

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
MBP Board Room, Room 100**

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:**

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., John Klune, M.D., MBA, FACS, Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C, Benita Wilson, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:**

Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst, Rosalee Lewis, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Ellis Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

STAFF ABSENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director

**COMMITTEE
MEMBER(S)
ABSENT:**

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Klune, the Committee unanimously approved the December 4, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Tran presented the PAAC with the responses the Board received from public solicitation of comments for the update of the list of Advanced Duties. Mr. Tran reminded the PAAC that Advanced Duties are defined as medical acts that require additional training beyond the basic physician assistant education program required for licensure. He also stated that any recommendation to remove an Advanced Duty must be supported with evidence that the advanced medical act is now taught and trained as part of the standard PA education program.

After reviewing the public comments, on a motion by Dr. Kuruppu and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board only remove "IUD Removal" from the Advanced Duties list as it is not an advanced duty.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its meeting on December 18, 2024, the Board accepted all of the recommendations that the Committee made at its December 4, 2024, meeting concerning addendums for advanced duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Nicole Marie Bonanni, PA-C/Jason Daniel Marquart, M.D., request to perform:

- *Skin Excisions*
- *Repair of Benign and Malignant Lesions*

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board with the specification that “Skin Excisions” and “Repair of Benign and Malignant Lesions” be limited to 2.5 cm or less above the Neck.

Matthew William Green, PA-C/ Robert Thomas Chasse, M.D., request to perform:

- *Deep/Moderate Sedation*

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to table its recommendation for approval of this addendum to the Board, pending its receipt and review of additional information.

The Committee has requested that Dr. Chasse and Mr. Green appear before them at their February 5, 2025, meeting via Zoom to provide clarification/additional information regarding their request for Mr. Green to perform the requested advanced duty.

Alejandria Renee Meadows, PA-C/ Chikoti Wheat, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intralesional Kenalog Injections*

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Kristina A. Reid, PA-C/Daniel P. Hexter, M. D., request to perform:

- *Botox for Chronic Migraine*
- *Nerve Blocks*
- *Trigger Point Injections*
- *Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

Heather Lynn Steele, PA-C/ Sammy SW Kang, M.D., request to perform:

- *Intralesional Kenalog Injections*

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of this addendum to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Deanes

Rhonda Deanes – Lead PA Analyst