MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
September 23, 2026

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, September 23, 2026 with the following members present:

Panel B
Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Panel B Chair
Justin M. Caplan, M.D.
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Dallas Lea, II, M.D.
Tara Mahan, P.A.
Brenda L. Oliver, Consumer Member
Supneet Saluja, M.D.

Panel A
Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.
TraShawn N. Thornton-Davis, M.D.
Dina El Metwally, M.D.
Alden Littlewood, M.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member
Scott G. Slater, Consumer Member
Henry Sun, M.D.

ABSENT: Tyler Cymet, D.O.; Michael Hann, M.D.; Jo Riedel, Consumer Member; Charles W. Simmons, 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: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Andromeda Bacchus, Administrative Specialist, III, Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Manager, Policy/Legislation; Angela Foglestad, AH Analyst Associate AT/Perfusionist/Polysom; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Troy Garland, Compliance Analyst, Senior; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist II; Favour Obasiolu, Health Analyst, II; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst Adv.; Meriah Welch, Licensure Analyst Associate; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Oriell Harris, Policy Analyst, II

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Wendy Riekers, DMSc, MSPAS, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES - FYI for Board members

NEW BUSINESS

Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Approval

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 addendums to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Ms. Mahan, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties. (attachment 1)*

Allied Health Advisory Committee Appointments for Approval

Polysomnography Advisory Committee Appointments

- Ayan De, M.D., Physician, Board-certified in Sleep Medicine and Internal Medicine
- Christian P. Bowman, RPSGT, Polysomnographic Technologist
- Emily A. Evans, BA, CCSH, RPSGT, Polysomnographic Technologist

*On a motion made by Dr. Saluja, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the above Allied Health Advisory Committee Appointments.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 26, 2026

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION

POLICY

FYI - Board Member Manual & Allied Health Advisory Committee Member Manual

Ms. DelGreco informed the Board that staff provided an Allied Health Advisory Committee Member Manual and updated the Board Member Manual to support Board members and allied health advisory committee members in their roles. Ms. DelGreco informed the Board that the manuals contained information such as a legal overview, details on meetings and meeting agendas, and standards of conduct, and were updated annually. There were no questions or comments.

REGULATION

For Approval - Proposed Regulations - COMAR 10.32.09.04 Institutional License by Extraordinary Ability

Michael Tran presented the Board with proposed updates to COMAR 10.32.09.04 to expand the Board's existing Conceded Eminence limited licensure pathway to include an Institutional License by Extraordinary Ability for internationally trained physicians. The proposed regulations stem from the Board's commitment during the 2026 legislative session to work collaboratively with Maryland hospital institutions to explore options for recruiting international physicians of extraordinary ability.

Board staff worked with Johns Hopkins, the University of Maryland Medical System, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore during the interim to develop the proposed regulations. Rather than establishing an entirely new licensure pathway, the regulations build upon the Board's existing Conceded Eminence framework to allow qualifying internationally trained physicians to practice solely at a sponsoring institution and its affiliated locations under a limited license.

The Board approved the proposed regulations. The regulations will now be sent to the Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination to continue through the promulgation process.

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Caplan, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the proposed regulations for COMAR 10.32.09.04.*

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Ajrawat welcomed the new Board member, Justin M. Caplan, as he introduced himself.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes August 5, 2026
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols with Previously Approved Specialized Tasks and or Dry Needling Specialized Tasks
- Polysomnography Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: *Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7), on a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Caplan, Full Board unanimously voted to close its meeting on September 23, 2026 at 9:21 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:

Full Board consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: *Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Saluja, and seconded by Dr. Caplan, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on September 23, 2026 at 9:22 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. Panel A was dismissed.*

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

Panel B 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,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Panel B Chair

Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Physicians

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair

TO: The Board
FROM: Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead Analyst
DATE: September 23, 2026
SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Advanced Duties Addendums for Board Approval

This is to confirm that the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC) has reviewed the attached Collaboration Agreement Addendums and is recommending the following actions.

The Committee determined that the following physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in Health Occupations Article, §15-302, COMAR 10.32.03.06 Collaboration Agreements – Approval, COMAR 10.32.09 Delegation and Assignment of Performance of Cosmetic Medical Procedures and Use of Cosmetic Medical Devices, and other criteria established by the Board.

Previously Board Approved Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

	Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician	Requested Procedure(s)	Date of Approval of DA/Notification of CA
1.	Christina Frazier, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head.	NCA received on 03/18/2026
2.	William Earl MacDonnell, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head.	NCA received on 11/16/2025