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**New York State Committee for Pathologists' Assistants**  
**June 11, 2026**  
**2:00 pm**  
**1411 Broadway**  
**10<sup>th</sup> floor**  
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Call to Order/Introductions: Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm

Committee Members Present: Charles Fernandez-Perez, Nancy Halleck, Mohammad Zuber Nakadar, Dr. Bernard Ng, Dr. Maria Plummer

Committee Members Absent: Adam Tegnander

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Lee Fitzgerald, Michelle Pawlowski

Review of Minutes: Minutes from June 5, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Update from the Office of Professions:

Licensure update- The Office of Professions licensed 28 pathologists' assistants (PAs) in 2025. We are no longer grandfathering in but continue to license people based on their qualifications, education, examination, and ACP certification. There is still a shortage of PAs, but it has improved.

Scope of Practice

Discussion around the AAPA (American Association of Pathologists' Assistants) letter emphasizing that Histotechnology professionals should not be grossing and the current regulations do not distinguish between levels of grossing complexity permitted for licensed histotechnologists versus licensed PAs. PAs have a higher level of expertise in

terms of microscopic staging that is collected. A Histotechnologist is a clinical laboratory practitioner who performs slide-based histological assays, tests, and procedures including maintaining equipment and records, performing quality assurances. The Committee also discussed grossing technicians, whose scope of work could be considered grossing under NYS law.

The Pathologists' Assistant committee will meet again in August. A representative from AAPA and the Clinical Lab Board will be invited to attend this meeting. The Committee would like to further explore the issues raised in their letter.

\*\*\*Stephen will contact AAPA and the Nursing Board Executive Secretary to invite them to the August meeting.

The Committee reviewed a proposal from an article in The Pathologist entitled "Bridging the Workforce Gap". This article discussed an expanded scope of practice for pathologists. assistants. The Committee did not agree with the author's ideas of expanding the role of PAs.

Presentation: Rescheduled

Updates from Members:

Dr. Plummer will be rotating off the Board in September. The last day of her second term is September 12, 2026. All other members terms will be expiring on April 30, 2027. We will need to recruit new members.

Next Steps/ Next Meeting: Thursday August 27, 2026 @2pm, **Stephen will invite AAPA representative and Clinical Lab Executive Secretary.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:13pm

Draft respectfully submitted,

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