

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
New York State Committee on Pathologists' Assistants**

June 5, 2025

1411 Broadway NY, NY

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Meeting is called to order at 3:00 pm.

Committee Members Present: Charles Fernandez-Perez, Mohammad Zuber Nakadar, physician member Dr. Bernard Ng, and Medicine Board liaison Dr. Maria Plummer.

Committee Members Absent: Adam Tegnander and public member Nancy Halleck.

Guest present: Dr. Gabriele Campanella of Mt. Sinai hospital.

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Carla Gibbons, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of two previous meetings are reviewed and there are no objections.

Update from the Office of Professions:

Licensing has proceeded smoothly. There are currently 629 licensed Path A's in NYS.

Recent PathA issues from the field:

The board agrees that AAPA and ASCP certification itself is acceptable for licensure without the numerical score included. The board agrees that a PathA can be the administrative director of a lab. There is a discussion about possibly re-opening the grandfathering pathway.

Presentation: Digital Pathology and AI – The Future of Pathology:

Dr. Gabriele Campanella explains that slides are now being digitally scanned to the point that microscopes are becoming obsolete. AI can then break down the image into many parts, analyze each part, and then aggregate them to diagnose tumors as malignant or benign. This makes slide processing time much faster and more in-depth. Pattern recognition and higher levels of zoom and "vision" are the main benefits. AI assists PathA's, but does not replace them.

Next Meeting Date:

We'll send an email to establish another meeting date next winter if not needed before then.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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