

# **IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

January 25, 2023

Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, IA

## **Open Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was hosted both in-person at the Lucas State Office Building and over the Zoom platform. Instructions for the public to participate via Zoom were provided on the agenda.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Delaney, chairperson.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Members Present**

Michael Schnurr, PA-C  
Kevin de Regnier, D.O.  
Peter Stopulos, Public Member  
Laura Delaney, PA-C  
Daniel Craig, PA-C  
Amber Hogue, PA-C  
Natalie Weber, PA-C  
Mona Alqulali, M.D.

#### **Staff Present:**

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General  
Susan Reynolds, Executive Officer  
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator  
Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief  
Lacy Hepp, Assistant to Board Administration

#### **Guests Present:**

Amy Kerr, University of Iowa  
Sydney Gangestad, Esquire, Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm

### **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

## **Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes**

de Regnier moved for the Board to approve the open session minutes of October 26, 2022, as amended. A second was received by Schnurr. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

## **Bureau Chief Report, Steve Garrison**

2023 PA-BOM Joint Report to Governor and Legislature

Memorandum of Investigation shared with DIA. Legislature ruling and team work.

Garrison discussed the Governors state address on rule making and streamlining the rule making process. He also discussed the bill that will be introduced this legislative session that would move the Bureau of Professional Licensure under the Department of Inspection and Appeals.

## **Administrative Rules**

Discussion and adoption of ARC 6664C of proposed changes requiring an applicant to provide verification of licensure only from the jurisdiction in which the applicant was most recently licensed and disclose public or pending complaints in any other jurisdiction.

Alquilali moved to adopt and file ARC 6664C. Seconded by Hogue. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

## **Legislation Presentation – Iowa Physician Assistants Society**

Sydney Gangestad, attorney for the Dentons Davis Brown Law Firm that represents the Iowa Physician Assistants Society, gave an overview of the issues that IPAS is engaged in and present a piece of affirmative legislative that will be introduced this session. Other legislation they are monitoring is the new re-alignment bill for the Department of Health and Human Services, health care employment agencies, tort reform related to medical malpractice, and mental health noncompetete.

They are anticipating the IPAS affirmative legislation to be introduced by the end of the week. A group of PA's met with Representative Meyer who is the chair of the HHS Policy Committee in the House. She was interested in the idea of PA's practicing without the direct supervision of physician. They worked with the AAPA on developing a bill that Representative Meyer put in draft form. The legislation will essentially remove the provisions in code that require the direct supervision of a physician and instead incorporate language related to the collaboration of a physician or a medical providing team. Current rules have typically affected PA's on the front line who are unable to provide medical care in the absence of a physician. Trends also show that least 60% pf the students who graduate, leave the state. The legislation is designed to expand and address the state's shortage of health care practioners.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Closed Session**

Alquillali moved the board go into closed session at 9:16 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1) (a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f) to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Chapter 17A. A second was received by Schnurr. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Schnurr – Aye  
de Regnier – Aye  
Stopulos – Aye  
Delaney – Aye  
Craig –Aye  
Weber – Aye  
Hogue – Aye  
Alquillali - Aye  
Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:54 a.m.

## **Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

Schnurr moved for the Board to approve the closed session meeting minutes of October 26, 2022, as amended. A second was received by de Regnier. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Schnurr moved to close 22-0233, 22-0266, 22-0277, 22-0313 and 22-0360. Weber seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Schnurr motioned to close 22-0232. A second was received by Alquillali. Craig abstained. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Schnurr motioned to close 22-0292. A second was received by Hogue. Weber abstained. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

## **Board Meetings**

April 12, 2023  
July 12, 2023  
October 11, 2023

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Schnurr to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. A second was received by Weber. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.