

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
Physician Assistant's Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

October 14, 2025

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:01 p.m. on October 14, 2025, at the office of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in Birmingham, Alabama.

II. Roll Call

The following Advisory Committee members were present: Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD

The following Advisory Committee members were virtual: Jay Suggs, MD, and Bonnie Minton, PA

The following staff members were present: Suzanne Powell, Sandi Kirkland, Karen Silas, Wilson Hunter, Chris Hart, Matt Hart, Amy Dorminey (Virtual)

The following guests were present: Eileen Meyer, Christie Mumford (Virtual), Laura Hart (Virtual), and Natalie Baker (Virtual)

III. Committee Minutes

Dr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, August 19, 2025, meeting. Bonnie Minton, PA, seconded the motion. Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Jay Suggs, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion.

IV. Old Business

a. Performance of Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol by APPs -

After discussion, the Committee received the approved Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol as information with plans to revisit at the April 7, 2026, meeting.

b. New Critical Care Protocol -

After discussion concerning UAB's request to remove "dialysis" from the exclusion list on the Basic Critical Care Protocol, Dr. Roan made a motion to remove all of the

exclusion language which included, “Excludes dialysis, extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP), and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).” Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Jay Suggs, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion. No additional changes were recommended at this time.

In addition, the Committee reviewed Dr. Roan’s proposed State Safeguard Language, which was submitted for consideration following the Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nursing’s September 2025 meeting. The Critical Care Protocol had already been approved by the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) on September 18, 2025, and by the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) on September 19, 2025, prior to the Advisory Committee’s discussion of the proposed language. The safeguard language aimed to reinforce institutional responsibility by requiring hospitals or healthcare facilities to assess and document a provider’s competency before granting independent clinical privileges. As Alabama is a protocol driven state, the Advisory Committee took no action on the proposed Safeguard Language.

V. New Business

a. Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA)-

Currently, the AHSAA requires a physician signature on sports physicals completed by a PA for secondary school athletes. The Board has previously corresponded with the AHSAA supporting the ability for PAs to perform these physicals in 2007, 2010, and 2015. After discussion, Dr. Roan moved to draft a letter of support recommending that physician assistants be permitted to sign sports physicals without a physician co-signature and to contact the AHSAA Medical Director and/or Advisory Board to request consideration of allowing PAs to independently sign secondary school athletic physicals. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Jay Suggs, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion.

b. PA Advisory 2025-2026 Meeting Calendar

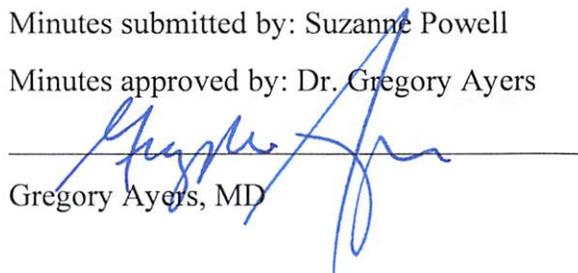
By unanimous consent the 2026 calendar was approved.

Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Powell

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers



Gregory Ayers, MD