

**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

**Minutes**

October 10, 2024

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Justin Hepner, PA-C – Chair  
Tracey Dunn - Citizen Member  
Lucy Treene, PA-C

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Hanharan, MD  
Erin Myers, PA-C – Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Arne Owens, DHP Director  
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Executive Director, Licensure  
Jennifer Deschenes, JD – Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Erin Barrett, JD – Director of DHP Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Matt Novak – DHP Policy and Economic Analyst  
Roslyn Nickens - Licensing Supervisor  
Jamie Culp - Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Robert Glasson, VAPA  
Jonathan Williams - VAPA

**Call to Order**

Justin Hepner called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**Emergency Egress Procedures**

Dr. Harp provided the emergency egress instructions.

**Roll Call**

Jamie Culp called the roll; a quorum was established.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Harp suggested an amendment to the minutes of June 6, 2024, by striking the statement, “Erin Myers moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2022, meeting.” Tracey Dunn moved to accept the minutes with the amendment. Lucy Treene seconded. By unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as amended.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Justin Hepner moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented; it was adopted by acclamation.

## **Public Comments:**

None

## **New Business**

### **1. Report of Regulatory Actions**

Erin Barrett gave a report of the Advisory Board’s regulatory actions. The exempt regulatory action to allow physician assistants working for certain employers to practice without a separate practice agreement will become effective on November 6, 2024.

### **2. Consideration of Language for PA Reinstatement Process**

Erin Barrett discussed draft language to authorize the reinstatement of PA licenses. She stated that, if draft language is recommended to the Full Board, the regulatory action will be presented as a fast-track regulatory action. After discussion, Lucy Treene made a motion to accept the draft regulatory language for physician assistant reinstatement of licensure. Tracey Dunn seconded. Motion passed.

### **3. Update on Implementation of the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact**

Justin Hepner gave a brief overview of the PA Licensure Compact. Thirteen states have so far agreed to participate in the Compact. Legislation has become effective in ten states, and five other states have started the process of introducing legislation in their states. For the inaugural meeting of the PA Compact Commission on September 24-25, 2024, in Washington, DC, Justin Hepner was appointed by the Board of Medicine President to serve as Virginia’s primary delegate to the Compact Commission. Mr. Hepner answered questions from members and staff pertaining to the Compact.

**4. Approve Appointment of Primary Delegate to the PA Compact Commission**

Upon a motion by Tracey Dunn and seconded by Lucy Treene, Justin Hepner was selected to continue to serve as Virginia’s primary delegate to the Compact Commission.

**5. Election of Alternate Delegate to the PA Compact Commission**

Upon a motion by Tracey Dunn, seconded by Justin Hepner, Lucy Treene was selected to serve as the alternate delegate to the Compact Commission.

**6. Approval of 2025 Meeting Calendar**

Lucy Treene moved to approve the 2025 meeting calendar. Tracey Dunn seconded. The motion passed.

**7. Election of Officers**

Lucy Treene nominated Justin Hepner to continue as Chair. Tracey Dunn seconded. The motion passed. Tracey Dunn nominated Erin Myers to continue as Vice-Chair. Lucy Treene seconded. The motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

License Statistics

Jamie Culp provided the licensing report. The Board has a total of 6, 813 physician assistants. 705 licenses have been issued so far this year.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is February 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director