

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
August 26, 2026**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, August 26, 2026 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Panel B Chair
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Dallas Lea, II, M.D.
Tara Mahan, P.A.
Brenda Oliver, Consumer Member
Jo Riedel, 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
Charles W. Simmons, M.D.
Scott G. Slater, Consumer Member
Henry Sun, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Andromeda Bacchus, Administrative Officer, I, Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Elizabeth Carver, Compliance Analyst Associate; Augustine Chen, Compliance Analyst Associate; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Manager, Policy/Legislation; Madelyn Estrella, Compliance Analyst; Angela Foglestad, AH Analyst Associate AT/Perfusionist/Polysom; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Judson Gauthier, Compliance Analyst Associate; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist II; Favour Obasiolu, Health Policy Analyst, II; Michael Sachse, Licensure Analyst; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Jestine Smith, Licensure Analyst; Christa Sutton, AH Analyst-RCP/RAD Tech. Lead; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst Advanced; Meriah Welch, Licensure Analyst Associate; Brooks Whigham, Intake Manager; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Oriell Harris, Policy Analyst

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 Dr. Hann, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties. (attachment 1)*

Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Recommendations for Approval

The Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee (Rad Tech Committee) reviewed the attached Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Requests to determine if the following Radiologist Assistants meet the criteria for advanced procedures established in COMAR 10.32.10.12 and the Board voted to recommend approval.

*On a motion made by Jo Riedel, and seconded by Dr. Ganti, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to perform all requested advanced procedures. (attachment 2)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 22, 2026

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION POLICY

Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion Update

The Board reviewed an update regarding Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion (EVLP) and the recent FDA premarket approval of the LungFX™ device. In April 2014, the Board determined that EVLP did not constitute the practice of perfusion under Maryland law because it occurred in a laboratory setting rather than on a living patient, allowing unlicensed individuals to perform EVLP under physician delegation for the duration of Lung Bioengineering Inc.'s (LBI) clinical study. Over the years, the Board received updates from LBI and the Maryland State Perfusion Society regarding the study's progress. On July 15, 2026, LBI notified the Board that on June 22, 2026, the FDA granted premarket approval for the LungFX™ device for use in centralized EVLP, concluding the clinical study period. LBI acknowledged the 2014 ruling applied for the duration of the study and expressed anticipation that the Board would continue to apply perfusion law to its ruling on EVLP as it had in the past. Board staff presented this information as an FYI with no further action required by the Board.

During the discussion, Stacey Darin and Christine Farrelly noted that, rather than keeping this item strictly as an FYI, LBI should present its overall findings to the Board. Dr. Tyler Cymet inquired whether the Board would change its position now that the clinical study has officially concluded. Dr. Ajrawat raised questions regarding training, noting that 9 months of training are required compared with the training certified perfusionists complete, and inquired whether individuals would be hired by the company where the procedure is performed, as well as who would be in charge of and lead these practitioners.

*On a motion made by Dr. Cymet, and seconded by Dr. Lea II, the Board voted to **APPROVE** to invite the Perfusion Association and LBI to present before the Board and to limit each presentation to the Board to 20 minutes.*

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Ajrawat welcomed the new Board members, Jo Riedel and Brenda Oliver, as they introduced themselves.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes July 1, 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
- Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2026
- Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting minutes for March 20, 2026

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Hann, and seconded by Ms. Mahan, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on August 26, 2026 at 9:20 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



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: August 26, 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.	Michele Emory Koczman, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head.	NCA received on 03/20/2025
2.	Amber Markea Kromah, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head.	NCA received on 01/19/2026
3.	Diana Yewon Nam, PA-C	Shobha Sikka	1. Pelvic Floor Electrical Stimulation Therapy	NCA received on 07/01/2026



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TO: The Board
 FROM: Christa Sutton, Allied Health Analyst
 DATE: August 26, 2026
 SUBJECT: Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Requests for Board Approval

This is to confirm that the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee (Rad Tech Committee) reviewed the attached Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures Requests to determine if the following Radiologist Assistants meet the criteria for advanced procedures established in COMAR 10.32.10.12 and is recommending the following actions.

Radiologist Assistant Advanced Procedures RECOMMENDED for APPROVAL:

	Radiologist Assistant	Radiologist	Requested Procedure(s)	Recommendation
1.	Kamau J. Nkenge	Barton F. Lane, M.D.	1. Hysterosalpingogram	Approve
2.	Kashira Kidd	Mohammed Jaffar Shaikh, M. D.	1. Ultrasound-guided Thyroid Biopsy	Approve
3.	Amber Price-Williams	Mohamed Maged Mohamed Elsayed Issa, M.D.	1. Ultrasound-guided Thyroid Biopsy	Approve
4.	Amber Price-Williams	Joelle Wazen, M.D.	1. Ultrasound-guided Thyroid Biopsy	Approve
5.	April Williams	Andres Eraso, M. D.	1. Ultrasound-guided Thyroid Biopsy	Approve
6.	April Williams	Mohamed Maged Mohamed Elsayed Issa, M. D.	1. Ultrasound-guided Thyroid Biopsy	Approve
7.	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Simmi Chawla, M. D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
8.	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Daniel Edward Cason, M. D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal	Approve

			Catheter	
9	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Alexander Joseph Zito, M. D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
10	Thomas Paul Schulbe	David Youngsik Chung, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
11	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Philip Conrad Hugo III, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
12	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Peter Alfred Libby, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
13	Thomas Paul Schulbe	David Taylor Nizza, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
14	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Gerard Joseph Hogan, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
15	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Adam Keenan Meeks, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve
16	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Andrew Dionysis Vennos, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	Approve
17	Thomas Paul Schulbe	William M. Reid, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	Approve
18	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Jeffrey Louis Weinstein, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	Approve
19	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Michael Joseph Marks, M. D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography	Approve

			4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	
20	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Assen Todorov Todorov, M. D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	Approve
21	Thomas Paul Schulbe	Mario Todorov Todorov, M.D.	1. Lumbar Myelography 2. Thoracic Myelography 3. Cervical Myelography 4. Tunneled Peritoneal Catheter	Approve