

South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners Physician Assistant Committee

PA Committee Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2022
 2:00 p.m., WebEx
 Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive
 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Committee Members Present via WebEx:

Committee Member	Attendance
Dr. Stephen Gardner	Present
Dr. Anne Cook, Ex Officio	Present
Mrs. Angela Hampton, PA	Absent
Ms. Catherine Gillespie, PA	Present
Mr. Derek Roper, PA	Present
Ms. Mary Lou Hill – Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Brown J. McCallum	Present
Dr. William O’Quinn	Present
Jessica Steel, MPH	Present

Staff Present via WebEx:

Maggie Murdock, Program Administrator
 Bob Horner, Advice Counsel
 Pam Dunkin, Administrator
 Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant
 Velvet Pridgen, Administrative Assistant

Court Reporter Present via WebEx:

Tina Behles, Capital City Reporting, LLC

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. A quorum was noted as present.

1. Was noted, when speaking in a WebEx, a person must identify their self
2. Public Notice was properly posted, and given to news media in accordance with SC Freedom of Information Act
3. Meeting agenda was approved.
4. Minutes from the July 09, 2021 Committee meeting was approved.
5. Scope of Practice Guidelines:

Approved Modified Scopes / Additional Skills from July 2021 to January 2022

Dr. Stephen Gardner, MD	10
Catherine Gillespie, P.A.	12
Angela Hampton, P.A.	12
Dr. Brown J. McCallum, MD	12
Derek Roper, P.A.	16
Dr. William O’Quinn, MD	17

6. Permanent Applicants: The committee officially recommended for approval of **233** applicants for permanent licensure.

	<u>Name</u>
1.	Michelle Marie Perno
2.	Maria Fernanda Burmedez Pacheco
3.	Nicole Marilyn Hangsterfer
4.	Theresa Mary Lessard
5.	Hilary Lorraine Eickhoff
6.	Angela Whitfield
7.	Mary Katherine Mueller
8.	Brooke Ashley Fenar
9.	Amy Elizabeth Forsberg
10.	Kierston Dorothy Prasatik
11.	Erica Catherine Polcari
12.	Amanda Neuman
13.	La Tasha Annette Al-Jarboua
14.	Sabrina Sayedzada
15.	Melanie Rose Stefanchik
16.	Emma Laura Dolce Makatura
17.	Sarah Morgan Branchide
18.	Rebecca Nosal
19.	Lori Page Hvozdovic
20.	Benjamin Jay Sweet
21.	Jordan Renee Baker
22.	Michael Gennaro Roden
23.	James Kuhlman Beatty Jr
24.	Christy Holmes
25.	Chelsea Elizabeth Veranis
26.	Ashley Nichole Hicks
27.	Patricia Miller
28.	Joshua Allen Rodgers
29.	Nicholas Robert Estis
30.	Kylie Zuiderhof
31.	Alexandra White
32.	Mary Grayson Ford
33.	Mary Hunter Stoddard
34.	Margaret Katharine Lucas

35.	Jennifer Jean Richards
36.	Johnathan McManus
37.	Kathryn Anne Connelly
38.	Joyce Delgado
39.	Brittany Ann Ruth
40.	Shane Jordan
41.	Jennifer Lent (Reactivation)
42.	Stephen Noe
43.	Jessica Forry
44.	Caroline Taylor Gelber Rehfuss
45.	Amy Lynn Canino
46.	Kacy Marie Clinkenbeard
47.	Chelsea Melissa Crawford
48.	Margaret Lorene Eicher
49.	Laura Loveless
50.	Elizabeth Hill Oglesby
51.	Marcos Vinicius Pienasola
52.	Lauren Blankstein Fogelgren
53.	Kelly Anne McLean
54.	Hannah Campbell Hirsch
55.	Zachary Alan Bernazzoli
56.	Gregory Louis Beres
57.	Meredith Gentry
58.	Erica Leigh Boliek
59.	Elizabeth Gayle Abbott
60.	Linda Chang Schelle Pham
61.	Taylor Keisler Padgett
62.	Michelle Inez Shankland
63.	Clayton James Shelton
64.	Heather Faith Tyer
65.	Michael L. Zoerb
66.	Sharon Hooper Walter (Reactivation)
67.	Jeremy Wu
68.	Ashley Elizabeth Seier
69.	Kristen Toth
70.	Sarah Fairfield Pryor
71.	Meaghan Diane Noble
72.	Matthew Fuquay
73.	Aislinn Marie McIlvenny

74.	Eleanor Nicklas Harward
75.	Chloe Jackson
76.	Hayley Hasty Lesuer
77.	Clinton Alexander Brif
78.	Olivia May Blair
79.	Karen Bost Greene
80.	Hunter Dennard Richman
81.	Melissa Gabrielle Bujanowski
82.	Nicole Eileen McElaney
83.	Neil Tobey Ekengren
84.	Alexa Sue Frankeny
85.	Alexa Catherine Ritchie
86.	Madeline Hillsman
87.	Mallory Paige Romaniuk
88.	Peyton Larus
89.	Amanda Elizabeth Geiter
90.	Michael William Gagliano
91.	Grace Elizabeth Howie
92.	Danielle Schimpf Dubiel
93.	Molly Dawn Saxon
94.	Melissa Lorelle Wingo
95.	Kylie Amos
96.	Hannah Juline Bradford
97.	Heidi Dawson Stine
98.	Rachel Johnson
99.	Jaimie Erin Garland
100.	Alexa Ann Kimker
101.	Edie Elizabeth Willis
102.	Brittney Lynn Fitzgerald
103.	Victoria Edgington
104.	Heather Lee Rose
105.	Kelsey Grace Riggs
106.	LaChune Price
107.	Kalli Karas
108.	Kennedy Taylor Salerno
109.	Lauren Ruth Hollman
110.	Jenna Dean Simon
111.	Colin Echard

112.	Lori Stogner
113.	Chelsie Leigh Ingram
114.	Alexis Leigh Hess
115.	Erika Rachael Steele
116.	Anna Gayle Scott
117.	Lachelsie Nicole Thomas
118.	Chandler Mackenzie Ott
119.	Alexandria Sloane McCutchan
120.	Joanna Lea Farrell
121.	Marie Sue Tomczyk
122.	Paul Wilson Jenkins
123.	Sydney Kristina Burrell
124.	Mary Elizabeth Braxton
125.	Nicole Yajaira Ortiz
126.	Ahmet Batuhan Arda
127.	Brandon James Carroll
128.	Shantial Latoya Oliver
129.	Nicole Teretha Lopez
130.	Megan H. MacNabb
131.	Dottie Lynnette Steinhoff
132.	Inna Victor Martire
133.	Scotlyn Patterson
134.	Katherine Mahan Carroll
135.	Margarite E. Remsey
136.	Krista Marie Stocke
137.	Lindsey Taylor Eriksen
138.	Alexis Victoria Gonzalez
139.	Madeline Grace Anderson
140.	Melania Velasquez (Reactivation)
141.	Elizabeth Ann Perry
142.	Morgan Renee Roberts
143.	Melanie Wells
144.	Morgan Joan Pace
145.	Eleanor Grace Hardy
146.	Jason Staback
147.	Kyra Elizabeth Varano
148.	Christian Juan Ramos
149.	Brooke Nicole Johnson

150.	Tammy Prockiw
151.	Pooja Patel
152.	Krista Marie Stocke
153.	Gregory James Monk
154.	Mallory Ryan Litton
155.	Megan Alexander Morava
156.	Meghan Kathleen Sterett
157.	Yuan-Jane Qiu
158.	Angela Fay Parks
159.	Austin Dean Clinger
160.	Brooke Scupp
161.	Clay Thomas Watson
162.	Jarred Fisher
163.	Stephanie Noelle Tonn
164.	Caitlyn Ellis
165.	Sierra Rose Laster
166.	Lindsey Chaney Taylor
167.	Hunter Cole Townson
168.	Marquis Tre'Shawn Thompson
169.	Phil Orb Johns Jr.
170.	Grant Garner Davidson
171.	Kaylie Marie Stamco
172.	Jennifer Rae Stogsdill
173.	Ethan Hunter Casey
174.	Samantha Marie Winzenread
175.	Stephanie Marie Edwards
176.	Casey Nicole Long
177.	Ansley Jackson Hiers
178.	Frances Westervelt Wells
179.	Erin Marie Monetta
180.	Mary Emily Harris
181.	Sarah Kelly Wright
182.	Amaris Gilchrease
183.	Jamie Lynn Kazar
184.	Rebekah Lynn Gardner
185.	Janette Katherine Cherry (Reactivation)
186.	Craig Wilson Norris (Reactivation)
187.	Kenneth Robert Blind

188.	Brian Daniel Watson
189.	Aubrie Hodges Mathewson
190.	Elizabeth Anne Conway
191.	Nicholas Martin Rini
192.	Emma Evitts
193.	Ashtyn Danielle Turner
194.	Lindsey Lucas Murden
195.	Erin Marie Monetta
196.	Caitlin Elizabeth Crabtree
197.	Carleigh Ferrier
198.	Mallory Ann Hoskins
199.	Christin Lee Van Hoy
200.	Sally Aleen Davidson
201.	Nicholas Joseph Romano
202.	Alivia Kristin McMahan
203.	Megan Kelly Murphy
204.	Patrick Magee
205.	Adam Barrett Stapleton
206.	Joshua Formanek
207.	Chanelle Roseanna Bonnette
208.	Regina Day
209.	Cole Alan Winburn
210.	Christine Lynn Davis
211.	Megan Ruth Gaines
212.	Ashley Rose Griggs
213.	Aubrey Cornell
214.	Jeffrey Julian Del Real
215.	Jessica Irene LaRosa
216.	Jack Parks Arthur
217.	Daosamay Sitdamlong
218.	Hunter Wallace Harrison
219.	Sara Elizabeth Lipani
220.	Michele Lee Purkey
221.	Alyssa Marie Pahs Huber
222.	Krystene Lynn Helgeson
223.	Monica Katelynn Martz
224.	William Zane Myers
225.	Alexandra Smith Burley

226.	Matthew Ryan Hanna
227.	Amanda Prince
228.	Claudia Ellis Griffin
229.	Heather Marie Baldassarri
230.	Isaac Peter Stappas
231.	Erin B. Boyce
232.	Madison Joan Greif
233.	Nicole M. Call

7. Additional Skills Appearance:

Ryan Marovich, PA and Supervising Physician Dr. Habib Rizk

Dr. Gardner ask Mr. Marovich to explain what additional skills he was requesting, and how he was qualified and competent to perform these task as part of the care practice team. He also explained how once all information was given, the committee would need to take a vote, or may need to go into a private meeting to discuss it.

Tina Behles swore in Ryan Marovich, PA and his supervising physician Dr. Habib Rizk

Mr. Marovich discussed his education and job experience. He stated his additional skills request was for office procedures; pressure tube, and steroid injections. The procedure logs, from his past job were for over an 18 month period. During this time he had approximately performed 226 tubes and over 100 injections. He also taught how to perform these procedures for approximately 8 years. Time is important for the injections for sudden hearing loss, as injections have a 1 to 2 week window, so patients end up seeing a PA due to availability.

Dr. Rizk explained a big part of why they hired Mr. Marovich was his ability to perform these task, and he felt very confident in Mr. Marovich's ability to perform these task.

Ms. Gillespie stated Mr. Marovich was a past student of hers, and she had no problems approving him based on what she knows of his past training. Dr. Gardner asked if Ms. Gillespie would be bias, and she said no, as her vote was based on his ability and past training.

Dr. Gardner stated he had checked Mr. Marovich CPT Codes, and was impressed with his thoroughness, and asked if any other committee members had any questions.

Dr. Cook stated she did not question Mr. Marovich's ability to perform the procedure, but she questioned his skill set to determine if a person needed the procedure or not.

Dr. Rizk stated it was based on a sudden drop in hearing loss, and one can tell this from hearing test. Mr. Marovich explained that when he teaches the course, he includes the current AAO guidelines concerning when to perform and when not to perform the procedure.

Dr. Gardner asked if there were any further questions from anyone. Dr. McCallum agreed that Mr. Marovich was very accomplished and he had no concerns. Dr. Gardner ask if anyone feel the need for private meeting, and call for an execution session. No one did.

The motion was made to approve Mr. Marovich, PA additional skills request for pressure tube, and steroid injections. Mr. Roper approved the motion and Dr. McCallum seconded it, and the motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Gardner stated Mr. Marovich would receive paper approval soon, but his additional skills were approved as of today and he could begin performing the procedures.

8. Consideration of Committee Vacancies – None to Report

9. Committee Member Term Expiring – None to Report

10. Chair Report and Administrator's Report

A) South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association (SCRQSA) certification, and should Physician Assistants acquire this for Radiology Scope of Practice (SOP)

Dr. Gardner stated the past view the committee had taken on this was that the site the PA was working at, the employer, or the primary supervising physician is responsible. Mr. Horner discussed what the nursing board did, and that DHEC said radiology needed certificates to perform operation of the equipment.

Dr. Gardner explained the Practice act for a PA and for nursing reads different. The Scope for PA is to assist and perform under the supervising physician, but a technician is there to run the machine. Running the machine is not part of the scope of practice for the PA. "Radiology" was not an issue, because the technician takes care of that part to insure patient's safety. Mr. Horner agreed and suggested that hospitals were wanting the nursing, to run the machine instead of the technician.

Dr. Gardner suggested a PA could submit a scope if they wanted to be the person running the machine. However the current Radiology Scope of Practice is for a task such as assist with a catheter tube, but not for running the machine and he didn't want to confuse the two.

Dr. Cook suggested they keep an eye on the possibility of a business who may be short staffed and push a PA to run the radiology machine when they are not certified to do so. Dr. Gardner suggested this also be brought up at the next board meeting, and did any committee member feel they needed to vote on this. The decision was made to not add the DEHEC certification to the PA Scope of Practice for radiology.

B) Submission of Modified Scope of Practice and Additional Skills to streamline the approval process

Ms. Pridgen explained there was a 13% increase in the last 6 months for Scope of Practice / Additional skills submitted for approval to the committee members, and was there any additional information that could be provided to the committee members to improve the process. Dr. McCallum stated there was an increase in cosmetic procedures, and something on the form that would show where the procedure would be performed at would be beneficial.

Ms. Pridgen suggested an area on the email reply that could hold a check box for "Accept, reject, and accept with amendments" so the decision the committee member made would be clear and eliminate some email exchange. Dr. Gardner and Dr. McCallum stated that would be okay. Dr. McCallum stated we could always reach out to them if we had questions.

Mr. Horner ask is there a way to handle some of the "weird" request he gets such as cool sculpting. Mr. Roper stated he always tells people to look at the PA approved task, or the pre-approved task on Scope of Practice. If a PA needs to perform something else they would need to submit an

additional skills request to the board. Dr. Gardner agreed.

Dr. McCallum asked how the committee can verify if the physician can perform the task the PA is requesting to add. Dr. Gardner stated the physician's specialty tells a lot, and suggest they call the physician and ask how they feel qualified to do this, and or they willing to bear the supervisor weight if something goes wrong.

Dr. Gardner asked if anything else needed to be discuss. All agreed there was nothing else.

Dr. Gardner asked if they liked the meeting being held by WebEx. All agreed they did. Decision was made to hold the next meeting via WebEx.

Dr. Gardner made a motion to adjourn at 3:12pm and Mr. Roper seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting is Friday, July 15, 2022, WebEx

Respectfully Submitted,
Velvet Pridgen
Administrative Assistant
Board of Medical Examiners