

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
January 28, 2026**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, January 28, 2026 with the following members present:

Panel B

Vinu Ganti, M.D., Acting, Panel B Chair
Ingrid Connerney, Consumer Member
Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Michael Hann, M.D.
Dallas Lea, II, M.D.
Tara Mahan, P.A.
Supneet Saluja, M.D.
Maxine E. Turnipseed, Consumer Member
Martha Schaerr, Consumer Member

Panel A

Ifeyinwa A. Stitt, M.D.
Dina El Metwally, M.D.
Djinge Lindsay, M.D.
Alden Littlewood, M.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Esteban Schabelman, M.D.
Charles W. Simmons, M.D.
Judith Singletary, Consumer Member
Scott G. Slater, Consumer Member

ABSENT: Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.; Julie Caffrey, D.O.; TraShawn N. Thornton-Davis, M.D.; Richard T. Scholz, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Andromeda Bacchus, Administrative Specialist, III; Elizabeth Carver, Compliance Analyst Associate; Augustine Chen, Compliance Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Brooks Whigham, Intake Manager; Jasmin Williams, Licensure Analyst; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Kara Cossis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Vinu Ganti, M.D., Acting Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 Ms. Schaerr, and seconded by Dr. Lea, II, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all addendum requests to perform the advanced duties. (attachment 1)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 19, 2025

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

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols without Specializes Tasks
- Initial Licensure List from 4th Quarter - (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)
- Reinstatement Licensure List from 4th Quarter - (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

CONVENE TO CLOSE

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. Schaerr, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on January 28, 2026 at 9:09 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,

Vinu Ganti, M.D.
Acting, 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: January 28, 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.	Jason Albanese, PA-C	Salman Mufti, M.D.	1. Radiofrequency Ablation of Veins 2. Venaseal of Veins 3. Sclerotherapy of Veins	NCA received on 09/15/2025
2.	Valerie Jean Fitton, PA-C	Hyland Cronin, M.D.	1. Ablative and Non-Ablative Laser Surgery 2. Chemical Peels 3. Dermaplaning 4. Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions* 5. Skin Excisions* 6. Botox Injections 7. Collagen Injections 8. Intralesional injections 9. Microneedling <i>*Approve as "Excision and Repair of Malignant Lesions limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck," and "Skin</i>	NCA received on 09/24/2025

			<i>Excisions" limited to 2.5 cm or less above the neck."</i>	
3.	Parisa Zolfagharian, PA-C	John Keeling, M.D.	1. Intra-Articular Steroid Injections 2. Joint Aspiration	NCA received on 05/06/2025