

IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

April 27, 2022

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526

Des Moines, IA

Open Session Meeting Minutes

This 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 Gentry, Chairperson.

Roll Call

Members Present

Michael Schnurr, PA-C

Melissa Gentry, PA-C

Kevin de Regnier, D.O.

Laura Delaney, PA-C

Natalie Weber, PA-C

Peter Stopulos, Public Member

Members Absent

Daniel Craig, PA-C

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General

Susan Reynolds, Executive Officer

Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator

Guests Present

None

Announcements

This meeting was Board Chair Melissa Gentry's last meeting after nine years of service to the Board. Reynolds thanked Gentry for her service on the Board.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

de Regnier moved for the Board to approve the open session meeting minutes of January 26, 2022 and February 7, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Delaney. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Executive Officer Report, Susan Reynolds

Two new members were appointed to the Board who will begin serving in July. Public member Boeyink has resigned, so the Board has a vacant public position open.

Board Chair Report, Melissa Gentry

There was no report made.

Bureau Chief Report, Steve Garrison

Garrison gave an update on a new position being posted who will help develop annual reports. Garrison gave an overview on the development of annual reports, realignment of PL Bureau and relocation of PL offices.

AAG Report, Tessa Register

2022 Legislative Session Update

AAG Register gave an update on HF 803. The bill makes various changes to the Iowa Code to include “physician assistants” in many sections. The bill has passed the House and Senate and is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature.

Administrative Rules

Discussion and proposed notice of intended action to adopt amendment to Chapter 326, “Licensure of Physician Assistants.” The proposed amendments change the process of applying for endorsement by requiring the applicant to only provide verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which they were most recently licensed. The proposed amendments also require the applicant to disclose public or pending complaints in any other jurisdiction in which they are licensed. Garrison explained these rules are part of a Bureau-wide initiative to reduce barriers for applicants.

Schnurr moved the Board issue the notice of intended action to amend Chapter 326. A second was received by Delany. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

As there was no public present, there was no public comment.

Closed Session

Schnurr moved the board go into closed session at 9:23 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. A second was received by Delaney. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Schnurr – Aye

Gentry – Aye

de Regnier – Aye

Delaney – Aye

Weber – Aye

Stopulos – Aye

Motion carried.

Open Session to vote on items discussed in closed session

The Board returned to open session at 10:40 a.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

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

Schnurr moved for the Board to close the following cases: 20-005, 21-0311, 22-0061, and 22-0093. A second was received by Delaney. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Board Meetings

July 27, 2022

October 26, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Schnurr to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. A second was received by Delany. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.