

Public Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the  
NYS Medicine Board  
September 6, 2024  
1411 Broadway, New York, NY

Board Members Present: Dr. Roseanne Berger, Dr. Roosevelt Boursiquot, Dr. Lawrence Epstein, Dr. Martha Grayson, Dr. Elisabeth Guthrie, Brenton LaRiccia PA-C, Dr. Lynn Mark, Dr. Louis Papa, Dr. Maria Plummer, Dr. Najeeb Rehman, Dr. Nancy Sapio, Dr. Neeta Shah, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Armit Shelat, Dr. Robert Walther, Dr. David Wlody, and public member Marian Goldstein

Board Members Absent: Dr. George Autz, Dr. Sumathi Kasinathan, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Dr. James Romanelli, Dr. Sumir Sahgal, Dr. Arash Salemi and public member JoAnn Marino

Guests Present: Dina Jazrawi Executive Secretary NYS Pharmacy, Dr. Krishnan Kumar, Dawn Morton-Rias Ed.D., PA-C, ICE-CCP, FACHE NCCPA President and CEO, Cassandra Pineda Assistant V.P. GNYHA, Dr. Steven Sherman, Jonathan Sobel PA-C, DMSc. President of NYSSPA, Al Watermaker

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board, Michelle Pawlowski, ECS 2, Lee Fitzgerald, EPA 2

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Epstein at 9:33 am.

Welcome and Introductions-Dr. Mark and Dr. Autz's last meeting was noted. The Board thanks them for their exemplary service over the past ten years.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2024 meeting.

## **Chair's Report**

### Report from the Advisory Committee on Clinical Clerkships

Dr. Epstein reports on the Board of Regents Determinations:

American University of Antigua, St. Matthew's University and Our Lady of Fatima University were approved for 7 years.

Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (UAG) was approved a one-year extension until June 2025. A virtual site visit will be conducted in October.

Ben Gurion was approved a one-year extension until June 2025. Their international program is closing and they seek approval until their last student graduates in two years.

The University of Debrecen was approved a six-month extension until July 2025 giving time to allow for a site visit which will take place in November of this year or in early 2025.

## **International Medical Graduate Workgroup Report**

Stephen Boese reports that the Medicine Board Workgroup has approved 50 medicine applicants since the June 7, 2024 Board Meeting, this includes 5 Endorsement cases.

## **Executive Secretary's Report**

Stephen Boese calls for Nominations for Chair, two Vice Chairs and FSMB representative.

Dr. Epstein's last meeting is in December. The Medicine Board Chair is also Co-Chair of Clinical Advisory Committee.

Dr. Amit Shelat (Vice Chair) nominated himself for Chair.

Dr. Papa (Vice Chair) nominated himself for Vice Chair.

Stephen Boese gives an update from the Office of Professions:

- Gregg Shutts resignation leaves an opening for PA.
- Physicians Resource Library has been updated; all non-evidence-based resources were removed from the webpage. Nutrition for Physician advisors are Dr. Papa, Dr. Berger, and Dr. Raju.
- Stephen met with Health Commissioner. The Health Commissioner wanted to meet to know more about the works of Board of Medicine.
- Stephen spoke at an IMG event in August. Stephen focused the discussion on licensure. The IMG audience was interested in what they needed to do to get into a residency program.
- Stephen spoke at FSMB Symposium on Alternate Licensing Models in Washington, D.C. He discussed the Medicine workgroup reviewing PGT and Endorsement applications. Dr. Hank Chaudhry, CEO of FSMB will be at the Medicine Board meeting in December.
- Stephen will report at the December meeting on the State Board USMLE Advisory meeting which will take place in November.
- Dr. Epstein meets with the president of FSMB about the reintegrating and reeducating of physicians who have been out of practice for a while. NY does not have any process on this.

**Presentation:** Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary, NYS Board for Pharmacy presents on the federal regulation of compounding pharmacies.

Overview of the Regulation of Compounding Pharmacies:

- A Drug that is in high demand the FDA puts on a shortage list then it is given the green light to make.
- Any pharmacy can compound for a patient specific prescription. Outsourcing facilities produce in bulk.

- If a drug is patented, a copy cannot be made unless it's on the FDA shortage list.
- The patent holder is required to sell the ingredient by law if the drug is on the FDA shortage list.

**Presentation:** Dawn Morton-Rias, Ed.D., PA-C, ICE-CCP, FACHE, NCCPA President and CEO, reports on PA-C Practice Patterns and Certifications.

- National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) primary focus is to ensure that the PA-C credential represents the profession's commitment to high standards.
- NCCPA tracks PA CMEs which are 100 hours of CME every two years.
- PAs do change specialties during their career. At least 53% have changed specialties at least once.
- There are 29 accredited PA programs in NY. NY ranks number 1 in the number of PAs practicing. PAs must graduate from an accredited program and pass PANCE to obtain certification.
- Every 10 years PAs sit for a recertification process to re-access knowledge base.
- New assessment model, PANRELA, was developed as a new assessment model in addition to the PANCE. PANRELA is a national standardized evaluation. It provides more time to answer questions, 12 quarters to complete 8 quarters. PAs can stop the exam without losing anything and can take up to three years to complete a two-year process.
- CAQ is an added credential in a specialty that does not replace PA-C. CAQ is voluntary. At this time only 3226 hold the CAQ in the country.

### **Professional Committee Reports**

- Pathologists Assistants – no recent meeting
- Medical Physics – no recent meeting
- Athletic Training – no recent meeting
- Perfusion Committee – no recent meeting

### **Other Issues?**

**Next Meeting dates-** 12/6/24, 3/7/25, 6/6/25, 9/5/2025 at 9:30 am.  
February 2025 meeting has been moved to March 7, 2025.

### **Executive Session**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Pawlowski  
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