

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Room 100
June 24, 2026**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) met Wednesday, June 24, 2026 with the following members present:

Panel B

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.; Panel B Chair
Julie Caffrey, D.O.
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.
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.
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

ABSENT: TraShawn N. Thornton-Davis, M.D.; Richard T. Scholz, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director; Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director; Doreen Noppinger, Compliance Manager; Elizabeth Carver, Compliance Analyst Associate; Augustine Chen, Compliance Analyst Associate; Rhonda Deans, Lead AH Analyst; Madeline Delgreco, Manager, Policy/Legislation; Lisa Dorsey, Licensure Supervisor; Angela Foglestad, AH Analyst Associate AT/Perfusionist/Polysom; Andrew Keller, Licensure Analyst Associate; Angela Gaither, Management Associate; Margaret Ellis-Jury, Lead AH Analyst; Justin McKinley, IT Tech./Support/Specialist 1; Jalon Shell, Compliance Analyst Associate; Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst; Brooks Whigham, Intake Manager; Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Oriell Harris, Policy Analyst

GUEST PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Kara Cossis, P.A. Chair, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (PAAC); Zakiyyah Holmes, Administrator, MDH Office of the Secretary Boards and Commissions

CALL TO ORDER

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 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)*

Allied Health Advisory Committee Reappointments for Approval

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Reappointment

- Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D.

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee Reappointment

- Yvette L. Rooks, M.D., FAAFP

Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Reappointments

- Margaret Gallegos, C.G.C
- Ada Hamosh, M.D., MPH

*On a motion made by Dr. Ganti, and seconded by Dr. Saluja, the Board voted to unanimously **APPROVE** all of the above Allied Health Advisory Committee Reappointments.*

LICENSURE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE COMMITTEE (LPOMC)

Ms. Farrelly and Ms. Dorsey requested a physician volunteer for the LPOMC and explained the role of the committee and the workload. Dr. Ganti volunteered for the position on LPOMC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 27, 2026

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

POLICY/LEGISLATION POLICY

FYI - Final FSMB Reports As Adopted by The FSMB House of Delegates, May 2026

Ms. Harris presented to the Board an update and FYI regarding four final policy and informational guidance reports adopted by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) House of Delegates following its May 2026 meeting. These reports address the oversight of clinical decision-making, emerging trends in prescribing and dispensing, the ethical implications of physician collective bargaining and unionization, and legislative developments surrounding "Assistant Physicians."

Ms. Harris advised panel members that these reports were originally presented at the February 25th full Board meeting as an FYI. If Board members have any further questions or would like to review the documents in their entirety, they were directed to access them on the FSMB website.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Ajrawat mentioned that July 4, 2026, commemorates America's 250th anniversary. He also thanked Dr. Caffrey on her last day of service with the Board and wished her well as she moves to another position in Pennsylvania.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI ONLY

- Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Open and Closed Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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

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. Connerney, Panel B unanimously voted to close its meeting on June 24, 2026 at 9:16 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: June 24, 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.	Anthony Van Murphy, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head	NCA received on 10/10/2025
2.	Kathleen Jacobsen Richter, PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.,	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head	NCA received on 10/27/2025
3.	Elizabeth Rodriguez, PA-C	Robert Liddell, M.D.	1. MediPort Placement 2. MediPort Removal 3. Tunneled Central Vascular Access 4. Non-Tunneled Central Venous Access	NCA received on 09/22/2025
4.	Raymond Sterling, Sr., PA-C	Esteban Schabelman, M.D.	1. Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, not including the head	NCA received on 09/23/2025