

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
GENETIC COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Margaret Gallegos, CGC, Chair, Ada Hamosh, M.D., MPH, Amy Feldman Lewanda, M.D., Carolyn D. Applegate, MGC, CGC, Katharine Bisordi, MS, MGC, CGC, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member.

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, Stacey Darin, Esq., Board Counsel, Madeline DelGreco, Manager, Policy & Legislation, Patricia Brown, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Andreas S. Barth, M.D., Ph.D.

STAFF ABSENT: Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Margaret Ellis Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst, John Shock, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gallegos called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wright reminded the Committee that the Open Meeting minutes for May 21, 2024, were approved by the committee via email on February 12, 2025

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Ms. DelGreco informed the Committee about the updates to the Genetic Counselor regulations, including (1) standardizing language, (2) updating outdated information, (3) establishing a central location for provisions applicable to all licensees and applicants, and (4) establishing a central location for provisions applicable to all employers.

Ms. DelGreco addressed a Committee member's request for clarification on whether a genetic counselor can use their national certification to fulfill the continuing education requirements. She clarified that genetic counselors can continue to use their national certification to meet continuing education requirements. She also confirmed that the Committee does not plan to approve any other organizations for providing continuing education at this time.

Ms. DelGreco informed the Committee that the draft regulations will be presented to the Board at the February 25, 2026, Panel B meeting to request approval to post them on the Board's website to solicit public comments.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

Ms. Wright informed the Committee that statistics on the number of genetic counselors who renewed during the 2026 renewal cycle are currently unavailable but will be published in the Board's 2026 Annual Report. She also informed the Committee that, according to the Committee's June 20, 2023, Open Meeting Minutes, the Board will not conduct a fee reassessment until after the genetic counselors' second renewal cycle, scheduled for January 2028.

Ms. Applegate asked whether the Board is actively participating in interstate compacts for any of its allied health professions and whether there is a prorated license renewal fee for licensees whose licenses are issued close to their expiration dates. Ms. Wright informed the Committee that the Board is not actively participating in interstate compacts for any of its allied health professions. She also informed them that there is no prorated license renewal fee; the Board issues licenses to qualified individuals upon finding of eligibility throughout the year.

Election of New Committee Chair

On a motion made by Dr. Hamosh and seconded by Ms. Bisordi, the Committee unanimously re-elected Margo Gallegos to serve a second term as committee chair.

Allied Health Committee Members Reminders

Ms. Wright reminded the Committee to submit their completed Financial Disclosure Statement for 2025 by or before April 30, 2026. She also reminded them that Termination Disclosure Statements must be submitted at the end of a member's term.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Lewanda and seconded by Ms. Applegate, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Submitted by,

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Patricia Brown, Allied Health Analyst