

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Physician Assistant's Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 13, 2026

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:03 p.m. on January 13, 2026, 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, Bonnie Minton, PA, Jay Suggs, MD, Joshua Smith, MD, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD

The following staff members were present: Suzanne Powell, Jaime Friday, Karen Silas, Tonya Vice, Leslie Roberts, Alicia Harrison, Wilson Hunter, Chris Hart, Matt Hart (Virtual), Hannah Paulk (Virtual), Shemika Whetstone (Virtual), and Amy Dorminey (Virtual)

The following public members were present: Eileen Meyer, Christie Mumford, and Heather Neighbors

III. Committee Minutes

Dr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 14, 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. Old Business

- a. Thank you, Letters-Shaf Holden MD and James E. Davies, Jr. MD

The Advisory Committee accepted the Thank You letters.

V. New Business

- a. Updates to PA Regulatory Code (ASPA)-

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed Updates to PA Regulatory Code. The proposal by ASPA recommends allowing PA scope of practice to be determined at the practice level through a written, board-approved physician–PA delegation agreement or job description. This document would define authorized clinical services, procedures, prescriptive authority, and supervision expectations based on the PA’s education, training, and demonstrated competency.

Under the proposal, physicians would retain full authority for supervision and scope determination. Independent PA practice would not be permitted. The approach emphasizes flexibility within physician-led teams rather than deregulation and is intended to reduce administrative burden, support team-based care, and improve access to services, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

The Committee recommended the proposed updates to the PA Regulatory Code be Received as Information as this will be an ongoing agenda item.

b. PA Compact-

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed PA Compact. Bonnie Minton, PA motioned to approve and Sharon Pelekanos, 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.

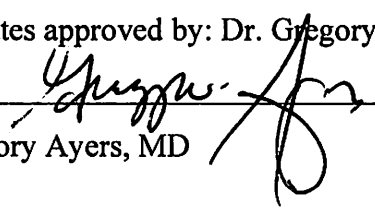
Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Jaime Friday

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Powell

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers



Gregory Ayers, MD