

**BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
September 12, 2018**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, September 12, 2018 with the following members present:

**Present in Board Room (Panel A)**

Arun Bhandari, M.D., Chair  
Matthew J. Allaway, D.O.  
Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.  
Lisa Burgess, M.D.  
Jon S. Frank, Consumer Member  
Dalila Harvey-Granger, M.D.  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Camille M. Williams, M.D.  
Ira Kornbluth, M.D.  
Kevin Pereira, M.D.  
Robert P. Roca, M.D.  
Sheila M. Smith, Consumer Member

**Present via Conference Call (Panel B)**

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair  
Edward J. Brody, Consumer Member  
Mark S. Dills, PA-C  
Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Beryl J. Rosenstein, M.D.  
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member  
Ann Marie Stephenson Thomas, D.O., MBA  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member;  
Thomas M. Walsh, M.D.  
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; Shelley Taylor-Barnes, Lead Allied Health Analyst; Lisa Dorsey, Lead Licensure Analyst; Andrea Doucet, Compliance Analyst; Alexandra Fota, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Wynee Hawk, Policy Legislative Manager; Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst; Yemisi Koya, M.D., Director CEP; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Colette Satterfield, DCCR Administrative Support; Zach Spivey, Compliance Analyst; Marty Teramani, Network Supervisor; Nicole Thompson, Licensure Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor

**GUEST:** Kim Lang, Director, Board of Commissioners, Maryland Department of Health

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Bhandari, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Licensure - Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) for Reinstatement of Medical License - Howard M. Watzman, M.D.**

The Licensure Practice of Medicine Committee is recommending that Dr. Watzman be required to take the SPEX since he meets all four criteria for taking the SPEX.

*On a motion made by Dr. Pereira, and seconded by Mr. Frank, the Board voted unanimously to require Dr. Watzman to take the SPEX.*

## **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

### **Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists Workgroup**

Ms. Van Horn, Ms. Darin, and Dr. Koya updated the Board on Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (CIS) (Workgroup). They stated that the Workgroup had not reached a consensus on whether CIS' should be licensed in Maryland or whether an exemption to licensure should be created. However, the Workgroup did reach a consensus on several concepts related to patient safety, clinical duties, and practice settings. The Workgroup is scheduled to meet again on September 24, 2018, and a report is due to the legislature by October 31, 2018. Board staff will present the workgroup's findings and other information at the October 17, 2018 Panel meeting.

### **Physician Assistant Dispensing Process and Regulations**

Board staff distributed a preliminary draft of regulations and a recommended process regarding physician assistants and the dispensing of prescription medication under a physician's dispensing permit.

*On a motion made by Dr. Roca, and seconded by Dr. Bhandari, the Board voted 13 to 6 to adopt the following minimum requirements for approval of dispensing as a delegated Advanced Duty of a PA and voted to delegate authority to the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) to approve dispensing as an advanced duty in cases where all of the conditions are met and PAAC will provide an FYI list to the Board each quarter.*

A PA shall:

1. Possess a license to practice as a physician assistant in this State;
2. Be in good standing (as defined in the dispensing regulations);
3. Be of good moral character;
4. Demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction a basic knowledge of the statutes and regulations governing the practice of dispensing prescription drugs;
5. Complete a delegation agreement addendum for advanced duties on a form supplied by the Board;
6. Have at least one year of experience prescribing drugs as a physician assistant (with any supervising physician);
7. Have practiced under a delegation agreement with the proposed primary supervising physician and been delegated prescriptive authority by the primary supervising physician for at least 90 days prior to the request to dispense;
8. Be limited to dispense only those drugs that they are permitted to prescribe (prescriptive authority can be non-CDS, CDS or both);
9. Have dispensed at least 25 medications with direct, in-person supervision by the physician during the "final check" not including samples; and
10. Attest that they will abide by all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding dispensing prescription drugs.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 14, 2018, March 14, 2018 and April 11, 2018

*On a motion made by Mr. Helfenbein, and seconded by Dr. Bhandari, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the February 14, 2018, March 14, 2018 and April 11, 2018 Full Board meeting minutes.*

## BOARD VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

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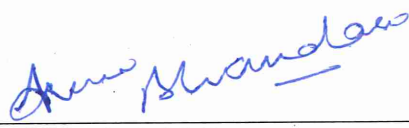
**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(8), on a motion made by Dr. Kornbluth, and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Board unanimously voted to close its meeting on September 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., in room 100.

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## SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into closed session to consult with staff and counsel regarding pending and potential litigation.

Submitted by,

  
Arun Bhandari, M.D. Date  
Chair, Panel A

1/30/2019