

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Via Zoom

OPEN AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:

Kara R. Cossis, PA-C, Chair, Robert Roca, M.D., Janaki Champa Kuruppu, M.D., Deborah Dunn, MBA, PA-C, Wendy Riekers, PA-C,

STAFF PRESENT
VIA ZOOM:

Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Oriel Harris, Health Policy Analyst, Rhonda Deanes, Allied Health Lead PA Analyst, John “Jack” Shock, Allied Health Analyst, Shawneka Freeman, Allied Health Analyst Associate, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Lead Analyst

COMMITTEE
MEMBERS
ABSENT:

John Klune, M.D., MBA, FACS, Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member

STAFF ABSENT:

Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Michael Tran, Health Policy Analyst, Breana Ragin, Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cossis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Committee unanimously approved the April 15, 2026, Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Nothing to report.

BOARD COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Cossis informed the Committee that at its April 29, 2026, meeting, the Board approved all of the recommendations the Committee made at its April 15, 2026, meeting regarding addendums for advanced duties.

Ms. Cossis reminded the Committee that her second term on the PAAC ends on June 30, 2026, and that they will need to elect a new Chairperson at the June 3, 2026, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Addendums for Advanced Duties

Jason Albanese, PA-C/ Salman Mufti, M.D., request to perform;

- *Ultrasound-Guided Arthrocentesis of the Knee Joint with Injection*

On a motion by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Riekers, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve this addendum.

Jason Albanese, PA-C/ Niloy Dasgupta, M.D., request to perform;

- *Ultrasound-Guided Arthrocentesis of the Knee Joint with Injection*

On a motion by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve this addendum.

Roshni Padhiar, PA-C/ Kathleen “Kate” Viola, M.D., request to perform;

- *Intralesional Injections*

On a motion by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Kuruppu, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve this addendum with the specification that it be approved as “Intralesional Kenalog (ILK) Injections.”

Robert B. Rotenberg, PA-C/ Randi Braman, D.O., request to perform;

- *Intra-Articular Joint Injections w/Steroid - Knee*

On a motion by Dr. Roca and seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve this addendum.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article section 3-305(b)(1), on a motion made by Ms. Riekers and seconded by Dr. Roca, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee members present unanimously voted to close its meeting on May 6, 2026, at 4:17 p.m. via Zoom for the purpose of discussing the appointment of new committee members.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Rhonda Deanes, Lead PA Analyst