

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
FULL BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD  
Room 100  
January 29, 2025**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, January 29, 2025 with the following members present:

**Panel B**

Harbhajan Ajrawat, Board Chair  
Julie Caffrey, D.O.  
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member  
Supneet Saluja, M.D.  
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member  
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member  
Scott J. Wiesenberger, M.D.

**Panel A**

Mark D. Olszyk, M.D.  
Mark D. Baganz, M.D.  
Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr., Consumer Member  
Alden Littlewood, M.D.  
Chika Logie, M.D.  
Djinge Lindsay, M.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd  
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.  
Richard T. Scholz, M.D.  
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member

**ABSENT:** Tyler Cymet, D.O.; Vinu Ganti, M.D.; Michael Hann, M.D.; Natalie Orbach, PA-C; Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:** Stacey Darin, Assistant Attorney General; David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General; Noreen Rubin, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Heather Bessent, Compliance Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Health Policy Analyst; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Michael Eid, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Ally Jones, Compliance Analyst Associate; Margaret Ellis Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Elizabeth Kuhn, M.D., Compliance Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Sup/Spec.; Michael Sachse, Licensure Analyst Associate; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Margaret VanVranken, Compliance Analyst Associate; Brooks Whigham, Probation Supervisor; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

**STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate

**GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Catherine V. Caldicott, M.D., Medical Director, PBI Education; Kasey Cleary, Project Manager, PBI Education; Kara Crosis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Stephanie Guzzo, Chair, Athletic Training Advisory Committee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ajrawat, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 physician assistants meet the criteria for advanced duties established in statute and regulations, and voted to recommend approval of the addendum to the Board.

*On a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Dr. Caffrey, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties in attachment 1.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- December 18, 2024

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

## **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

### **Policy**

- Focus Sheet: Additional Athletic Trainer's Specialized Tasks Removals for Approval

The Board was presented with the following specialized tasks for removal:

- Ability to Use a Peak-Flow Meter to Monitor Breathing
- Administering Oxygen
- Emergency Administration of Nebulizer Treatment
- Manual Reduction of Glenohumeral Dislocations
- Manual Reduction of Interphalangeal Dislocations
- Manual Reduction of Patellofemoral Dislocations
- Casting Removal
- Manual Reduction of Joint Subluxations - Glenohumeral
- Manual Reduction of Joint Subluxations - Paraspinal Muscle

The Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee discussed removing the above tasks from the specialized tasks list due to their inclusion in an athletic trainer's core training education and practice. Board members voted to approve the removal of these specialized tasks.

*On a motion made by Ms. Connerney, and seconded by Dr. Saluja, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** the removal of these above additional specialized tasks from the Athletic Trainer Board-Approved Specialized Tasks list as voted by the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee.*

- FYI - COMAR 10.32.02 Hearings Before the Board of Physicians

Ms. Harris presented an FYI on amendments to COMAR 10.32.02 that have been proposed to establish updated regulations and language for practitioners. Board staff will host a meeting in the near future to review the proposed revisions to the Hearings regulations. Board members were directed to send any questions and comments to OriellT.Harris@maryland.gov.

- FYI - FSMB "Reentry to Practice" Report

Ms. Harris presented an FYI of a current Report by the FSMB Workgroup on Reentry to Practice for state medical and osteopathic boards. The goal of the Report is to update current FSMB policies related to reentry to practice for state medical and osteopathic boards. FSMB has open comments on the Report until February 21, 2025. Board members were directed to submit any questions or comments on the Report to the FSMB.

## Regulations

Proposed Regulations – COMAR 10.32.21.20 Fees for Approval (Naturopathic Doctors)

Ms. DelGreco presented amendments to COMAR 10.32.21.20 Fees and sought approval from the Board to post the draft regulations to the website to solicit public comment. The Board voted to approve.

*On a motion made by Ms. Schaerr, and seconded by Dr. Wiesenberger, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** posting these proposed regulations to the Board's website for public review and comments.*

Taskforce/Workgroup

- FYI – Final Report: Workgroup to Study Licensure of Foreign-Trained Physicians (FTP) and International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in Maryland (the Workgroup):

Mr. Tran provided the Board with an update on the status of the Workgroup to Study Licensure of Foreign-Trained Physicians (FTP) and International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in Maryland (the Workgroup), stating that the final report has been internally approved by the Maryland Department of Health and has successfully been submitted to the Chair of the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

- Advanced Duty Workgroup (FYI & Discussion, For Approval, Discussion & Approval)

Mr. Tran provided the Board with an overview and update on the Advanced Duty Workgroup held on November 6th, 2024. Mr. Tran proceeded to inform the Board of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee's (PAAC) recommendation to maintain the list of advanced duties as is. The Board approved the PAAC's recommendation.

*On a motion made by Ms. Schaerr, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** to maintain the list of advanced duties as presented.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Farrelly briefed the Board on the following bills:

Senate Bill 423/House Bill 776 - Maryland Medical Practice Act - Revisions ("General Revisions")

Summary: General Revisions standardizes language, codifies existing Board practices, removes duplicative, unclear, or outdated language, and authorizes certain substantial changes.

House Bill 482 - Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Predetermination Review Process

Summary: Establishes a predetermination review process for occupational licenses and certificates in certain departments of State government; authorizes a department to charge a criminal history review fee of not more than \$100; and authorizes the fee to be waived if the individual's income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

Senate Bill 458/House Bill 783 - Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training

Summary: Requires applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program.

Senate Bill 72/House Bill 367 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Summary: This bill would establish requirements for health occupations boards that require evidence of English proficiency. Also, working with the sponsor on the amendment.

**OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY**

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2024
- Athletic Trainer - Previously Approved Specialized and or Dry Needling Specialized Tasks
- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Initial Licensure List from 4th Quarter - (October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)
- Reinstatement Licensure List from 4th Quarter - (October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

**PBI PRESENTATION**

Ms. Kasey Cleary, Project Manager at PBI Education, presented the courses they offer and discussed the program's classroom areas. Ms. Catherine V. Caldicott, M.D., Medical Director at PBI Education, presented the faculty perspective concerning course participants.

**VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7)(8), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, the Board unanimously voted to close its meeting on January 29, 2025 at 10:05 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.

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**SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:**

The full Board consulted with counsel in its closed session pursuant to General Provisions §3-305(b)(7)(8) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

**VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION**

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**CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13), on a motion made by Dr. Wiesenberger, and seconded by Ms. Turnipseed, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on January 29, 2025 at 10:18 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.

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**SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:**

The Panel 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,

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Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.  
Board 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: January 29, 2025  
 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 Core Duties DA
1.	Nicole Marie Bonanni, PA-C	Jason Daniel Marquart, M.D.	1. Skin Excisions 2. Repair of Benign & Malignant Lesions  <i>*Approve as “Skin Excisions” and “Repair of Benign &amp; Malignant Lesions” limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck.”</i>	Approved on 03/15/2023
2.	Alejandria Renee Meadows, PA-C	Chikoti Wheat, M.D.	1. Intralesional Kenalog Injections	Approved on 06/25/2021
3.	Kristina A. Reid, PA-C	Daniel P. Hexter, M.D.	1. Botox for Chronic Migraine 2. Nerve Blocks 3. Trigger Point Injections 4. Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks	Approved on 08/30/2024
4.	Heather Lynn Steele, PA-C	Sammy SW Kang, M.D.	1. Intralesional Kenalog Injections	Approved on 07/26/2017