduates. The Board members stated since Virginia and D.C. do not have an Oral English language competency requirement Maryland should also remove this requirement.

*On a motion made by Dr. Pereira, and seconded by Mr. Sauvageot, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to remove the Oral English language competency requirement for Foreign Medical Graduates for Maryland.*

Expedited Licensure by Endorsement

Ms. Farrelly discussed the Proposed Licensure by Endorsement Process and the Proposed Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement. Otherwise, the licensee would go through the normal licensure process. See the below list for Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement.

Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement: A physician in good standing with a license in at least one state would be granted a license by endorsement if the applicant meets **ALL** of the following requirements and has:

1. Good moral character;
2. Successfully completed ACGME, AOA, RCPSC or CFPOC accredited graduate medical education;
3. Passed each component of the USMLE, COMLEX-USA, in no more than three attempts;
4. At least one current, unrestricted license in good standing in a United States jurisdiction or Canada for the five years immediately preceding application to the board;
5. Been engaged in active, clinical practice, defined as 30 or more hours per week or more than 1600 hours per year, for four years after postgraduate training and immediately preceding application;
6. Current specialty certification or time-limited certification by one of the following:
 - a. American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS);
 - b. American Osteopathic Association (AOA);
 - c. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC); or
 - d. The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPOC);
7. No pending complaints or investigations against any license held;
8. No actions reported on a current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank;
9. No disciplinary history toward any license held;
10. No criminal history;

*On a motion made by Dr. Plavner, and seconded by Dr. Stitt, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** Licensure by Endorsement Process to expedite licensure for applicants who meet the above requirements.*

VACCINATION REPORTING PHARMACIES/MAX VAX SITES

Dr. Burgess and Dr. Plavner updated the Board concerning pharmacies, and the MAX VAX sites not reporting the COVID 19 vaccinations.

The Epic System on Monday, October 18, 2021, was updated. Currently, it looks like providers, clinicians, and physicians will pull the immunization information requested from Epic Systems showing when patients had their COVID 19 shot and when they are due for their booster shot. He will bring the updated data back to next month's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2021
- b. Licensure of Practice of Medicine Committee Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2021
- c. Physician Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- d. Physician Assistant Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
- e. Physician Assistant Delegation Agreement List
- f. Respiratory Care Practitioners Initial Licensure and Reinstatement Lists
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. Polysomnographic Technologist Licensure and Reinstatement Lists

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

Submitted by,

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