

# Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

## Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

### Meeting Summary

September 14, 2021

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021, via videoconference.

The following committee members were present via videoconference: Gregory Ayers, M.D., William Suggs, M.D., Paul Harrelson, P.A., Bradley Cantley, P.A., Katie Beckham, P.A., and Amelia Davis, P.A. The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Burke Britton McMahan, Wilson Hunter, and Effie Hawthorne. The following staff member was present via videoconference: Carla Kruger.

The committee members approved the minutes from the Wednesday, June 16, 2021, meeting without objection.

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021.

At its meeting, June 16, 2021, the committee recommended the Alabama Physician Assistant Service Program scholarship be awarded to Erica Hutchens. Ms. Buley gave notice to the committee that a recommendation letter was provided to the Board of Medical Scholarship Awards following the June 16, 2021, meeting.

In addition, at its meeting, July 18, 2021, the Board of Medical Examiners approved the recommendation from the committee to modify multiple rules within Chapter 540-X-7, Assistants to Physicians. Ms. Buley of staff provided the committee with the anticipated effective date of December 13, 2021.

Dr. Ayers called upon Ms. Buley to provide the committee with the modifications to 540-X-7-.15 Registration and Appendix A, Application for Registration, approved by the Board of Medical Examiners at its July 16, 2021, meeting. The modifications include removing the list of core duties and scope of practice to a separate, required document, and to affirm the non-refundability and non-transferability of the registration fee.

Staff of the Board of Medical Examiners elicited the opinion of the committee regarding the preferred method of communication for correspondence from the Board. In conclusion, the committee prefers emails and postal service correspondence especially for official matters which should be received via postal service.

Dr. Ayers called upon Ms. Buley of staff to provide the committee with the updated Critical Care Specialty Protocol as it was modified by the Board of Medical Examiners at its August 18,

2021, meeting. The modification to the Critical Care Specialty Protocol included the addition of paracentesis for PAs with specific standard language. Positive feedback was provided from the committee regarding the addition of paracentesis to the critical care specialty protocol.

The committee proposed the following meeting dates for the calendar year of 2022: January 18, 2022, April 5, 2022, August 16, 2022, and October 18, 2022. In addition, the Advisory Committee proposes to continue to meet on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiner's Birmingham office.

Mr. Harrelson acknowledged Dr. Ayers and Dr. Suggs for their successful presentations at the Alabama Society of Physician Assistant's annual conference in August of this year. Mr. Harrelson encourages Dr. Ayers and Dr. Suggs to continue to serve as speakers for the annual conference in 2022.

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.