

# Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

## Physician Assistant's Advisory Committee Meeting

### Minutes

August 19, 2025

#### I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:02 p.m. on August 19, 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, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Jay Suggs, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD

The following staff members were present: Suzanne Powell, Jaime Friday, Sandi Kirkland, Karen Silas, Wilson Hunter, Winston Jordan, Hannah Paulk (Virtual), Shemika Whetstone (Virtual)

The following Public members were present: Eileen Meyer, NP, Christie Mumford, RN (Virtual), Tamekia Hayes, PA (Virtual), and Natalie Baker, NP (Virtual)

#### III. Committee Minutes

Dr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 4, 2025, meeting. Dr. Suggs 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. New Business

- a. Dermatology Specialty Protocol and Core Duty Addition: Dr. Suggs motioned to recommend the proposed Dermatology Specialty Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on May 15, 2025, be Received as Information and recommended Approval of the Core Duty language for PAs be modified to increase the size from 5mm to 6mm for Cryotherapy of non-pigmented superficial lesions and Biopsies (Skin) Shave/Punch. Sharon Pelekanos, PA seconded the motion. Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion.
- b. Protocol for the Use of Fluoroscopy: The proposed Fluoroscopy Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on May 15, 2025, was Received as Information by the Advisory Committee.

- c. Tunneled CVL Protocol: The proposed Tunneled CVL Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on May 15, 2025, was Received as Information by the Advisory Committee.
- d. Botox for Chronic Migraines Protocol: The proposed Botox for Chronic Migraines Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on July 17, 2025, was Received as Information by the Advisory Committee.
- e. Botox for Hyperhidrosis Protocol: The proposed Botox for Hyperhidrosis Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on July 17, 2025, was Received as Information by the Advisory Committee.
- f. Cosmetic Botox Injection Protocol: The proposed additions to the Cosmetic Botox Injection Protocol previously approved by the BME for APPs on July 17, 2025, were Received as Information by the Advisory Committee. Additional discussion items were deferred for a recommendation from the Botox Committee.
- g. Core Duty/Removal of Mediastinal Chest Tubes Request (UAB): Dr. Suggs motioned approval to remove the following Critical Care Specialty Protocol skills and incorporate them into the core duties and scope of practice form for physician assistants (PAs): removal of mediastinal chest tubes, tunneled central venous line removal, and removal of pulmonary artery catheter (Swan-Ganz). Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion. The following skills were deferred for additional information: Chest Tube Insertion, Paracentesis, and Thoracentesis.
- h. Cardiac Surgery Request (UAB): Dr. Roan motioned to approve the Reduction of Initial and Annual Maintenance Numbers for the following cardiac surgery procedures:
- Radial Artery Harvest (Initial 5, Maintenance 5)
  - Sternal Closure (Initial 30, Maintenance 15)
  - Primary Sternotomy (Initial 30, Maintenance 15)
  - Primary Thoracotomy (Initial 30, Maintenance 15)
- Dr. Suggs seconded the motion. Sharon Pelekanos, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Bonnie Minton, PA, Lauren Worley, PA, Joshua Smith, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD, voted in favor of the motion.
- i. Critical Care Protocol: The Committee recommended the new proposed Critical Care Protocol be Deferred to gather further information. A work group was assigned to Dr. Roan and Lauren Worley, PA to develop a combined Critical Care Protocol.

- j. ASPA PA Survey Distribution and Purpose: The ASPA Scope of Practice and State Regulations Survey was Received as Information by the Advisory Committee.

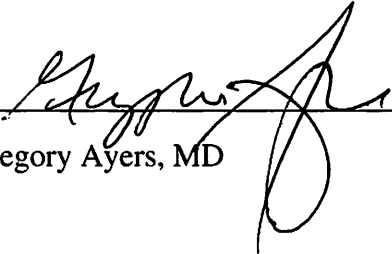
Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jaime Friday, Advanced Practice Providers Specialist

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Powell, Director of Advanced Practice Providers

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers

  
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Gregory Ayers, MD