

IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

April 26, 2023

Lucas State Office Building, 5th 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.
Laura Delaney, PA-C
Daniel Craig, PA-C
Amber Hogue, PA-C
Natalie Weber, PA-C
Mona Alqulali, M.D.

Member Absent:

Peter Stopulos, Public Member

Staff Present:

Tiffany Allison, Interim Bureau Chief
Lindsey Browning, Assistant Attorney General
Susan Reynolds, Executive Officer
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator
Lacy Hepp, Assistant to Board Administration

Guests Present:

Amy Kerr, University of Iowa
Sydney Gangestad, Dentons Davis Brown, PC
Tim Coonan, Government Relations Special Counsel, Dentons Davis Brown, PC
Marisa Morris, Dentons Davis Brown, PC

Announcements

Laura Delaney recognized Peter Stopulos for serving nine years on the board as a public member.

AAG Browning and Interim Bureau Chief Tiffany Allison introduced themselves to the Board.

Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023

de Regnier moved for the Board to approve the open session minutes of January 25, 2023, as amended. A second was received by Schnurr. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Interim Bureau Chief Report, Tiffany Allison

Allison reported the realignment bill (Senate File 514) was signed into law by the Governor a month ago. The bill makes government leaner and looks for efficiencies amongst like departments. Effectively the licensing bureau will move from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Inspections and Appeals. That bureau will become the Department of Inspections Appeals and Licensure (DIAL). In totality the changes to the licensing boards will come gradually as the realignment happens. Some changes will take effect July 1st and there will be more information that can be shared with the boards at that time about the transition.

Executive Order 10 directs a comprehensive evaluation and rigorous costs benefit analyses of existing rules to evaluate their public health benefit. The rules will be reviewed to justify costs and whether there are less restrictive alternatives to achieve the intended goals of the rules. There will be a line-by-line justification for every licensing board throughout the division. Professional Licensing has been the first group selected to review their rules.

Dr. de Regnier asked what the role the boards will play and to what extent in the rulemaking. Allison responded that the bureau has not received direction in reference to that from Governor's office.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

Review of HF 424 IPAS Legal Representative, Sydney Gangestad

Gangestad provided a brief update on House File 424. The bill passed through the House and in the last week, was amended by the Senate where it passed and was returned to the House to review the amendment. Overall the bill eliminates requirement that a PA has a specific relationship with a physician in order to practice and, also, stipulates PAs are legally responsible for the care they provide. The bill does not expand upon the scope of practice. It allows the PA board to establish rules without the approval of the Board of Medicine. There were concerns about PA owned practices. An amendment was drafted in conjunction with the Iowa Medical

Society that specially addresses businesses that are owned by newly graduated PAs who have less than two years of supervision or collaboration. It still allows these PAs to open a practice, but they would be required to practice under the supervision of a doctor or collaborate with another healthcare professional during the two-year period. This section of the bill requires the PA Board and the Board of Medicine to draft rules that specifically address this practice requirement.

de Regnier commented that the PA Board needs to be careful about taking a position on specific legislative proposals.

Closed Session

Alqulali 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
Alqulali - 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 January 25, 2023, as amended. A second was received by de Regnier. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Schnurr moved for the Board to close cases PA 22-0013 and PA 23-0108. A second was received by Alqulali. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Board Meetings

Reynolds offered corrections on the dates of the quarterly board meetings on the agenda. The next two meetings will be held July 26th and October 25th.

July 26, 2023

October 25, 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.